

Q7 Is there anything you would like to add regarding this topic?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Generally speaking, I think the laws/zoning rules/etc for cannabis dispensaries should be pretty similar to the rules of bars and liquor stores. I would also like to voice my support for social equity applicants!	11/10/2022 8:06 PM
2	Don't inhibit progress. No problem with taverns and liquor stores all over town. Alcohol causes way more issues.	11/10/2022 6:23 PM
3	Cannabis creates jobs for the community. A healthy and equitable cannabis market with competition would be good for Peoria in terms of revenue and good for business. We should also embrace the cannabis community as a way to attract other businesses and tourism to the city. We were once the Whiskey City, a rebrand could revitalize communities.	11/10/2022 3:54 PM
4	free trade and good tax base. I would hope for no limitations since alcohol is far more addictive and less restricted.	11/10/2022 1:22 PM
5	Why is inhaling tobacco smoke bad for you, but inhaling pot smoke is good? I have mixed feelings about social equity--is it to reward people that broke the law at that time, is it further promoting racial differences instead of promoting we are all people?	11/10/2022 10:47 AM
6	N/A	11/9/2022 10:15 PM
7	When cannabis info was widespread before laws were changed, it was full of half truths. 1. Autopsies on Vietnam soldiers that smoked cannabis, showed changes in their lungs comparable to people who smoked for many years. It's more potent now so we wonder what it will do to lungs of our young people. 2. was shown to be a gateway to harder drugs years ago. 3. Pot smoking by parents was said to be harmful to unborn baby. 4. It certainly can be said to effect the mind of adults. While not shown addictive in some cases, was shown to change mindset of some users to make them much less motivated. Maybe we do not fully understand all the brain changes! 5. Laws should be stiff for those using a medical patients cannabis as it is seeming to be easy to take advantage of a sick or elderly - weak person. 6. Need stiff laws for those driving under then influence. Especially since strains are likely developed that make detection in blood less apparent. Shelley Waldrop, RN, BSN, (ret. at the moment)	11/9/2022 9:08 PM
8	The cap could be revisited if there is need. But at this time I see no reason to continue offering permits if the establishments are not actually opening.	11/9/2022 5:03 PM
9	No	11/9/2022 3:16 PM
10	-Include black organizations in your dispensary licensing program -make felons able to get jobs at dispensaries	11/9/2022 12:08 PM
11	N/a	11/9/2022 11:43 AM
12	I think more areas designated for the use of cannabis (similar to alcoholic establishments) would allow for individuals to use it in a safe environment and away from public spaces (around individuals who do not want to be exposed). It seems like there is a lot of parking-lot use and individuals using in the parking lots of playgrounds in my area. Are there regulations about the distance cannabis USE can take place around playgrounds and schools?	11/9/2022 11:42 AM
13	Not at this time	11/9/2022 8:06 AM
14	I believe cannabis should be treated similarly to alcohol. Both are legal and inebriating substances. I don't know how far a liquor store has to be from a church or school. Or if there are limits to the number of liquor stores in town? I'm guessing not. I am concerned about consumption in vehicles. Even before legalization, the area of Peoria I live in smells like a skunk farm from folks partaking while driving home from work with their windows down. I don't know what you can do about that tho. I don't think limiting the number or location of dispensaries will matter one whit.	11/8/2022 10:00 PM

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15	Get over the fact it is legal, regulate it, and move forward. Set a firm policy and follow it.	11/8/2022 9:23 PM
16	N/A	11/8/2022 8:48 PM
17	No	11/8/2022 7:53 PM
18	No	11/8/2022 7:18 PM
19	Regardless of personal opinions, Cannabis is now legal. There is a lot of tax dollars to be had. We need to treat this substance in a similar fashion as we treat other legal but harmful/illicit substances (such as alcohol)	11/8/2022 7:12 PM
20	The sheer volume of car washes and smoke shops are becoming Peoria stereotypes. We might as well become the cannabis hub in central IL, with a priority towards social equity. Black Peorians have been disenfranchised by Marijuana laws in the past disproportionately and should be given access to revenue opportunities from legal cannabis proportionate to that previous injustice, if that can be quantified.	11/8/2022 6:50 PM
21	I strongly don't support open sale and consumption of cannabis. Investment should be made in alternative healthy and 100% safe business and industry.	11/8/2022 6:30 PM
22	I'd welcome a dispensary in my neighborhood!	11/8/2022 6:26 PM
23	Spread out throughout the city (different zip codes).	11/8/2022 6:16 PM
24	Not in favor of the sale or consumption in general, out of concern for what I believe is healthy for the community. Very much appreciate the opportunity give feedback. Praying for the council to have wisdom. Thankful for everyone serving.	11/8/2022 5:30 PM
25	Additional locations will help to keep prices fair and reduce potential for long lines and wait times. Additional locations will provide accessibility to those who need it but are without transportation and increased tax revenue for the city.	11/8/2022 5:01 PM
26	Let the free market decide!	11/8/2022 4:45 PM
27	Make sure minorities have the opportunity to operate dispensers too. If they desire to do so	11/8/2022 3:57 PM
28	Law enforcement should be able to consume cannabis	11/8/2022 3:48 PM
29	N/a	11/8/2022 2:59 PM
30	No, thank you for doing this survey	11/8/2022 2:57 PM
31	as a doctor, i know the health and social benefits. business wise, this will be great for the city/county. let's rid the conservative opinions and grow as a whole	11/8/2022 2:17 PM
32	No	11/8/2022 12:30 PM
33	No	11/8/2022 11:36 AM
34	Na	11/8/2022 11:25 AM
35	No	11/8/2022 10:44 AM
36	I view the use and sale of cannabis as being a significantly lower risk to people and our community than the use and sale of alcohol. At the very minimum, the regulations on the sale of cannabis should NOT be stricter than that of alcohol. It's unfortunate that we still have to waste time wringing our hands about this in 2022. :-)	11/8/2022 10:32 AM
37	People can buy alcohol olmoat anywhere. Cannabis should be the same as long as the zoning is as applied. How may city council members drink on a regular basis? How many smoke on a regular basis?. The state legalized it so why not accept the tax money and be thankful spend.?	11/8/2022 10:27 AM
38	No	11/8/2022 9:38 AM
39	I think it is good we have dispensaries!	11/8/2022 9:15 AM
40	I would like to see opportunities and incentives for local business owners to thrive in this industry as much as possible. Keep the dollars circulating here in Peoria, not a larger industry entity based in another state. Local ownership will benefit in numerous ways; above all, local ownership will be compelled to invest in the community and legitimately care.	11/8/2022 9:05 AM

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41	For now i think 5 dispensaries in peoria would be plenty	11/8/2022 8:16 AM
42	There should be more protection given to children. I work at a school and parents come driving in to bring their kids to school and the kids entire body and clothing smell of this item. If it's unhealthy for them to use, it's certainly unhealthy for them to be trapped in a car or home full of this. Please protect our children.	11/8/2022 7:16 AM
43	Please make social equity a priority and support emergent entrepreneurs in business development and technical support. This is a great opportunity for advocacy.	11/8/2022 7:09 AM
44	The younger generation is looking to us to provide safeguards.	11/7/2022 10:49 PM
45	No	11/7/2022 9:30 PM
46	Na	11/7/2022 2:41 PM
47	People are obviously consuming this drug while driving (and in some cases, exposing children to 2nd hand smoke). I support enforcement of traffic law regarding this.	11/7/2022 2:24 PM
48	Need control very extreme where the people can consume because all the street in peoria is smells 🤢 so estrogen and the people go to inside the business so strong Smells and is very inconvenience for any business is not involved in this kind the product and the most costumer show how is not allowed person next this person so please regularly.	11/7/2022 12:07 PM
49	No	11/7/2022 9:21 AM
50	If the market is right then more dispensaries would be great - bringing in more tax dollars also a form of competition to the street dealers	11/7/2022 8:25 AM
51	Opposed to legalized cannabis all together. Take a good look at Denver. More teens thinking it's ok now since "legal". People smoke it at the dispensaries then get in their cars & drive away? DUI? Please keep the skunk out of our neighborhoods. How about promoting a decent grocery store in the city's food deserts instead?	11/7/2022 7:19 AM
52	No	11/7/2022 4:39 AM
53	Is the city dumb	11/7/2022 4:18 AM
54	Prefer to cap at the two existing dispensaries and not add the three; I don't agree with the first two to begin with.	11/6/2022 8:57 PM
55	Social equity needs to be heavily considered when discussing the expansion of licenses.	11/6/2022 8:51 PM
56	No	11/6/2022 7:46 PM
57	No	11/6/2022 3:24 PM
58	the city counsel members who voted for keeping the dispensary monopoly should be removed and investigated	11/6/2022 9:33 AM
59	No	11/6/2022 9:14 AM
60	Council should stop grandstanding, make a well informed decision (not just opinions) and move forward.	11/6/2022 7:45 AM
61	No	11/6/2022 3:45 AM
62	More mom and pop, less big corp	11/5/2022 8:25 PM
63	Just keep one thing in mind.....these people who are consuming/smoking it will more than likely be on the road following their purchase.	11/5/2022 6:44 PM
64	This is stupid.	11/5/2022 1:40 PM
65	There are liquor stores, vape stores & tobacco outlets on just about every other block in this town, especially in low-poverty areas. Tavern-owners now make most of their income from legal gambling video-machines. The state lottery and Powerball prey on poor people. Every one of these vices are more dangerous and addictive as cannabis. Adults make the choice to legally purchase, consume and sell cannabis. And it raises tax revenue.	11/5/2022 1:36 PM
66	Na	11/5/2022 11:45 AM

