

Excerpt from draft minutes from the Development Review Committee meeting on January 9, 2018.

PRESENT:

Reddy Chitepu, Acting Director of Economic Development/Director of DEES
Andrew Pinney, Senior Planner
Richard Nixon, Director, Building Department
Kevin Wilson, Fire Inspector
Dan Topp, Community Development Inspector
Abidemi Ajayi (A.J.), Engineer, DEES
Lt. Paul Fix, Police Department

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- 2D) **DRC NO. 01-18-03** CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO BAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS AND DISPENSARIES
PETITIONER: CITY OF MARGATE

Andrew Pinney provided background and a timeline on the item. In November, 2016, he said Florida voters approved an Amendment to the Constitution to allow medical marijuana in Florida. In the summer of 2017, the Florida Legislature passed a Senate bill that provided regulation for the medical marijuana dispensaries and growers. He said that part of the Senate bill included preemption to local governments which gave them the option to either ban medical marijuana dispensaries in their city or, if they chose to allow them, they had to allow them under the same rights and restrictions as a typical pharmacy. After several workshops with the City Commission and discussions at City Commission meetings, a Special City Commission meeting was held on December 12, 2017, where a resolution was passed that banned medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Margate. He said the ordinance included language that states that there would be no other process, i.e., variance or special exception, to allow them. He said if the commission were to change its mind, the only way to bring dispensaries into the City would be to rescind the ordinance.

DRC Comments:

There were no comments made by any of the committee members.

Reddy Chitepu advised that the ordinance would move forward to the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission.