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Legalized Marijuana Regulations

Initiate proceedings to amend Chapter 25 (Business License), Chapter 110 (Development Code) and Chapter 53 (Public Safety)

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Initiation of Marijuana Regulations

- **Currently operating under Temporary Regulations**
 - Expire July 1, 2018
- **Adoption of Permanent State Regulations** (expected spring 2018)
 - Process started August 2017
 - Only medical marijuana facilities through November of 2018 can apply for recreational (including 6 dispensaries in unincorporated Washoe County.)
- **Permanent Regulations for Washoe County**
 - Team of 20 members drafting regulations
 - Similar timeline as City of Reno and City of Sparks



Policy Direction Permanent Regulations

- Five guiding principles for implementation of legalized marijuana (Approved BCC – August 2017)

I. Extent and impact of legalized marijuana in unincorporated Washoe County

II. Accountability

III. Regional Parity and Equity

IV. Extent of Public Participation

V. Simplicity, streamline processes, streamline code



Policy Direction Permanent Regulations

- **Board Direction December 2017**
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 - Confirm key components of proposed regulations.
 - Initiate amendments to Chapter 25, Chapter 110, and Chapter 53



Key Marijuana BCC Policy I

Extent and impact of legalized marijuana in unincorporated Washoe County



BCC Policy: Address traffic, public safety, visual, air quality and other direct impacts on neighborhood communities by limiting the extent and impact of legalized marijuana in unincorporated Washoe County



Key Marijuana BCC Policy II

Accountability



BCC Policy: Acknowledge the role of State partners and local jurisdictions in the governance and enforcement of legalized marijuana. Industry should pay for the direct and indirect costs of legalized marijuana.



Key Marijuana Policy III

Regional Parity and Equity



BCC Policy: Partner with local jurisdictions to ensure streamlined policy and review process, but consider unique needs of unincorporated Washoe County.



Key Marijuana Policy IV

Extent of Public Participation



BCC Policy: Ensure transparency and consideration for public, feedback during the code review process and mimic other similar licenses (liquor).



Key Marijuana Policy V

Simplicity, streamline processes, streamline code



BCC Policy: Streamline and simplify processes to treat medical and recreational marijuana in the same manner and ensure clarity in the review process.



Draft Regulations Key Components

- Single licensure of medical and recreational facilities
- 3% license fee, recoup all costs for compliance inspections and licensing, and review options for application fees
- Do not allow for public use lounges or other similar facilities

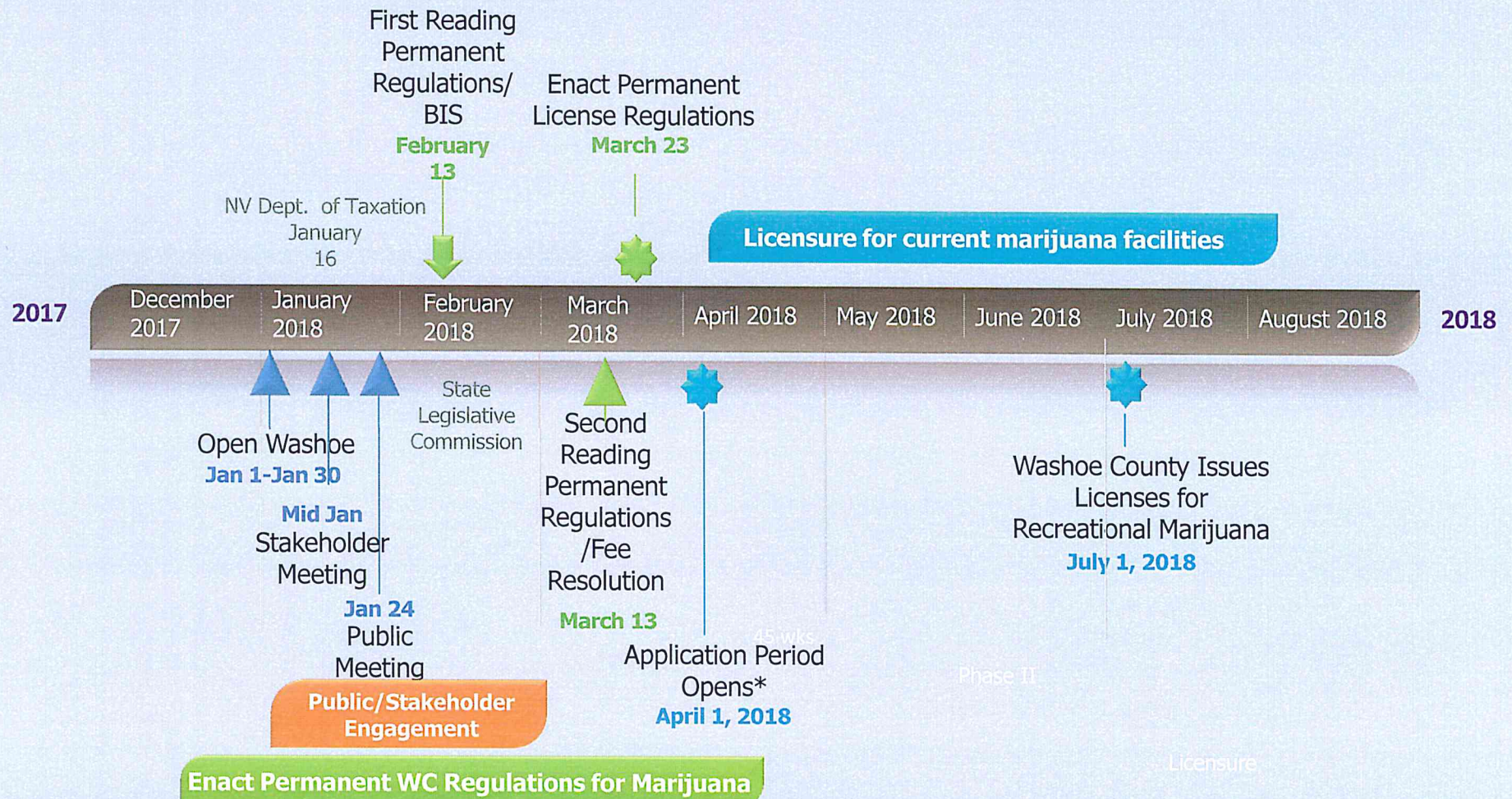


Staff Direction

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Marijuana Implementation Timeline



*Per state regulations, applications for recreational marijuana between July 1, 2018 and November 2018 are only available to medical marijuana facilities that are in good standing and meet Nevada Department of Taxation licensing/submission requirements.