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67	I do not agree with the zoning approval of a proposed facility on Brandywine. I was not aware that had occurred. It is too close to the existing facility on Glen in an area that is not walkable or easily accessible to public transportation, but easily accessible to residential houses behind it. And both the Glen and Brandywine locations are too close to Concordia Lutheran School and to each other. I don't know how to estimate 500 feet, and wonder if the equity exception was used to allow these to be closer.	11/5/2022 11:06 AM
68	No monopolies of the dispensaries.	11/5/2022 10:30 AM
69	I am a medical cannabis user. I'd like more options than the one dispensary in town that takes my card. I'd also highly prefer to support Black-owned businesses, as Black people have been disproportionately affected by the "war on drugs." I would like easier access to cannabis for lower-income communities in our city. It's high time that Peoria lives up to the equity expectation that was set by the state when cannabis was legalized, especially considering the disparity I see in our city. The same company owns the two existing dispensaries—while I GREATLY appreciate they are an IL-based company, I would like to see more options to make my medicine more accessible and equitable. I would like to see other communities in our city take advantage of the financial opportunities of owning/managing/working at a dispensary and using the knowledge about cannabis to help the community find medication that works best for them.	11/5/2022 10:19 AM
70	As long as there's adequate security and the premises remain free of debris at all times , well lit, landscaped, and the buildings being painted neutral colors to match the aesthetic surrounding them it will be a fantastic addition of revenue to the area. I think it's of the utmost importance that the facility look nice and that the more aesthetically pleasing the exterior is the less the community will complain about it. Plus we citizens always want out city to look nice, its a source of pride for us. In the last decade more and more businesses have shuttered leaving our once bustling strip malls in grave disrepair. That not only looks bad but it's a blight on our city and a shame in our hearts. So any economic progress, as long as it revives our once beautiful and vibrant shopping centers, would hopefully be seen as an eventual improvement!! I love Peoria and truly believe that we can revive its lackluster areas and move positively into the future!	11/5/2022 8:57 AM
71	Our state is broke and needs as much revenue as it can get so this brings in money to both local and state and creates jobs. If these places are going to allow smoking outside or inside the premises, they need to have designated areas especially outside if its located close to other businesses that people patronize who do not smoke or use cannibas	11/5/2022 8:17 AM
72	More racism won't cure perceived racism.	11/5/2022 8:00 AM
73	No	11/5/2022 7:08 AM
74	No	11/5/2022 1:30 AM
75	Change needs to happen	11/4/2022 9:24 PM
76	No.	11/4/2022 8:09 PM
77	Enough of these ridiculous restrictions, get out of the way and let the free market decide how many dispensaries are needed	11/4/2022 7:18 PM
78	NO	11/4/2022 5:53 PM
79	No	11/4/2022 5:40 PM
80	Add more safe consumption sights	11/4/2022 5:28 PM
81	Cannabis is likely less harmful than alcohol. It should not be any more heavily regulated than alcohol.	11/4/2022 5:14 PM
82	N/a	11/4/2022 3:29 PM
83	It's absolutely ridiculous that folks are objecting to additional dispensaries. They are professional, secure and well run. Most folks objecting have never even been to one.	11/4/2022 3:10 PM
84	There should be less barriers for minority women who want to get it into this industry	11/4/2022 1:37 PM
85	Cannabis is still too expensive in the dispensaries.	11/4/2022 1:30 PM
86	The CRTA was passed to benefit those impacted by the War on Drugs. Where are the	11/4/2022 12:12 PM

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	dispensaries on the South Side and East Bluff? This law was a total crock! Who benefits from more addiction??	
87	Let people get the care they need	11/4/2022 10:47 AM
88	Advisory should be required that marijuana use during pregnancy can be harmful to your baby's health. https://www.cdc.gov/marijuana/health-effects/pregnancy.html#:~:text=Marjuana%20use%20during%20pregnancy%20can%20be%20harmful%20to%20your%20baby's%20health.&text=The%20chemicals%20in%20marijuana%20(in,may%20harm%20your%20baby's%20development.	11/4/2022 10:14 AM
89	No	11/4/2022 9:43 AM
90	I have been a medical patient since the beginning. I went from 22 pharmaceuticals to zero. In my 7 years of going to the dispensary for my medicine the workers and clients have been nothing but curious and professional. There are hundreds of places to buy liquor and nobody has a problem with that. Just let it go. It works. It's safe. Since the program started there have been no issues. Peoria has serious issues. None of them being cannabis. Just get past it	11/4/2022 9:41 AM
91	Should be the same rules/laws as alcohol...Pretty simple	11/4/2022 9:31 AM
92	Marijuana should not be legal.	11/4/2022 9:04 AM
93	The smell needs to be eliminated. No using in motor vehicles and needs to be enforced by police based on smell and observation.	11/4/2022 9:00 AM
94	Cannabis is medicine, everyone deserves affordable access to it. Many people in poverty also do hard drugs that keep them from getting out of where they are. Cannabis access could help many people turn their lives around for the better	11/4/2022 8:46 AM
95	Impaired driving under cannabis should be enforced. The number of cannabis stores allowed should be at least equal to the number of liquor stores or stores that sell liquor. Cannabis use should be limited to the home or other specified areas, seeing it in public is a detriment to the community and housing values, and is the equivalent of seeing people drink liquor out of paper bags on a street corner.	11/4/2022 8:35 AM
96	No more dispensary should be allowed, mental health issues should be addressed. We should have more counselling offices	11/4/2022 8:30 AM
97	No	11/4/2022 8:17 AM
98	Cannabis dispensaries should be treated like businesses with liquor license or tobacco distributors. If we aren't limiting the number of bars/restaurants/breweries/liquor stores open until 1 am/vape shops/discount tobacco shops etc, then we shouldn't be limiting the number of dispensaries. Distance to school regulations etc. should be the same as alcohol/tobacco. Policies limiting cannabis consumption are discriminatory towards those who use cannabis. (I generally support more limits on alcohol/tobacco access, but to further limit cannabis - compared to the ease of access for alcohol/tobacco is absurd)	11/4/2022 7:31 AM
99	The city should focus on bigger issues. We have enough pot places in Peoria. It shows how desperate the city is by increasing the number pot shops.	11/4/2022 7:03 AM
100	The only reason anyone cares about this is because marijuana is still perceived as a dangerous drug. Why are we trying to limit the amount of legitimate businesses that may want to come to Peoria? This could potentially create more jobs. More jobs means more people are spending money, money that goes back into Peoria's economy. More dispensaries also means people are less inclined to turn to drug dealers for street weed. Opening these businesses means giving people a safer option. Start thinking of better solutions that will help the community and stop wasting time asking silly questions.	11/4/2022 12:16 AM
101	This city needs the money and the opportunities. Stop letting seniors make the decisions for a town trying to attract youth. Eventually you will not be able cap locations as the revenue and jobs come so stop fighting it.	11/3/2022 10:49 PM
102	No	11/3/2022 9:09 PM
103	Lounges to smoke within the dispensary should be allowed.	11/3/2022 9:09 PM
104	No	11/3/2022 9:06 PM

