

Caption: Makes marijuana offenses lowest City law enforcement priority, with exceptions. (10)

Question: Shall City make adult marijuana-related offenses the lowest law enforcement priority, with certain exceptions, and establish citizen oversight committee? (20)

Summary: The measure adopts a City ordinance making law enforcement activities relating to adult marijuana-related offenses the City's lowest law enforcement priority. Lowest priority does not apply to specified marijuana offenses relating to minors, specified offenses occurring on public property, private property or near businesses, driving under the influence of marijuana, or offenses occurring within 1,000 feet of schools. Affected law enforcement activities include investigation, citation, arrest, property seizure, prosecution assistance and cooperation with state and federal agencies. The City could not accept funds to be used for enforcing adult marijuana-related offenses. The measure creates a citizen oversight committee to aid implementation of measure, collect grievances and report to City Council. The measure requires Portland Police and other agencies enforcing marijuana laws to submit reports to citizen committee and requires citing or arresting officers to submit reports to citizen committee after arrest, citation or property seizure for marijuana-related offenses. The Mayor must send an annual letter to voters and federal and state officials describing the City measure and requesting federal and state action. (175)