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THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION HOSTS LISTENING SESSION FOR MARIJUANA MANUFACTURING FACILITIES

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. March 13, 2023 – During the regular City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., Grand Junction will host a listening session for the community regarding businesses focused on the manufacture of cannabis products intended for smoking, or other consumption such as edible products, ointments, and tinctures. The listening session will include a brief presentation by city staff on potential regulations as well as an outline of a potential licensing process. Community members are welcome to speak during the listening session. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, a [virtual option is available.](#)

These businesses are required to have both a state license and a local license to be a “Product Manufacturer” and may vary widely in terms of their products and processes. They may also involve hazardous materials. These businesses may generate jobs, depending on the type of product being manufactured, the scale of the operation, and the degree of automation. There is no sales or excise tax on manufactured cannabis products.

As a component of licensure, as well as a process pertinent to any business operation in the city, land use and its related impacts (e.g. noise, odor, traffic) are primary considerations related to cannabis product manufacturer businesses. Unlike retail cannabis businesses, cannabis product manufacturers are primarily light industrial in function. Recommendations for regulating this land use were discussed with Planning Commission at a series of workshops in early 2021 and included at that time, the requirement that businesses be limited to areas where general manufacturing and manufacturing of food products are allowed, depending on the nature of the specific business, to include I-O (Industrial – Office), I-1 (Light Industrial), I-2 (General Industrial), and C-2 (General Commercial) zone districts.

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