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105	Na	11/3/2022 9:03 PM
106	Cannabis is a valid ally in the battle to end the opioid epidemic.	11/3/2022 8:43 PM
107	World of Weed site not appropriate for that location!	11/3/2022 7:44 PM
108	No	11/3/2022 7:42 PM
109	Peoria is quickly becoming know for its horrible weed smell at so many locations. One of my employees works in Indiana but travels to Peoria for training. He has regularly calls the smell of weed " Peoria's smell".	11/3/2022 7:34 PM
110	I am opposed to the new facilities and against adding more. These are not good for the city.	11/3/2022 7:29 PM
111	The current ordinance is restrictive enough for both the business and Pateons. Free-market Competition is good. Let the state & federal regulate. Peoria should not add on any additional taxes or restrictions.	11/3/2022 7:26 PM
112	Peoria greatly needs additional economic revenue. 61604 is one of the poorest zip codes - could use more revenue to bolster w/ additional city taxation on larger numbers dispensaries/cannabis.	11/3/2022 7:17 PM
113	I'm a licensed psychotherapist and I moved here from Oakland, California a little over a year ago. Oakland has many dispensaries and it mad very little difference in the overall face of the city other than vacant building were filled and up and coming areas finally had more foot traffic around them. I don't use cannabis nor do I really drink or use other substances. However, I can see that capping or limiting cannabis dispensaries isn't going to directly address the reason why people abuse (rather than moderately use, like many folks do with a glass of wine at dinner time or beer at a baseball game) cannabis. Decades of addiction research show that trauma and lack of resources are the main contributing factors to drug abuse which then lead to impacts on health and public safety. If the city is really concerned with the impacts of drug abuse I suggest funding more resources for poverty relief, food, housing, trauma informed resources, child abuse prevention, violent crime prevention and gang mediation, and support for children and youth in foster care with the thousands of tax dollars that these places could provide. Does Peoria really need more regulations or carwashes/Dollar Tree's/empty buildings? In a state that doesn't have helmet laws for motorcyclists it's strange to me how this city prioritizes it's regulations.	11/3/2022 6:53 PM
114	The proposed World of Weed site is not appropriate for that location . I hope it doesn't happen.	11/3/2022 6:45 PM
115	Dispensaries should be spread throughout the city to offer convenience for all. Currently the two dispensaries are located fairly close to each other, with a third planned for a nearby location.	11/3/2022 6:44 PM
116	Peoria is missing the boat yet again. The dispensary isn't the real issue. Marijuana is available on the street in unlimited amounts. Yet, Peoria city/county along with the police will NOT enforce the laws we already have. My neighbors do not buy from dispensaries but buy marijuana by the half pound.	11/3/2022 6:09 PM
117	One way to differentiate Peoria from other places in Illinois would be to take a stance as pro-cannabis. If the market allows for 8 dispensaries in the Peoria area then we should allow for them to find their place. The tax revenue alone should be enough to make this decision easy. Peoria needs to find ways to be an example of how we can make this once dreaded drug work to better our communities. It would differentiate the Peoria area from the rest of down state illinois and maybe if the funds are used wisely to build a better future for all of Peoria for those who choose to consume responsibly. We have more than 6 liquor stores and bars why would this be any different. I am saying this as a person who has never consumed Marijuana in any form.	11/3/2022 6:07 PM
118	Do we really need 5 with in the city limits ...?	11/3/2022 5:23 PM
119	Both Trinity locations are owned by an ex-Colorado State Trooper. He flipped a leaf and now he owns a large portion of the Peoria recreation & medical marijuana sales and profits. NuEra in East Peoria is a Chicago-based cannabis company that announced the launch of their new company name and flower brand – nuEra. East Peoria. The Illinois Medical Marijuana cardholder's are allowed to grow 5 plants over 5 inch tall. That's great but it is nearly impossible to purchase seeds or marijuana clones from Illinois dispensaries. I am not aware of a ANY Illinois dispensaries that offer seeds or clones to grow their own medical marijuana. Medical Marijuana cardholder's are at the mercy of the dispensary's. This forces a major	11/3/2022 5:23 PM

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portion of Medical Marijuana cardholder's to purchase cannabis products from dispensaries at costs that very likely stretch's their already tight budget. Revolution is a medical marijuana producer that is a multi state operator. Revolution set up commercial grow facility just outside of Danvers, Illinois. On their website they automatically exclude an individual from being employed if they have any previous felony convictions. With just these examples can I ask where medical marijuana cardholder's fit into this picture? Why did Illinois allow a multi state operator setup shop in Danvers, Illinois excluding anyone with a felony from employment. When Revolution set up shop in Danvers I had hoped to apply for their entry level cultivator positions. Ive grown my own cannabis for many years and with having a previous drug charge from 1993 I lost hope of ever cultivating cannabis for a legally gainful career. Peoria has many open opportunities to embrace Cannabis within the community. Peoria also has an opportunity to invest in our native Peoria cannabis entrepreneur's rather than exclude.

120	When you look at income generation for these dispensaries the result in limiting licenses would only hurt our tax payers. If there are community members against cannabis, then they should avoid using and purchasing cannabis. Much like if patrons don't like alcohol, don't go to a bar or consume alcohol.	11/3/2022 4:49 PM
121	Stop with the tyrannical taxation! Peorians continue to seek non-taxed cannabis. Government needs to get the fuck out of the way.	11/3/2022 4:38 PM
122	1) Too many drivers are smoking pot. This is dangerous and it makes my neighborhood stink. 2) pot is known too increase mental oiliness in people... Please don't encourage. 3) I want too have buyers required to apply for a Cannabis User Identification Card (CUID) that way they can lose saves to pot if th ER y drive high, resell or smoke publicly. This pot stuff will make me leave Proria	11/3/2022 3:28 PM
123	Do not understand why they are really needed...	11/3/2022 1:53 PM
124	There is enough violence in this city due to drugs, why add more.	11/3/2022 1:01 PM
125	We have so many crimes in this city and city problems with our roads and schools that need to be focused on more than cannabis	11/3/2022 12:52 PM
126	I think laws governing cannabis should be the same as those governing alcohol.	11/3/2022 12:42 PM
127	Yes if we had a few more dispensary it would bring more tax money to the city	11/3/2022 12:14 PM
128	I understand about generating money, jobs, etc but this is not the way	11/3/2022 11:58 AM
129	If you aren't going to cap liquor stores then you shouldn't cap marijuana stores.	11/3/2022 11:41 AM
130	No	11/3/2022 11:38 AM
131	No	11/3/2022 11:33 AM
132	No	11/3/2022 11:32 AM
133	No	11/3/2022 11:23 AM
134	Cannabis is legal, but you got cops still running around using it as a way to fuck with people!! Change the laws for the poorlice too!!!	11/3/2022 11:03 AM
135	No	11/3/2022 10:35 AM
136	I KNOW THAT THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME FROM THE TAXES THEY CREATE BUT IS THIS REALLY GOOD FOR THE CITY FUTURE	11/3/2022 10:02 AM
137	No	11/3/2022 9:54 AM
138	Is adding the dispensaries all about increasing tax dollars or about protecting our communities from potential harm of usage of cannabis?	11/3/2022 9:39 AM
139	Stop imposing your beliefs on this city. These dispensaries are legally allowed. 6 members of this council who voted to defer the approval are going to face a firestorm of negativity if they continue to impose their personal beliefs on us. We will do what is necessary to elect officials who uphold the law.	11/3/2022 9:27 AM
140	No	11/3/2022 9:14 AM
141	Why not take the chance on the Industry?	11/3/2022 9:07 AM

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142	Free market, right now there's a monopoly, others should be allowed to sell into the market. Let the market decide who can sell.	11/3/2022 8:49 AM
143	Whatever we can do to make Peoria drug free we should do	11/3/2022 8:43 AM
144	Stay stoned	11/3/2022 8:35 AM
145	No	11/3/2022 8:30 AM
146	If they don't allow these in Peoria they will just go to East Peoria to buy it and East Peoria and other communities will get the tax money from our citizens. Not having them here will not stop people from getting it.	11/3/2022 8:25 AM
147	No	11/3/2022 8:24 AM
148	I think that allowing however many dispensaries want to come to do business in Peoria is a good idea. Not only does it bring business, but its healthy competition between businesses. I think that allowing consumption of cannabis on site is eventually where all legal cannabis will end up. It will be like bars serving alcohol, but bars serving cannabis products. That opens a whole new world of laws and regulations but it is something that can be figured out when the time comes. Also, I dont know what exactly the cannabis equity thing is, but the business and the gov, collecting tax, should be the only 2 people making money off the dispensaries. I think overall legal recreational cannabis is a good thing, and less harmful overall than alcohol.	11/3/2022 8:21 AM
149	I believe cannabis should only be consumed in private in one's home, not in any public place. Additional zoning should be enacted so dispensaries have to 1000 feet from places of worship and places where children are. Cannabis might be legal, but it is a mind altering substance, just like alcohol.	11/3/2022 8:20 AM
150	The limitations on alcohol, tobacco and gambling are far less obtrusive than cannabis regulation. No need for additional regulation. Also, the industry is helpful to the community with the generation of tax dollars. Leave it alone.	11/3/2022 8:15 AM
151	No	11/3/2022 8:00 AM
152	Allow consumption in micro-doses, as well as giving a rebate/discount on dispensary application for those that apply as a worker co-op.	11/3/2022 7:58 AM
153	I do not want any additional sites. 2 is too many. People are getting high while driving. People stink so badly now. They are so addicted they cannot leave home without being high.	11/3/2022 7:49 AM
154	Dispensaries are cleaner and already more regulated in person than liquor stores. I would rather a dispensary on my corner than a liquor store. Many are still hung up with the negative stigma that marajuana has had for decades from false information about what it is, and how it works. Let us not go backwards but take advantage of the taxes the city can collect. My two cents.	11/3/2022 7:49 AM
155	Here is the deal folks. You can let Chuck Grayeb soapbox about this all day long, but if you let him limit this - it will be no different than the legacy of Jim Maloof running the Paradise to the east side of the river. The state is giving out these licenses in districts. These are going to be built in that district regardless of if Chuck Grayeb's phony moral superiority wins the day or not. So we can sit around and say "Oh no weed bad!" and watch a dispensary get built in Dunlap, East Peoria, Edwards, wherever. And then the same people wind up buying things and those municipalities benefit instead of Peoria. But tell me more about how morally superior we are when the streets of Peoria are filled with blood from the gangbangers shooting each other every single week of the year.	11/3/2022 7:45 AM
156	Is there a way to divide the city into "sections" so these can be distributed a little more evenly? It seems they are ending up in north Peoria off War Memorial. Can we implement what has been approved for a trial of a couple of years. Identify areas of concern now to gather data over two yrs to see impact.	11/3/2022 7:34 AM
157	No	11/3/2022 7:26 AM
158	How many liquor stores do we have? How many bars (on-site consumption)? Get with the century and stop fear mongering!	11/3/2022 7:23 AM
159	Adding dispensaries will only increase the problems the city already has with drugs and reckless or violent behavior. You can't walk through a business or be out in public without smelling someone who has been smoking weed. Kids are being dropped off at school and	11/3/2022 7:17 AM

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when they get out of the car you can smell the weed in the air and on elementary age children because their parents smoke at home and in the car. Ask any teacher and they will tell you. What does that say about the future of Peoria and our society.

160	No would it really matter anyway. State of Illinois is one big tax burden joke and just one more person waiting to leave.	11/3/2022 7:01 AM
161	No	11/3/2022 6:50 AM
162	Allowing more dispensaries will create more competition for the businesses and keep prices in check. There would also be more tax revenue for the city.	11/3/2022 6:48 AM
163	Cannabis today is highly addictive and more troublesome than anyone is talking about. I personally was hospitalized, due to a psychosis induced by medication and cannabis. I still continued to use cannabis for a year after, and it was extremely difficult to quit. On the other hand, I have a sister that uses cannabis for health reasons, and I want that to be an available option for her. She had cancer and a stem cell transplant in the past, and the cannabis has been helpful.	11/3/2022 6:48 AM
164	Make it legal across all states	11/3/2022 5:15 AM
165	I don't even like cannabis or use it, but I support expanding the local industry asap. Benefits of these businesses outweigh the disadvantages. Competition is needed, & demand is in no shortage. If Peoria restricts the market, then Peoria is needlessly restraining itself from realizing greater economic benefits & other benefits of this growing industry.	11/3/2022 2:38 AM
166	Language in restricting number of city licenses should mirror ongoing and future BLS region expansion instead of restricting to an arbitrary, finite number. Make the law flexible to match reality to avoid future issues.	11/3/2022 1:55 AM
167	People who smoke will smoke. If you limit they will buy on the black market. Get our share of revenue.	11/3/2022 12:41 AM
168	Cannabis has a horrible Odor and it travels several hundred feet. It should not be allowed to be smoked on any public or private business property. Everyone is exposed to it and it is disgusting.	11/2/2022 11:54 PM
169	There shouldn't be a limit to dispensaries. There are no limits on liquor stores or breweries, nor is there any limits on pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies. If you drink too much liquor you'll be sick in some way shape or form. Too many Opioids could lead overdose or death. Cannabis has NEVER caused an overdose or death.	11/2/2022 11:44 PM
170	N	11/2/2022 11:13 PM
171	No	11/2/2022 10:52 PM
172	I believe 5 total Dispensaries is too many for a City our size. Smoking should not be allowed in and around the dispensaries as it creates a very foul odor that will have an affect on surrounding businesses. In addition, Peoria Police should do a better job of monitoring the "smoking while driving" that is obviously occurring through out the city.	11/2/2022 10:31 PM
173	Liquor everywhere, crack pipes in the convenience store across from the school - marijuana proliferation is an upgrade in terms of crime and safety.	11/2/2022 9:59 PM
174	No	11/2/2022 9:57 PM
175	Marijuana should not be treated differently than any other legal substance. On-site consumption facilities should be considered, as they can greatly benefit the Peoria community. An on-site facility would create a safe, legal, and communal space for citizens to enjoy a legal substance. This would, in turn, decrease the amount of people smoking in illegal spaces.	11/2/2022 9:32 PM
176	Smoking of marijuana in any form (including a vape or e-cigarette) should be prohibited in all Residential Dwelling Zoning Districts and in Commercial Zoning Districts in close proximity to other persons who wish to breathe clean air and do not want to inhale secondary smoke of any kind. The smoking of marijuana causes damage, some research has determined, even more than cigarette or tobacco smoke, to the lungs. It goes deeper into the lining of the lungs and can cause permanent scar tissue. The inhalation of second hand smoke (tobacco, marijuana or fire-pit) causes respiratory illnesses and exacerbates asthma attacks. The dispensary should not allow on-site smoking or usage of marijuana, unless it is a licensed Hooka lounge or Tobacco bar, whereas the required zoning or variance approval Petitions have been granted for	11/2/2022 8:34 PM

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such use. The quality of life in neighborhoods will suffer. Marijuana causes impairment, as does drinking alcohol. Second hand smoke of any kind causes respiratory illness. I would ask that the City Council put a cap on the number of Cannabis dispensary operations and prohibit the dispensary locations in close proximity to residential and commercial uses such as restaurants with outdoor seating. If a person who is smoking marijuana or cigarettes for that matter, smokes outdoors on their deck or patio, their neighbor is at the mercy of inhaling the second hand smoke. In cases where they reside in an apartment or duplex and the ventilation system is poor, the neighbor is at the mercy of inhaling second hand smoke. Respiratory illnesses are increasing (COPD and Asthma) and Marijuana is also a gateway drug to other drug addictions. I am a retired code enforcement License inspector for the city of Indianapolis. Part of my duties included inspection of hotel businesses, taxi cab license inspections, conducting scrap metal business license and massage parlor sweeps with IMPD. I used to issue citations to persons and businesses in violation of the Smoking Ordinance. In some cases, smoking where prohibited, violations were found in common areas of multi-family dwellings (apartment buildings and hotels, for example) and all businesses, except bars or Hookah lounge permitted by Special Use permit, zoning or variance approval.

177	There should be 6 new owners of the remaining dispensaries. No outside owners or conglomerates. Peoria county residents should own Peoria dispensaries!	11/2/2022 8:19 PM
178	I think that having more locations with regulated product that can be accessed safely and securely is a much better option for our community than having fewer options, creating more opportunities for people to source unregulated, potentially tainted product elsewhere in more dangerous situations. More important than this, I think that our priority is in the wrong place here - alcohol is far more dangerous for our healthcare system, our community, and it's residents, including the children of families impacted by the prevalent affects of alcoholism, yet bars and liquor stores are around every corner. Car washes and oil change shops are popping up left and right, and parking lots flanking every street despite auto related incidences being one of the leading causes of death between 1 and 54 year olds. The cannabis industry being singled out and held to a different standard than other industries comes across as being influenced by its racial and/or stereotyped historical context, even if that is not fully the intention by those in opposition. Do I want to see a cannabis shop on every street? No. Do I want them next to my children's school? Of course not. But I don't think that the extreme limiting and singling out of this single industry is helpful, nor is it the best focus of our concerted efforts.	11/2/2022 8:03 PM
179	Roll me up and smoke me when I die	11/2/2022 7:18 PM
180	Minorities are not affected disproportionately. It's the police and state/county attornies who arrested/prosecuted with a bias. Just cuz they are a minority doesn't mean they should have advantages over others for licensing. That's racist in its own fact. Peoria is a shit city and allowing 100 bars and liquor stores is ok even though they have substantial evidence showing nothing but harm. But somehow a cannabis shop is the limit. Self righteous idiots we have leading this city and county	11/2/2022 6:33 PM
181	N/a	11/2/2022 5:30 PM
182	The more shops the city has will make more revenue for the city. It will also make the businesses compete with one another and offer better pricing to the customers.	11/2/2022 3:44 PM
183	Zero issues with existing dispensaries and the city needs the revenue. Get ahead and allow those wanting to do business!! It's legal and only going to expand. If you don't allow them, another municipality will	11/2/2022 3:41 PM
184	Hi, I bought a home and moved my business here in Feb 2022. I came for the freedom, not more restrictions. The price of weed is too high. More dispensaries means lower pricing for consumers. If you're going to limit anything, maybe consider alcohol, the most dangerous drug. People will leave if you limit weed. People will move here if we can smoke in dispensaries. And yes Restore freedom and rights restoration to everyone previously arrested for cannabis. Please be equitable. I may smoke weed and be a privileged white doctor, but I know a monopoly scam when I see one. That's what Trinity looks like it's trying to do. Not cool. You're making a killing on the sale of weed. Why would you cap it? It makes no sense. The number of dispensaries should not be a morality issue. It should be a social good issue. And god knows weed is good money, good for pain and stress, good for many things. Why restrict it to white owned businesses? Even at 6 is bizarre and arbitrary. Don't cap it at all.	11/2/2022 3:04 PM
185	I am strongly against more dispenserarys than we already have. I believe there is great danger	11/2/2022 3:02 PM

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in operating vehicles while under the influence and to my knowledge there is not adequate testing for being under the influence like there is for alcohol consumption.

