

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM**

Mayor's Order 2016-032  
March 3, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Establishment — Marijuana Private Club Task Force

**ORIGINATING AGENCY:** Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11) (2014 Repl.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

**I. ESTABLISHMENT.**

There is established in the executive branch of the District of Columbia government the Marijuana Private Club Task Force ("**Task Force**").

**II. PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS.**

- A. The Task Force shall provide a report making recommendations regarding the potential licensing and operation of venues at which marijuana may be consumed that are within the lawful parameters for the possession, use, and transfer of marijuana set forth in section 401(a)(1) of the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1981, effective August 5, 1981 (D.C. Law 4-29; D.C. Official Code § 48-904.01(a)(1)).
- B. If the Task Force recommends future protocols authorizing the licensing and operation of such venues, the report shall include recommendations regarding effective ways to regulate those venues to ensure the health and safety of staff, members, and invitees and the health and safety of the nearby public and general public, including recommendations regarding the following specific topics:
1. Hours of operation;
  2. Occupancy limits;
  3. Whether food or beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) may be sold at the venue;
  4. The District agencies that should be involved in regulating the venues;

5. Security plans;
  6. The amount of marijuana an individual shall be permitted to possess at the venue;
  7. Whether a venue can store marijuana for a member or invitee of a venue;
  8. Penalties for violating the regulations;
  9. Licensing, including the requirements for licensure, such as proof of compliance with all applicable District laws, the application procedure, and fee structure;
  10. Cost of membership or admission;
  11. Limits on the location and number of venues allowed to operate in the District; and
  12. How all District residents can utilize the benefits of the Legalization of Possession of Minimal Amounts of Marijuana for Personal Use Initiative of 2014, effective February 26, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-153; 62 DCR 880).
- C. The report may also include:
1. Recommendations for civil and criminal sanctions that may be imposed for violations of laws regulating marijuana usage in a private club;
  2. Recommended amendments to Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code that allow the Mayor to revoke any license, certificate of occupancy, or permit held by an entity that knowingly permits a violation of section 301(a) of the Marijuana Possession Decriminalization Amendment Act of 2014, effective March 31, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-305; D.C. Code § 16-2301(7)); and
  3. Any other recommendations the Task Force considers appropriate.
- D. The Task Force shall complete its analysis and submit a report, along with any proposed recommendations, to the Council and the Mayor for review within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the effective date of this Order.

**III. MEMBERSHIP.**

- A. The Task Force shall consist of the following seven (7) members:
1. The following four (4) members or their designees, who shall be appointed by the Mayor:
    - a. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration;
    - b. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs;
    - c. The Director of the Department of Health;
    - d. The Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department;
  2. The Attorney General for the District of Columbia, or the Attorney General's designee; and
  3. Two (2) members of the Council of the District of Columbia, as appointed by the Council, or the members' designees.
- B. The Director of the Department of Health, or the director's designee, shall serve as the Chairperson of the Task Force.
- C. All members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

**IV. TASK FORCE MEETINGS.**

- A. The Task Force shall meet at least once monthly, at the call of the Chairperson.
- B. The Task Force may meet at any other time at the call of the Chairperson.

**V. ADMINISTRATION.**

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice shall provide technical and administrative support to the Task Force.

**VI. SUNSET.**

The Task Force shall sunset upon its issuance of the report required by Section II (D).

**VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Order shall become effective immediately.

  
MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
LAUREN C. VAUGHAN  
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA