



Unincorporated Washoe County Legalized Marijuana Regulations

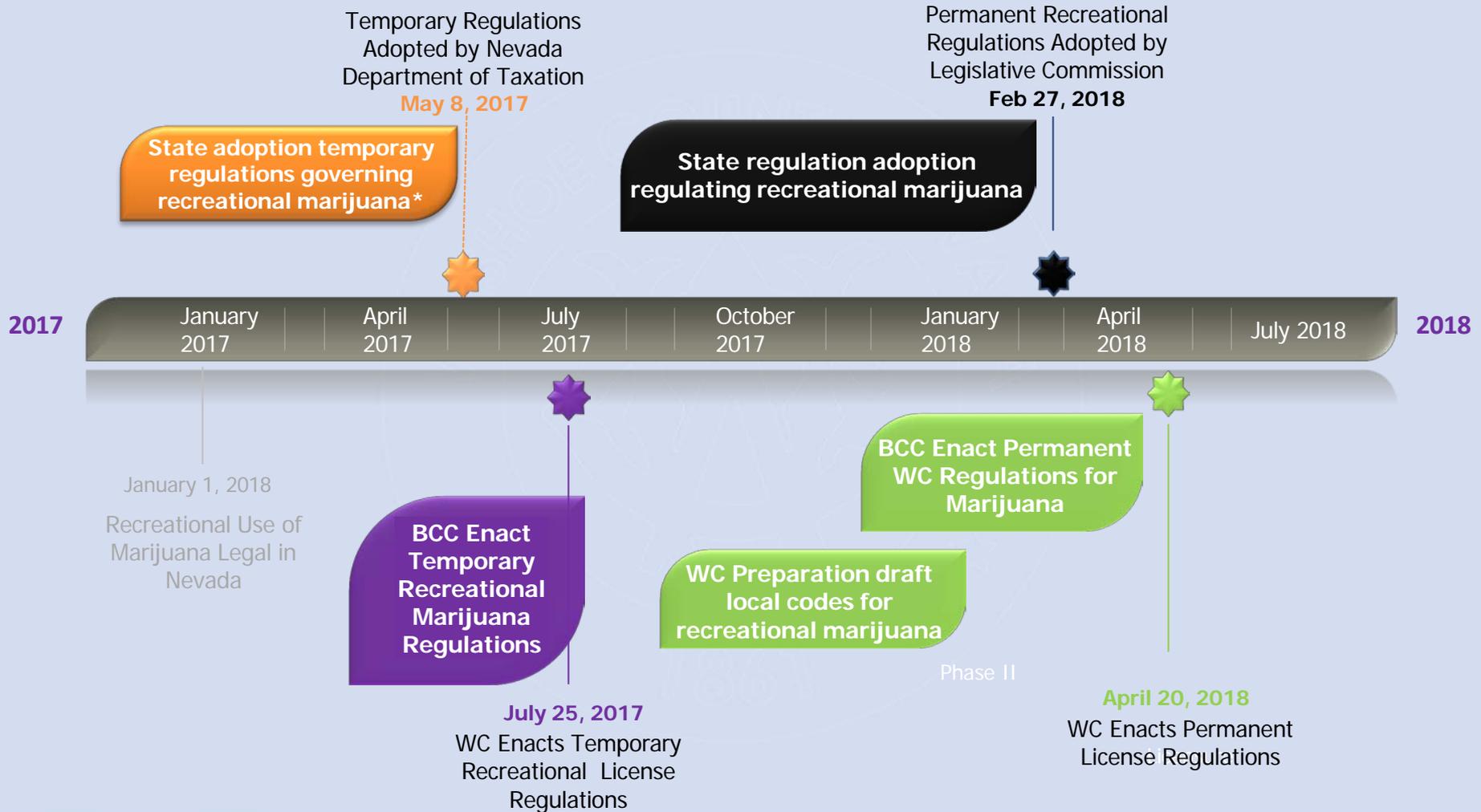
Overview of Medical and Recreational Marijuana