186	The cannabis industry is a thriving industry, that will only lead to taxable revenue for the city. Denying the city taxable dollars seems irresponsible.	11/2/2022 2:31 PM
187	Nope!	11/2/2022 1:54 PM
188	What are cities with positive budgets doing? How do they Tax adequately that our city can follow.	11/2/2022 1:16 PM
189	There are dozens of bars, liquor stores and vape shops in Peoria. A few more dispensaries will not hurt anything.	11/2/2022 12:27 PM
190	No	11/2/2022 12:21 PM
191	It should be put back into the education system and the homeless situation.	11/2/2022 12:20 PM
192	No	11/2/2022 12:13 PM
193	There should be no more than 1-2 dispensaries in Peoria.	11/2/2022 11:53 AM
194	I worry about peoria being over ran by dispensaries. I think the 2 is plenty for this area. Maybe bringing one more toward the outside limits of the city would benefit out community more.	11/2/2022 11:47 AM
195	Add funding and counseling for those with substance abuse issues.	11/2/2022 11:43 AM
196	Less regulation serves the public better	11/2/2022 11:01 AM
197	I think they should be required to renovate an empty building, if possible, instead of building new locations. Renovating would allow uninhabited space to be readily used again. Some of the empty buildings are great locations!	11/2/2022 11:00 AM
198	I think it would be stupid to put a cap on the number of dispensaries when there is no cap on the number of car washes or oil change places. It's getting out of hand. If they bring jobs and they are doing what they are supposed to leave them alone. Also, limiting resources for residents is not a good look for our city just like Lyft isn't allowed. Visitors notice it and it's not appreciated by visitors or residents. Competition is good for the workers and the consumers. Economics 101. Additionally, the state of IL (and the US as a whole) incarcerates People of Color disproportionately, so we should be making sure that these licenses are given to People of Color so that they are able to also make money off of a business sector that they have been historically barred from while being disproportionately punished.	11/2/2022 10:52 AM
199	I believe competition is good for the consumers. No one dispensary should have a monopoly on sales in Peoria. I believe medical dispensary should be separate from recreational dispensaries. As cannabis is medicine to some and recreation to others.	11/2/2022 10:51 AM
200	I am 100% NOT in favor of this legalization. It seems that governmental bodies will legalize anything that adds to their coffers. Wrong was wrong and is still wrong.	11/2/2022 10:43 AM
201	NA	11/2/2022 10:36 AM
202	Legalization was the first step to open up the industry. Government has taken a position to overcharge, overtax and overregulate that industry. We need to treat this like tobacco and alcohol. Setting rules for the consumers is good but restricting shop owners and potential business entrepreneurs the ability to move freely or open new doors stiffens growth and competition.	11/2/2022 10:31 AM
203	N/A	11/2/2022 10:22 AM
204	I am a business professional and a user. I have a medical card. Have any of the council members actually watched the traffic in and out of these facilities? There are a lot of people who look like me. Older, professional people. The stigma surrounding cannabis should be over. There are exponentially more issues with alcohol abuse than with cannabis and I don't see any reduction in new bars or liquor stores happening anytime soon. More dispensaries means more competition, which will help not only with competitive pricing, but also more tax revenue for the city. Please don't propagate the stereotype of Peoria's leaders stifling business.	11/2/2022 10:22 AM
205	Like any other Vice (Tobacco and Alcohol) make it available and tax it heavily!	11/2/2022 10:18 AM
206	allow smoking while hiking at parks, cemeteries, dog parks, outdoor red areas	11/2/2022 10:16 AM

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207	we should take a harder look at legalizing other drugs for consenting adults, such as Psilocybin and MDMA.	11/2/2022 10:16 AM
208	no	11/2/2022 10:10 AM
209	This is a recreational activity for adults 21 and over, and it should be a freedom for our citizens.	11/2/2022 10:10 AM
210	Until it is removed from the Federal illegal drug list, the COP should be as restrictive as possible.	11/2/2022 10:09 AM
211	Limit the number for each part of the City. Currently they are all in one 3 mile radius.	11/2/2022 10:07 AM
212	Cannabis dispensaries are the new title loan offices. We need to create real opportunity for businesses that benefit the people of our city. Caterpillar's HQ leaving Peoria (and then Illinois - which I realize is primarily a state problem, but not disconnected from our City Hall and local leadership!) is a huge hole and no one seems to be attempting to fill it. PLEASE don't fill our city with weed stores – do something that will HELP our people, not further the decline.	11/2/2022 10:06 AM
213	Consumption opportunities should be considered, just not at the dispensaries themselves. There is a real opportunity for the hospitality industry when it comes to consumption. Limiting that to dispensaries does a disservice to other potential business / entrepreneurial endeavors.	11/2/2022 9:54 AM
214	Don't limit dispensaries. Treat it like alcohol. There's no reason that Marijuana should be treated any different as Alcohol kills and causes way more issues than Marijuana does. Delta 8 is sold everywhere and has the same effect as "real" Marijuana and there's no issues involving it.	11/2/2022 9:26 AM
215	Allow as many dispensaries as you do liquor stores. It's only fair.	11/2/2022 9:09 AM
216	Cannabis is proven to be far less dangerous than alcohol. This is the main reason I don't think we should limit use more than liquor stores or bars.	11/2/2022 8:49 AM
217	Alcohol does FAR more damage in our community. These restrictions on dispensaries are ridiculous.	11/2/2022 8:47 AM
218	We should be treating cannabis dispensaries like we treat bars/breweries/liquor stores. We have NO limitations on those. This is the same thing.	11/2/2022 8:35 AM
219	No	11/2/2022 7:57 AM
220	I believe that we should also expand into cannabis consumption from a cottage law standpoint for home bakeries etc.	11/2/2022 7:45 AM
221	I think it would be stupid to put a cap on the number of dispensaries when there is no cap on the number of car washes or oil change places. It's getting out of hand. If they bring jobs and they are doing what they are supposed to leave them alone. Also, limiting resources for residents is not a good look for our city just like Lyft isn't allowed. Visitors notice it and it's not appreciated by visitors or residents. Competition is good for the workers and the consumers. Economics 101	11/2/2022 7:33 AM
222	No	11/2/2022 5:37 AM
223	There should be a full time police officer at each of these locations to deal with any issues that arise, and that salary should be part of the licensing process. Each renewal period should also include a cost of living increase for the on site officers.	11/2/2022 5:07 AM
224	It should be as easy to access and use than alcohol.	11/1/2022 10:39 PM
225	This is not that hard. Cannabis should be treated the same as alcohol. Anyone who wants to open a dispensary should be able to open one. It's not the role of government to dictate any of this. The market will determine the demand and whether the entrepreneur made a good investment. Cannabis is one of the fastest growing industries in America. It might be the most "Peoria thing" I've ever heard that the city is trying to get in the way.	11/1/2022 10:21 PM
226	Dispensaries bring in tax dollars. The existing dispensaries are very professional with on-site security and rigorous ID checking. We ought to treat cannabis like we would any liquor store, bar, or tobacco shops, no need to restrict it more than any of those stores. I support diversity measures. I also support on-site consumption, just as breweries and bars can serve alcohol to 21+. Do not restrict consumer freedom for of-age adults more than any other substance. The	11/1/2022 9:03 PM

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safety profile for bars is much riskier (bar fights, DUIs, sexual assault risk) and bars are everywhere.

