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I just went through the exercise to provide comments to "Notice of Application for Marijuana Establishment License". The application is License Number 15304 and DBA The Grass Frontier. The address is 11730 Old Seward Hwy Anchorage, Alaska 99515.

I heard about the application from Steve and Nancy Beardsley of the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council. I went to the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office website to read the regulations and for a copy of the application. The appropriate regulations were simple to find. Finding the application by The Grass Frontier was extremely frustrating and was not available on line.

I finally found a link under "Marijuana FAQs and under public input questions. The question was how to locate all marijuana applications in my neighborhood. Instead of a map, the information is contained in a spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is a hard copy consisting of 13

pages with approximately 50 lines per page. It is NOT searchable and being unfamiliar with the application process, I searched all 600 plus lines to find basic information on application number 15304. There is no map to show the physical location of any application. I would be required to plot several hundred locations to determine where other applications are in my area.

I now attempted to find a copy of the application which I needed as I'm required by regulation to provide a copy of any comments to the applicant as well as the board and the MOA. I went to the link called License Search and manually entered the required information. The only answer was "No results were found".

Finally, I made a trip to the physical address at 11730 Old Seward Hwy Anchorage, Alaska 99515 to locate a copy of the notice with the applicant address. The regulations require a notice on the building and a notice in a conspicuous location in the area of the proposed premise. I finally found a copy of the notice on the inside of a window of the building. There was no notice in a conspicuous location near the building. On December 11, I returned to the building and found the Notice removed.

I check the regulations and found the Notice only needs to present for 10 days of the required 30-day notice period.

If I had waited until Dec.11 to physically check the building, I would be unable to provide the required copy of my notice to the applicant as the State website failed to provide a copy of the application with applicant's address. Thus, I would be unable to send copies of the Notice as required by the regulations and my comments would be legally inadmissible.

I filed my comments to the State, business email address and the MOA. The email to the applicant was returned as undeliverable.

I talked to Ryan Yelle (MOA associate planner in the Zoning and platting section). He clarified a number of issues for me. The MOA also has an outstanding map showing all Marijuana applications in the MOA boundaries that the State has sent to the MOA. Only completed applications are forwarded to the MOA.

MY issues are:

First of all, it appears this application is not complete even though the public only has 30 days from the notice date of the application (November 22, 2017). Legally there is no application until it is complete and accepted. This appears to be the reason why I was unable to find a copy of the application showing the address of the applicant. The public should not be required to comment on an uncomplete application as the applicant can significantly modify the application at any time after the public comment period is over.

The public comment period should NOT start before the application is complete.

The State should be required to provide an on-line map showing the physical locations of all applications. The map should link to basic information about each application. Basic information would include at a minimum a copy of the completed application and status of the granting process. The MOA map is an excellent example of a map that serves the public. The MOA map allows the public to make informed comments.

The Notice must be posted for the entire 30-day comment period and not for a minimum of 10 days per the reguations.

The MOA should limit the number of number of marijuana businesses and locations in the MOA similar to the taxi cab industry. There should be special zoning for the marijuana industry.

These are the major issues I have with the process which prevent the public from making informed and timely comments.

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