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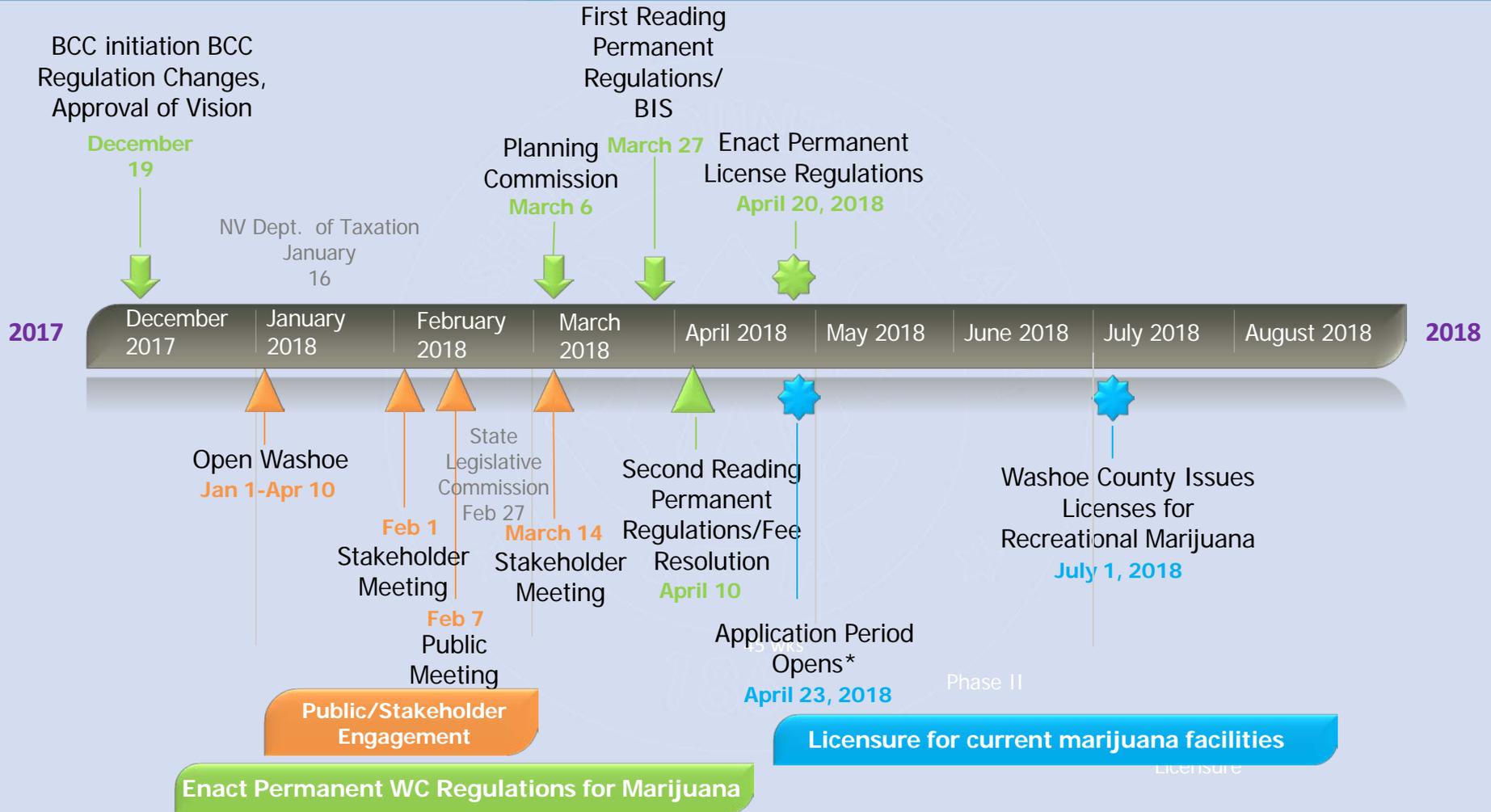
Marijuana Code Amendment Journey



**Washoe County Commissioners have considered implementation of marijuana a priority with over 10 board presentations since 2013.



Marijuana WC 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. Washoe County will be fast tracking applications for 2018.



Board Approved Vision

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.

II. Accountability

BCC Policy: Acknowledge the role of state partners and local jurisdictions in the governance and enforcement of legalized marijuana; and, industry should pay for the direct and indirect costs of legalized marijuana (ie. *maximize revenue*).

III. Regional Parity and Equity

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

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).

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 process.





Board Approved Focus Areas

1. Single licensure of medical and recreational facilities
2. 3% license fee, recover all costs for compliance inspections and licensing, and review options for charging marijuana establishment specific application fees
3. Do not allow for public use lounges (social consumption) or other similar facilities for public consumption





Incorporating Feedback

• Process

- Education: Role State/Local Government
- 350 responses online
- 24+ participants at public/industry meetings
- Comments from last 2 years

• Public

- Reinforced the Board's direction
- Continue education effort to clarify roles and responsibilities of state and local government in regulating marijuana
- Education: protecting the vulnerable populations, public health and public safety

• Industry

- Flexible payment options
- Enable expanded hours of operation,
- Sheriff Office Registration Card Extension, and
- Future discussion social consumption lounges



Washoe County and Legalized Marijuana
Washoe County is responsible for creating and adopting codes that meet the minimum state laws to regulate legalized marijuana for zoning, business licensing, and public safety.

The Role of Local Government in Marijuana:
Local governments create their own codes as long as they meet the minimum laws set by the State of Nevada. Local codes address:

- Zoning: where a business can be located considering state law.
- Business Licensing: including fees, hours of operation and look & feel of the business.
- Public safety: security requirements and local law enforcement.

The Role of State Government in Marijuana:
The State sets minimum laws for local jurisdictions to follow, including:

- The number of marijuana retail stores/dispensaries within all of Washoe County.
- Accepts applications and licenses the establishments. State licensing includes review of the facilities' security, public health, signage content, and public safety among others.
- Issues medical use cards and sets the age restrictions for marijuana.
- Approves signage content and product packaging.
- Approves the type of marijuana product that can be sold.



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Report as of March 6, 2018



Questions from the Public

- Home Delivery
- Where does the money go?
- Public Safety concerns (45% of responses related to public safety)





Public Safety Concerns

- Education
- Underage Use
- Impaired Driving