227	No	11/1/2022 8:57 PM
228	Why would you try to cap the number? There are far more places to purchase alcohol than there are cannabis. Please use logic. More dispensaries will allow for more competition. Pretty much the American way.	11/1/2022 7:40 PM
229	Ensure people are not driving while high on cannabis.	11/1/2022 7:35 PM
230	Why would we limit dispensaries but can have smoke/vape shops everywhere.	11/1/2022 6:57 PM
231	Minimal 5380 ft from school, residential areas	11/1/2022 6:46 PM
232	Not at this time.	11/1/2022 6:30 PM
233	no	11/1/2022 5:46 PM
234	No	11/1/2022 5:36 PM
235	Cannabis is bad for Peoria! Please do not allow it to take over our City!	11/1/2022 4:43 PM
236	Dispensary should be able to provide informative classes to better explain how cannabis affects consumers.	11/1/2022 4:04 PM
237	We don't cap bars or vape shops why cap dispensaries? There is soooo much tax revenue to be gained from this. It can ensure the city can cover the fire department and snow plows that were recently readded to the budget. Please don't lose our on this opportunity for our city.	11/1/2022 3:12 PM
238	I don't feel Peoria could support more dispensaries. I also think they should be further away from schools, churches, youth organisations, etc. Liquor stores in the past has shown not all will continue to survive when area has more than area can support. People will lose a lot of money, which is also a bad thing especially while we as a nation are going through high inflation, etc.	11/1/2022 3:00 PM
239	From an economic perspective, allowing more dispensaries will create more of a competitive pricing concept different than the monopoly that exists now. Having more dispensaries is not going to create more participants, but it will create more competition between the dispensaries.	11/1/2022 2:52 PM
240	NA	11/1/2022 2:39 PM
241	I would like to see more Research into Cannabis Medicine in the Central Illinois region or perhaps a Testing Lab for Cannabis Products. So many possibilities beyond dispensaries.	11/1/2022 2:39 PM
242	No.	11/1/2022 2:34 PM
243	We already have enough liquor stores in Peoria, let's not overrun it with dispensaries too	11/1/2022 2:18 PM
244	The previous question was confusingly worded... I think marginalized communities should be prioritized in receiving licenses ... But thought the ordinance already included those provisions ... So I don't know why it would need to be amended to include social equity provisions which I thought were already included. I answered yes because I think social equity should be addressed.	11/1/2022 2:16 PM
245	I support cannabis in general and think more people should be using it over other bad habits.	11/1/2022 1:27 PM
246	Why would you limit dispensaries when there are unlimited liquor stores in town? There should be equal numbers of both. Alcohol is more dangerous than cannabis.	11/1/2022 1:26 PM
247	So far, the dispensaries have taken empty, unsightly store fronts and in the case of the one on Glen made a attractive store. They are beyond safe since it is a cash business they are well protected. The reality is, if Peoria says no, East Peoria is more than happy to say yes. Let's keep that money on this side of the river. A updated building housing a dispensary beats an empty store any day.	11/1/2022 12:24 PM
248	Cannabis is safer than alcohol.	11/1/2022 12:18 PM
249	We must end the negative stigma surrounding marijuana. It helps so many - we have a lot looser regulation around alcohol which hurts individuals, families and friends and causes way more death. As someone with a former drinking problem, marijuana has helped me stay away from alcohol and lead a healthier life - this should be embraced in our community. Peoria has	11/1/2022 12:15 PM

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to be known for something! Right now it's crime and hate. Let's pave the way to bringing people to our city.

250	The city should treat these shops as they do liquor stores, of which we have an abundance.	11/1/2022 11:22 AM
251	No	11/1/2022 10:55 AM
252	I see a bank, Starbucks and a Walgreens on every corner. How does this hurt anyone ? If you don't need it, don't go!	11/1/2022 10:48 AM
253	If new dispensaries are granted licenses as social equity operations shouldn't they build their dispensaries in those disadvantaged communities listed in BLS to improve those disadvantaged communities for which the were able to secure a State license to operate? Adult-use dispensaries should be spread out throughout Peoria with the focus on establishing them in disadvantaged communities and not situated next to or near other dispensary operations to insure all residents of Peoria, including the disadvantaged BLS sections, have access to adult use cannabis sales.	11/1/2022 10:46 AM
254	I'd rather not see a dispensary on every corner in our town.	11/1/2022 10:18 AM
255	No	11/1/2022 9:48 AM
256	The question of how many dispensers we should cap at really didn't offer a fair choice. We do not need to turn our town into a dispensary on every corner situation. If we limit to these 5, they should be equally spread out across the town. If one goes under, no other license should be issued to open an additional place.	11/1/2022 9:15 AM
257	Cannabis is known to be safer then alcohol. Therefore, the restrictions should be the same. This industry is thriving and making millions daily. That should be the incentive for peoria.	11/1/2022 8:38 AM
258	Yes! I will also write my City Council Representative Denise Jackson, the At Large Members of Council and the Mayor via email. (1) The Public Hearings are profoundly ill timed, scheduled days before midterm elections. Politically engaged citizens are understandably preoccupied and this is a topic that requisites time and attention. (2) Cannabis facilities in IL are tightly regulated by the USDA like those of the Pharmaceutical Industry and the FDA, so they run a tight ship. Current Peoria dispensaries have proven themselves to be very good business neighbors. The tax revenue they provide funds an appreciable number of expenditures and they sponsor popular community events like the Riverfront Market. We need more of them, not fewer. (3) There are thousands of people who LIVE in Downtown Peoria and we spend our money in Tazewell County - because we can all see the NuEra dispensary from our living room windows - 1/2 a mile across the river. It's just geography - traveling halfway across Peoria to a dispensary doesn't make sense when the same goods and services are closer, in East Peoria and Tazewell County. The RESIDENTIAL demographic of Downtown Peoria, within a 4 block radius of our Peoria City Hall, is comprised largely of DINKS - Dual Income, No Kids. Whether you're a middle aged woman, or a DINK, or anyone else in this semi-gentrified neighborhood, we should be generating tax revenue for Peoria, not Tazewell County. PUT A DISPENSARY DOWNTOWN. Downtown is zoned perfectly - no schools, literally thousands of residents in high density buildings; 200 where I live at Civic Center Plaza Apartments alone. I don't understand why a dispensary has not already opened, Downtown or in the Warehouse District. It's silly to see so much tax revenue go across the river to East Peoria. (4) Grant licenses to EQUITY APPLICANTS. This is a core principle of the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Peoria's current dispensaries are owned by 1 entity. Basic economics says that competition between businesses benefits consumers. These business opportunities were supposed to be created in areas that suffered disproportional levels of policing and resultant consequences during Cannabis prohibition. When licensure is granted, albeit for a Cannabis dispensary, a processor, or a grower in Peoria, it needs to be Minority Owned. It's the intent of the law after all.	10/31/2022 11:15 PM
259	NO	10/31/2022 1:08 PM
260	I believe additional dispensaries should be allowed for geographic purposes, making it more convenient for those that don't live near the current 2.	10/31/2022 12:25 PM
261	Everyone doesn't smoke marijuana and I shouldn't have to inhale it.	10/31/2022 10:36 AM
262	This is going to be a blight on Peoria. If Peoria doesn't cap the number of store fronts, it'll be like cell phone stores on every corner. I don't need my kids seeing cannabis in every strip mall we go in Peoria.	10/31/2022 9:34 AM

