CANNABIS SURVEY STATISTICS

The online public survey was available for community input for over seven weeks from August 2 – September 22, 2017.

SURVEY RESPONSES

TOTAL SURVEY RESPONSES RECEIVED: 1,285

This survey had the highest amount of responses of all online surveys offered to date.

SURVEY RESULTS CHARTS

Q1: The City is considering allowing cash-free delivery (meaning that no money is exchanged in person) of recreational cannabis; delivery of medical cannabis is already allowed. Would you support allowing delivery of recreational cannabis in Redwood City?

28% Yes  
72% No

Q2: A wholesale cannabis storage/distribution center (a fulfillment center) could be needed in order to support delivery-only cannabis businesses. Should the City allow a cannabis storage/distribution center in an industrial or commercial location within the City limits?

29% Yes  
71% No
Q3: Per California State law, any regulation on smoking tobacco applies to cannabis. The City Council is considering a ban on smoking tobacco and cannabis in multifamily buildings such as apartments and condos. Would you support such a ban?

[Pie chart showing 61% Yes, 39% No]

Q4: If the City allows cannabis businesses to operate in the City of Redwood City, should it charge (medical and recreational cannabis businesses) a business license fee as it does with other businesses that operate in the City?

[Pie chart showing 95% Yes, 5% No]
Q5: Should the City impose a City sales tax on recreational cannabis delivery sales? (Note: by law, a sales tax cannot be applied to medical cannabis sales).

If your answer to question 5 was yes, should the tax be:

PROPOSED CANNabis REGULATIONS WEBSITE STATISTICS

**UNIQUE VISITS TO** [www.redwoodcity.org/cannabis](http://www.redwoodcity.org/cannabis)

Cannabis landing page: 3,527 unique visits

Cannabis FAQ page: 151 unique visits

**CANNAbis SURVEY SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH**

**ESTIMATED TOTAL REACH: 76,371**

Social media campaign included messaging posted to Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Nextdoor. Information was also shared through a blog post and the City’s weekly enews.
ENGLISH COMMENT THEMES

- Do not want to smell plants or smoke (of any kind – tobacco, cannabis, etc. anywhere). The city should place a ban on smoking in multi-family dwellings and in public areas. Many concerned specifically with children and secondhand smoke.
- Taxing cannabis would bring income to the City and the City should allow retail for even more tax revenue. The revenue should go mainly to schools.
- Restrictions should be the same as alcohol and cigarettes.
- Do not support cannabis at all. The side effects of cannabis are dangerous so it should not be permitted in Redwood City.
- Allow for medical use only. Medical cannabis users would like to be able to shop at a retail location in Redwood City, closer to home, so they don’t have to drive far.
- Do not support retail or distribution centers. Those who do support retail and/or distribution centers think they should not be in commercial areas, residential areas, or near schools – they should only be in industrial areas.
- The city should allow growing plants outside and should not put a limit on how many. Indoor growing can be expensive (electricity costs).
- Retail businesses they have seen are very professional, the City should allow retail shops like this.
- The state vote approved recreational cannabis so the City should not place any regulations.
- Allowing cannabis will drive the crime rate up.
- Concerned about people driving under the influence.
- Allowing cannabis in Redwood City will give the City a poor image.
- Do not support a ban in multifamily homes, instead, there should be more ventilation requirements to prevent smoke from penetrating into other units.
- Cannabis is a gateway drug.
- “It works in Colorado”
- The City should not allow for recreational cannabis because it is not federally legal.
- Concerned about minor use and the example recreational cannabis sets for children.
- Concerns that the tax on cannabis will not be enough to pay for police enforcement of the regulations.
- Colorado had negative outcomes so we should not allow the use of recreational cannabis. Redwood City needs more time to learn about consequences.
- There should be an emphasis on educating people about cannabis.
- It doesn’t make sense that the City would allow a ban on smoking in multi-family dwellings but allow delivery. Where would people who live in multi-family housing smoke the cannabis that was just delivered to them?
SPANISH COMMENT THEMES

- Prohibit smoking in multi-family residences or around homes, businesses, etc. to prevent second-hand smoke, especially for children.
- No cannabis should be allowed.
- Smoking cannabis sets a bad example for children.