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## DISCUSSION ITEMS (April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

### Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

- Requirements for licenses
- Application process
- Fees
- Public Hearing
- Guidelines for decision making
- Inspections
- Enforcement
- Renewal process/requirements

**Background** – As with other discussions on this subject, a brief update on what is occurring at the state level will be provided by Kathryn Sellars during the meeting. In addition to this, Kathryn has provided the latest detailed memo commenting on the many subjects for this discussion. Many of the items overlap and may be reflected that way in the memo.

When looking at what would be in the application, the memo reflects a wide range of possibilities that are available to the City Council. This list does not mean all of these items need to be in the application but are presented to allow the City Council to look at options. Two significant areas for discussion will be the review process for the application as well as fees.

For application review, two options are presented for the Council, application review and permit approval by the City staff or by the City Council. Many communities have developed the regulations and positioned that if the applicant meets all requirements, the permit can be approved by the municipal staff. An application would only go to the Council on appeal of either the denial of an application or the conditional approval of an application (and the applicant does not agree with the conditions). The other option, which is Council review and approval, is written in the way that a liquor license is reviewed and approved by a Liquor Licensing Authority (in Ouray, the City Council).

The other discussion has to do with fees. Fee amounts are not discussed here in the memo, but it is suggested by the staff that there be a separate fee for the application process, for the permit, and then a fee for renewal.