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263	More dispensaries does not equal more consumers. You shutting out opportunity for boutique and different type of businesses. We don't have a strictly edible store. And you have not addressed businesses for the disadvantaged by the war against drugs. Some regulation is necessary, but not guided by archaic thinking by our city council. And I am not a young kid. I am 72 years old. Alcohol is the source is violence, not marijuana.	10/31/2022 9:31 AM
264	If we can have smoke and vape shops on every block, a few more dispensaries shouldn't be a problem.	10/31/2022 9:30 AM
265	THC is good, not bad.	10/31/2022 8:57 AM
266	Get the corporatist off city council and allow competition among the dispensaries because the prices are criminally high compared to all other legal states. Put people over profit	10/31/2022 8:53 AM
267	Stop enacting your personal beliefs on us. If the law allows for this to happen then uphold the law. No matter how bad cannabis hurts your feelings.	10/31/2022 8:44 AM
268	lower the damn taxes. I cant afford it any more. tell them they wont get any more money from me until the taxes are lower.	10/31/2022 7:57 AM
269	If dispensaries aren't addressed ASAP they will start popping up like vape shops, carwashes, and oil change places.	10/31/2022 7:40 AM
270	Regulate the hours of operation to be shorter then most liquor sales hours. 10AM-8PM seems fine.	10/30/2022 8:26 PM
271	No	10/30/2022 4:23 PM
272	There are other potential cannabis businesses, such as infusion operations, craft growers, and on-site consumption at some site other than the dispensaries. What about these issues? Not much notice to people about this survey or the public hearings.	10/30/2022 3:59 PM
273	I spoke out at a public meeting opposing legalization of recreational cannibus. It was legalized anyway. This was a bad decision on the part of the City Council. Our city, and particularly our children, will be hurt by this decision.	10/30/2022 2:58 PM
274	Stop regulating businesses and then complain when their is no development. You have ordinances, follow them and don't change because all of the sudden the council doesn't like a certain business. The council is making business impossible to do in the city. Cannabis is here, embrace it and use the tax dollars that the city needs.	10/30/2022 12:26 PM
275	Some of these questions are very difficult to give a yes/no answer to. In general I favor allowing dispensaries to proliferate as state law allows.	10/30/2022 9:14 AM
276	No	10/30/2022 8:46 AM
277	We always have plans to benefit from these sins - marijuana, paradise, lottery, etc, to give back to community or for social equity, does not seem to work. Why use drug profit to help drug burdened areas. Seems like perpetuating a circle of drug use, dependence. Easy fixes are not always the best solution.	10/30/2022 8:44 AM
278	Need more dispensaries to get prices down. Competition is key. I want prices like I used to have in Las Vegas and Southern California.	10/30/2022 8:30 AM
279	No	10/30/2022 7:20 AM
280	There should be as many restrictions to purchase cannabis as there is alcohol.	10/30/2022 4:52 AM
281	I don't know if 5 is the right number of dispensaries, but I do think a number should be set akin to how liquor licenses are maintained. I also don't have issue with people being able to consume where they buy as we're currently allowing our distilleries and breweries to do the same. I just want to make sure smoking regulations that currently exist are consistently applied here.	10/30/2022 3:12 AM
282	The city should not regulate marijuana beyond the state regulations. The optics of this 'controversy' are that members of the city council are trying to protect Trinity's monopoly. That is more concerning than any discussion about whether we should have dispensaries at all.	10/30/2022 12:59 AM
283	Stop trying to leave money on the table and limit cannabis.	10/29/2022 11:35 PM
284	Prices should be lowered. It's been over 2 years and they are still very high. Especially when	10/29/2022 10:33 PM

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you compare it to Michigan or Colorado. Lower it and more people will buy. More people buying means more in tax revenue.

285	Prices need to be considered... State tax is too high.	10/29/2022 9:46 PM
286	Need more options. One company shouldn't have a monopoly of the Peoria area weed business.	10/29/2022 9:09 PM
287	I believe that restrauents,resorts and smoke shops that are cannabis inspired would benefit the community socially and financially.	10/29/2022 8:38 PM
288	Yes, make the taxes cheaper & overall prices. You WILL get rid of the Black Market as well as being in MAJOR REVENUE.	10/29/2022 8:08 PM
289	I think two dispensaries is enough.	10/29/2022 7:51 PM
290	No	10/29/2022 7:19 PM
291	No	10/29/2022 7:12 PM
292	Treat it the same as alcohol. Nothing more, nothing less.	10/29/2022 7:07 PM
293	Please end the monopoly that trinity has, and allowing delivery would be a huge help.	10/29/2022 7:03 PM
294	No	10/29/2022 6:56 PM
295	no	10/29/2022 6:35 PM
296	Restrict the selling of cannabis.....this is a drug...and it is dangerous in the streets and in automobiles effecting other people and bad for the brains of those using it....not in favor of this	10/29/2022 6:02 PM
297	No	10/29/2022 5:45 PM
298	Think of the revenue brought back to the city. Do liquor stores have location rules? Just food for thought.	10/29/2022 5:18 PM
299	No	10/29/2022 4:36 PM
300	no	10/29/2022 3:47 PM
301	Its way overdue to normalize responsible cannabis use and culture.	10/29/2022 2:45 PM
302	No	10/29/2022 2:34 PM
303	Na	10/29/2022 2:11 PM
304	No	10/29/2022 2:05 PM
305	No	10/29/2022 1:48 PM
306	Certain city counsel members should be fired	10/29/2022 12:50 PM
307	Wherever it's legal to sell cigarettes/tobacco vape products, it's incredibly hypocritical and asinine if you can't also sell cannabis, which unlike tobacco also helps people, including some cancer patients.	10/29/2022 11:44 AM
308	Freedom is the best policy. Many would agree that Peoria's Black community has struggled historically. They should be lifted up in this niche.	10/29/2022 11:13 AM
309	Doing the right thing would boost economic growth that Peoria is needing badly	10/29/2022 11:12 AM
310	What are other like-sized cities doing in regard to this issue?	10/29/2022 10:56 AM
311	It's more regulated than alcohol, and there seem to be far fewer problems with legal weed than with alcohol.	10/29/2022 10:48 AM
312	Apply same ordinances against liquor/alcohol sales to cannabis and be done with it. If it's good enough for alcohol why should cannabis be treated differently?	10/29/2022 10:33 AM
313	Remove the minimum distance from churches.	10/29/2022 10:31 AM
314	Since this drug will someday be considered as harmless as smoking cigarettes which are more harmful than marijuana. I believe the community should act appropriately for future expansion as needed. Consider the safety of all citizens when planning the zoning laws while allowing	10/29/2022 10:08 AM

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diversity and inclusivity. We need to keep our citizens educated and updated for the locations for these dispensaries; allow for changes as appropriate to the zoning laws. Thank you for your hard work in keeping Peoria safe and beautiful for our community.

315	We have dozens of liquor stores. We shouldn't stand in the way of business.	10/29/2022 9:47 AM
316	-	10/29/2022 9:34 AM
317	It's important to have competition in business to protect and engage consumers. Also, there are plenty of liquor stores around let's get more cannabis shops opened.	10/29/2022 9:31 AM
318	We can purchase alcohol everywhere. Stop the double standard with dispensaries. Marijuana is legal in our state and we do not need city council playing morality police.	10/29/2022 9:29 AM
319	No cap on dispensaries. Let the market decide. Let people grow at home recreationally.	10/29/2022 9:17 AM
320	There have been so many reasons giving for not supporting additional recreational dispensaries that have fallen on deaf ears. Is there really a point is listing them again?	10/29/2022 9:12 AM
321	No	10/29/2022 9:07 AM
322	Adding additional dispensaries will only help the current market, and increase the diversity of the community through new jobs and visitors to the area because of the new attractions. If any on site consumption is allowed, they should be through additional, off site consumption lounges.	10/29/2022 9:07 AM
323	Stop treating this different than alcohol. This is no different, we need more competition to lower prices. I am a medical patient and we have the highest prices in the entire country. Its a joke and by limiting this to only 2 dispensaries that are owed by the same company there is no reason to have competitive pricing.	10/29/2022 9:07 AM
324	These questions should also apply to alcohol sales. I think they should have equal distribution channels.	10/29/2022 8:55 AM
325	with the amount of revenue generated by these dispensaries, the city would be remiss to let that go; liquor stores aren't looked at in this severe of a manner and dispensaries shouldn't either; please let Peoria move in the right direction	10/29/2022 8:55 AM
326	Council should just let business happen in accordance with state law, and stay out of it.	10/29/2022 8:24 AM
327	Lower the taxes, let more people grow. Don't lock cannabis down to corporations only!	10/29/2022 8:22 AM
328	no	10/29/2022 8:11 AM
329	N/a	10/29/2022 8:08 AM
330	Peoria needs to acknowledge the trend that alcohol and tobacco use are on the decline while cannabis use, a statistically safer option, is increasing. Market competition of cannabis dispensaries in the area need to improve from the current monopolistic model we have with Trinity.	10/29/2022 8:05 AM
331	I think Peoria needs all the tax revenue it can get and people are definitely still smoking weed so might as well encourage them to buy it legally by making it more readily available. Also, I believe more dispensaries of (hopefully) different brands will create competition in the market and lower prices. High prices at dispensaries are the main reason people continue to buy weed from unlicensed dealers, and anything we can do to take business away from them is a good thing as well.	10/29/2022 7:57 AM
332	No	10/29/2022 5:56 AM
333	N	10/29/2022 12:11 AM
334	To date, I haven't heard of 1 case of school, church, or other distance regulation violation. Stop stigmatizing cannabis use or giving the impressions that somehow its immoral to consume the plant. Alcohol has damaged more lives and families and yet its use is fully supported. Use common sense and regulation and acceptance will come with ease.	10/28/2022 8:44 PM
335	On site consumption seems like a very bad idea. How will someone who has consumed get home. If they were to drive it seems they would be under the influence of the marijuana. The law already accommodates communities of color. Based on a number of news articles they don't want the legal sales in areas where they live.	10/28/2022 7:26 PM

