



UPDATE ON CITY OF PONTIAC MARIHUANA ADULT USE ORDINANCES

*Petitions submitted by organization prompt ballot initiative
for November 7, 2023 General Election.*

On **April 4, 2023**, Pontiac City Council members voted to approve two (2) Marihuana Adult-Use Ordinances—**Business Ordinance 2406** and **Zoning Ordinance 2407**—after several months of diligent deliberations and public meetings. Passage meant the Zoning Ordinance was effective April 20, 2023, and the Business Ordinance was effective **May 4, 2023**.

On **May 3, 2023**, an organization submitted more than the required number of petition signatures challenging both Ordinances—**2,583** and **2,563** respectively. *The signatures were counted and deemed valid.*

Pursuant to the Charter, the matter went before the Council on **May 16, 2023**, which voted to uphold the language of both Ordinances as approved on **April 4, 2023**. Due to the petition activity, supported by the requisite number of valid signatures:

- the Ordinances were paused (meaning no applications are being accepted by the City Clerk's office)
- both **Ordinance 2406** and **Ordinance 2407** must now be voted on as a Referendum in the November General Election

The language for the referendum will be included in ballot information for the November 7, 2023 General Election. If you have any questions regarding this activity, you may contact the Pontiac **City Clerk's Office at (248) 758-3200**.