

## **Chapter 16.111**

### **MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

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**16.111.010 Purpose.**

This Chapter establishes the requirements and standards for the location and operation of a Medical Marijuana Dispensary as defined in Section 9.10.030(F) and Section 16.12.040. (Ord. 705 §2, 2005; Ord. 782, 2011)

**16.111.020 Development Standards.**

A. Permits Required. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries may only be operated with a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 9.10 of the Ripon Municipal Code and with a use permit.

B. Distance Separation Requirements. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries may be located only in the C2, C3 and PO zones. A Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall not be located within 500 feet of any other Medical Marijuana

Dispensary or any residential zone, church, school, or park. Distances shall be measured from the lot lines or zone boundaries whichever is larger. (Ord. 705 §2, 2005; Ord. 782, 2011)

**16.111.030 Nonconforming Medical  
 Marijuana Dispensaries.**

A. A Medical Marijuana Dispensary in lawful existence prior to the effective date of this Chapter may continue to operate as a nonconforming use, subject to the permit requirement outlined in Section 16.111.020.

B. Closure or cessation of a nonconforming use for a period of six (6) consecutive months shall terminate its legal nonconforming status, and any person or entity who intends to resume operations of the nonconforming use must first obtain a permit as required under this Chapter.

C. Any alteration or expansion of the nonconforming use involving more than ten (10) percent of its gross floor area shall subject the nonconforming use to the requirements of this Chapter and Chapter 9.10 of the Ripon Municipal Code, and all required permits must be obtained prior to alteration or expansion. (Ord. 705 §2, 2005; Ord. 782, 2011)