

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: Land Use Policy for Cannabis Production, Processing and Retail Sales in the Electoral Areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 22, 2019	REVISION DATE: May 18, 2021
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PURPOSE

To summarize the direction and intent to regulate Cannabis land uses including production, processing and retail sales in each of the Electoral Areas.

POLICY

For all development applications and land use enquiries, the following policy will be referred to for direction to the FVRD Board, the Electoral Areas Services Committee, government agencies, property owners and the general public.

FVRD staff will implement this policy through amendments to the applicable Zoning Bylaws, and other means as applicable.

For Cannabis land uses in the Electoral Areas, the following direction and intent is detailed below:

Cannabis Related	Land Use Direction	Electoral
Land Use		Area
Retail Sales	Not supported. All proposals to be reviewed on a site-by-	A, B, C, D, E, F,
	site basis including public consultation.	G and H
Cannabis Growing	Not supported. Only to be permitted where Federal and	D, H and F
	Provincial legislation supersedes FVRD authority and	
	legislation.	
Cannabis Growing	Supported subject to ensuring that all negative impacts	A, B, C, E and G
	are mitigated (see below for impacts to be mitigated).	
Cannabis Processing	Not supported. Only to be permitted where Federal and	D, H and F
 stand alone land 	Provincial legislation supersedes FVRD authority and	
use or accessory with	legislation.	
Cannabis Growing or		
other uses		
Cannabis Processing	Supported subject to ensuring that all negative impacts	A, B, C, E and G
 stand alone land 	are mitigated (see below for impacts to be mitigated).	
use or accessory with		

Cannabis Growing or	
other uses	

Impacts to be Mitigated with all Cannabis Related Land Uses, for all Electoral Areas is detailed below:

Cannabis Land Use Impacts	Processes to Mitigate
To avoid rural communities	Zoning Bylaw: Industrial; Agricultural
	Zones. Rural Zones if larger lots. Public
	consultation.
To prohibit Cannabis Use within a residence	Zoning Bylaw: Definition and clarification
Minimize Impacts to Environment (Creeks,	Zoning Bylaw: Minimum Building Setbacks
etc.)	To require mitigation with Building Permit
Odours	Size of Operation (Micro-Grow or Large
	Facilities)
	To require mitigation with Building Permit
Light Spill to Sky & Neighbours	Zoning Bylaw: Locational Criteria: Minimum
	setbacks from schools; parks, radius to
	other facilities, etc.
	To require mitigation with Building Permit
Impacts on Aquifer and water use	To require mitigation with Building Permit
Minimize Wastes	To require mitigation with Building Permit
Limiting use of buildings to Cannabis and	To require mitigation with Building Permit,
Farm Uses (not conversion to non-	including Covenants
Agricultural uses)	
Aesthetics/Architectural Building Design	To require mitigation with Building Permit
Public Safety	To require mitigation with Building Permit
	Coordination with RCMP and Health
	Canada
Noise from HVAC Systems	Zoning Bylaw: Minimum Building Setbacks
	To require mitigation with Building Permit

PROCEDURE

FVRD staff will undertake Zoning Bylaw Amendments to implement this policy.

All site-specific or general land use enquiries will be advised of this policy.

All Development applications, including Building Permit applications, will be advised of this policy, including the requirement to mitigate impacts with the Building Permit.