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336	Have we forgotten that Cannabis has long been recognized as an introduction to drug useage?	10/28/2022 4:46 PM
337	Some provision needs to be made where dispensaries are equitably distributed geographically. Five are permitted? How about one per council district? Public cannabis consumption distances should parallel both cigarette and alcohol consumption. Front porch should be perfectly fine. Back yard? Fine. Having cannabis consumption venues should be considered in the same way that tobacco hookah lounges and what not exist. Appropriate ventilation to minimize second hand exposure is a must.	10/28/2022 4:30 PM
338	Tax and regulate alcohol into oblivion.	10/28/2022 4:28 PM
339	2 dispensaries are enough. No additional ones are necessary. The Trinity dispensary on Glen is too close to a school, in my opinion. What are the statistics on people driving "high" / in relation to accidents?	10/28/2022 3:48 PM
340	The more dispensaries you add and lower the cost, the less likely for someone over 21 years old to get in trouble for purchasing marijuana off the street.	10/28/2022 2:34 PM
341	The question is confusing. I do NOT believe any social group should benefit financially from the sale of canibas. No funds from these sales should go to anyone of color or socially disadvantaged status.	10/28/2022 11:35 AM
342	Competition benefits the consumer. I oppose excessive barriers to more competition. Cannabis consumption is a matter of personal freedom. Sure, don't put a dispensary right next to a school, but otherwise, what is the justification for any other limitations?	10/28/2022 10:35 AM
343	Peoria City Council should embrace the potential for hundreds of thousands of dollars in sales income, property tax income, and more relaxed citizens by allowing additional cannabis dispensaries. The older people on council are stuck in the mindset of Reefer Madness, while people rely on marihuana as a natural remedy for many medical ailments. Council should rely on legitimate research and not focus on the City turning into a crime center (which it already is) because of marihuana. People will buy and use marihuana regardless of the legality of it. So why not allow for more sales and make that much more in taxes? If additional licenses are denied, Peoria will once again miss the boat based on fear of something they don't understand. East Peoria has not turned into a crime syndicate since Paradise opened. The daily shootings that occur in Peoria are not related to marijuana. Instead of fighting against something that will improve the City as a whole, focus on crime prevention.	10/28/2022 10:14 AM
344	I think the recreational rules established or assumed should be similar to that of those similar to alcohol consumption and purchasing as it pertains to licensing and ordinances in Peoria.	10/28/2022 9:40 AM
345	I would like to see local owners selling locally produced product and supporting the community.	10/28/2022 9:18 AM
346	We're damaging a whole generation of minds. Thanks.	10/28/2022 9:09 AM
347	No different than liquor licenses, they are everywhere, let the market decide	10/28/2022 9:07 AM
348	We only need two of these. The same rules that apply to liquor stores should be applied to marijuana dispensaries.	10/28/2022 9:04 AM
349	If we don't have similar restrictions on E-cigarette/smoke shops/places that sell tobocca products/etc., then it seems unnecessary to have more restrictive standards on legal marijuana.	10/28/2022 8:38 AM
350	Alcohol is more harmful. Let's evolve our policies to reflect science, not beliefs.	10/28/2022 6:37 AM
351	allow city employees off site use	10/28/2022 2:39 AM
352	Needs to be outlawed altogether.	10/27/2022 11:07 PM
353	If it weren't for the revenue, the City of Peoria wouldn't be allowing marijuana dispensaries to proliferate like Loan Shark operations aka ' Payday Loan ' establishments and liquor stores. Also, there shouldn't be a double standard regarding the location of such establishments. If none are permitted within middle-class districts, they also should not be permitted within low-income districts.	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
354	Alcohol is proven to cause way more issues than weed. Yet we have lots of liquor stores and bars all over the city. So, why complicate things for weed? Let's make it as easily accessible as possible for those people of age.	10/27/2022 10:49 PM

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355	Councilman Grayeb is correct. The council is just making up things as they go along. You have already approved 5 dispensaries. Before adding any more, you should wait to see if those other 3 come to fruition because if they do and you approve the one on Route 91 then you will have 6 dispensaries which is too many for the size of this town. Also you are completely ignoring the mental health and crime component.	10/27/2022 8:34 PM
356	No	10/27/2022 5:44 PM
357	The social equity piece is essential. For decades brown and Black people have been criminalized for cannabis use and distribution; It is important that now the state has legalized this product, that the profits are fairly shared. Possibly with some type of subsidies for those who will not have the upfront capital.	10/27/2022 5:41 PM
358	No	10/27/2022 5:24 PM
359	Would be great to have local cultivators	10/27/2022 4:46 PM
360	I believe people are taking advantage of the use of this drug. There should be more strict laws to regulate the use of this drug while driving.	10/27/2022 4:15 PM
361	People who do not live in Peoria should not be allowed to own a dispensary in Peoria. Peoria does not need to earn the reputation of being a "pot town". No more dispensaries should be allowed in Peoria.	10/27/2022 3:58 PM
362	Don't ignore or forget how the free market picks winners and losers. Democrat run states, like Illinois, always want to over regulate and micromanage commerce. They can't help it.	10/27/2022 3:51 PM
363	I feel we should not have more than the 2 dispensaries we currently have. Peoria already has a bad reputation. Let's not add to that.	10/27/2022 3:42 PM
364	We do not need another dispensary. I don't care what people do in their homes, but I am tired of seeing people driving and smoking weed at the same time. I know it is weed because you can smell it.	10/27/2022 3:07 PM
365	The only limitations I believe need put in place are the same ones we put on liquor. Stores may sell, with ID, allowed ingestion locations with licensing just like bars. Alcohol is far more damaging and far less regulated. Cannabis consumption should not be more regulated than alcohol.	10/27/2022 2:24 PM
366	I think the two dispensaries we already have should be the max. The yes/no answer did not allow for that information. I also think they should have to be zoned farther from neighborhoods into heavily commercial areas like Grand Prairie and northwoods as opposed to small shopping centers surrounded by neighborhoods.	10/27/2022 1:49 PM
367	No	10/27/2022 1:46 PM
368	You should never allowed these in the first place. It was the greed of the politicians who couldn't wait to get their hands on the tax money it generated. The politicians forgot the damage to the youth of this city.	10/27/2022 1:39 PM
369	No	10/27/2022 1:35 PM
370	work on the pot holes, there should be as many dispensaries as the market will bare..... stay out of it	10/27/2022 1:35 PM
371	The City and the City Council look at issues based on money ... sometimes to the exclusion of other relevant factors --- public safety, healthy citizens, healthy families, neighborhood impacts ... please stop the insanity and using 'sin' tax to keep the city solvent. After all the pandemic money is spent, the city will be in the same sinking boat as city council, no matter, who is elected, thinks only for now -- like the grasshopper and doesn't think long term and prepare like the ant. Same cycle over and over again ... such a waste.	10/27/2022 1:32 PM
372	Please change the distance from 500' to 1500' or more. The dispensaries seem to be located in the less diverse areas of the city. Why are no dispensaries located downtown or in south town?	10/27/2022 1:29 PM
373	I am unhappy that I can't sit in my yard without smelling pot. The neighbors and cars driving by reek of pot smoke. I feel like I live in a drug den.	10/27/2022 12:53 PM
374	No more crime creating business in Peoria	10/27/2022 12:29 PM

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375	No	10/27/2022 12:09 PM
376	My biggest wish is for the City to prioritize and financially support those most impacted by the prior decades' "War on Drugs" who wish to obtain a license and run a dispensary.	10/27/2022 12:05 PM
377	Please make the policy as broad as possible. And make it easy to enforce for law enforcement/government departments. Don't try to re-criminalize it through zoning ordinances.	10/27/2022 11:58 AM
378	People who consume cannabis are just regular everyday people. Alcohol is far more intoxicating and damaging and is sold and hundreds of locations across town with little regulation. Cannabis dispensaries are safe and secured. If you haven't been to one and you're voting against dispensaries, I suggest you go and talk to a few people in line they are completely normal law-abiding citizens. Having travelled to many other states with significantly higher numbers of dispensaries, it does nothing to negatively impact the areas. Cannabis is expensive, the more it becomes available easily for purchase legally, the quicker the illegal products and dealers will become obsolete. We can no longer fight cannabis the time has come to end prohibition.	10/27/2022 11:51 AM
379	it is a highly regulated business at the state level. as a city, we should do what we can to foster ALL types of new businesses wanting to open or relocate to Peoria. Other businesses are found concentrated in certain areas. People can drink at bars and then drive home. They are their own responsibility. Let people make decisions and encourage business in Peoria.	10/27/2022 11:40 AM
380	The smoke stinks so bad ... and I smell it in traffic all the time ... I don't care that people use it ... I just HATE THE STINK!!!	10/27/2022 11:27 AM
381	If we don't allow it. East Peoria will welcome them with open arms	10/27/2022 11:26 AM
382	no	10/27/2022 11:21 AM