



# THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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To: Mayor and Council  
Fr: Bill Bridgeo  
Da: October 16, 2018  
Re: Proposed Ordinance Regarding Medical Marijuana Caregivers Regulation

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Attached herewith is an amended agenda for Thursday, October 18, 2018. It suggests two proposed moratoria crafted by Corporation Counsel, Kristin Collins. The following narrative is from Matt Nazar regarding the subject explaining that it will take a bit more time to craft the comprehensive regulations contemplated during last week's meeting:

*In early May 2018 the City Council passed a moratorium regarding the establishment of medical marijuana caregiver retail stores and adult use marijuana retail or other commercial facilities. That moratorium is about to expire and should be extended to ensure that no uses are established prior to the City Council adopting specific regulations regarding these uses. And based on the work the Council has done in the past few months on the topic, it seems clear that some sort of regulation will be adopted within the next six months to manage the sales, manufacture, processing, commercial growing, and possibly private growing of marijuana in Augusta.*

*Given the discussion at last week's Council Informational Meeting, staff recommends that the moratorium be extended and additional language be adopted as proposed by Corporation Counsel related to caregivers. The language needed to address the Council's requests last week were too complex to be able to compile for this week's Council agenda. But adding caregivers to the moratorium to prevent additional caregivers from adding to the existing situation that the Council will regulate with future language is a step that can be taken this week.*

*I anticipate having language for the Council to review for next week's Informational meeting regarding medical marijuana caregivers that the Council can use as a starting point for additional discussion.*