RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE: *PUBLIC SAFETY HEALTH AND WELFARE*

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OBJECTIVES OF ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

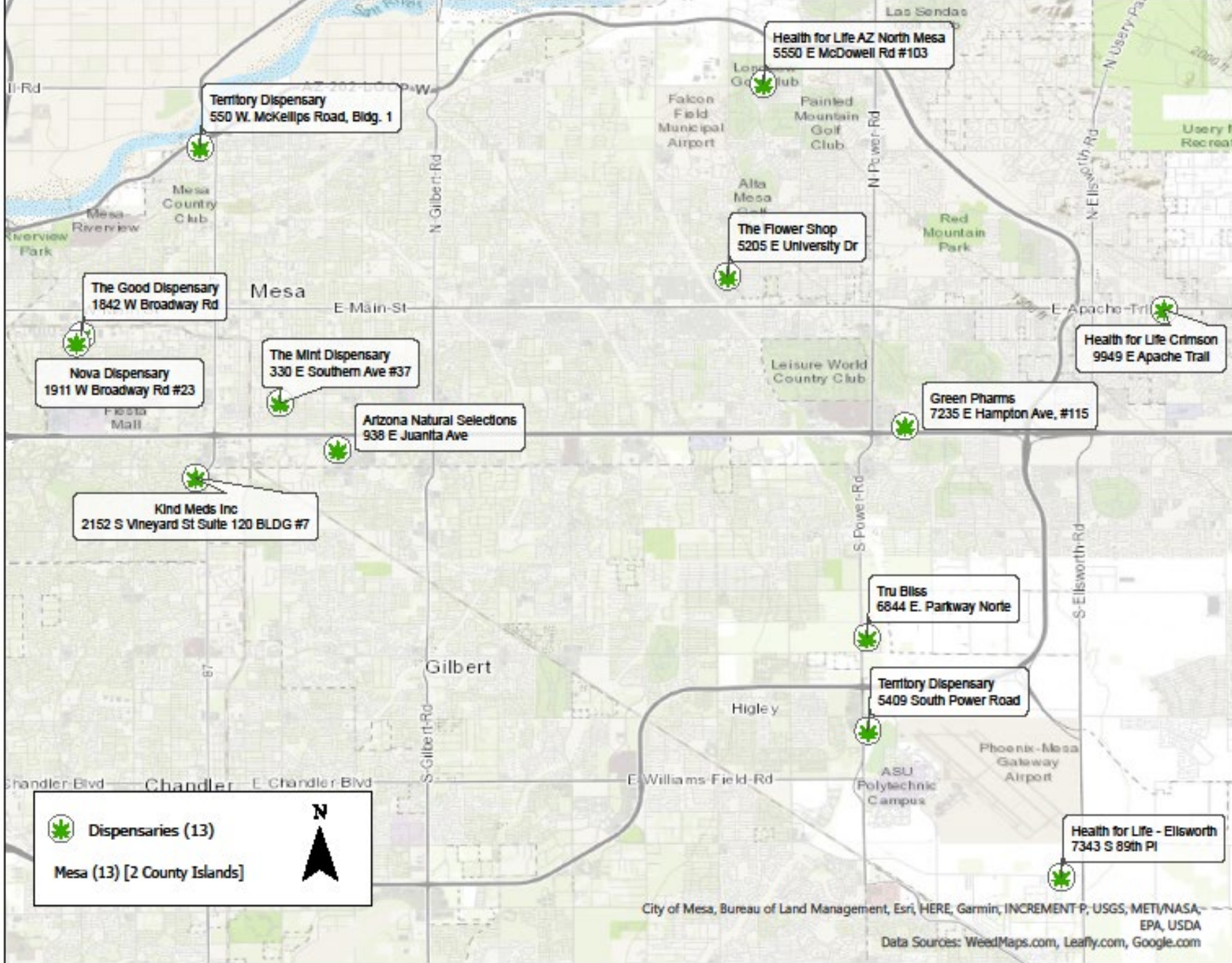
1. Crime Mitigation Strategy
2. Ensure Safety of Residents and Motoring Public
3. Maintain Quality of Life
4. Minimize Impact on Public Safety Response

"SMART AND SAFE ARIZONA ACT" PROPOSITION 207

Authorizes cities and towns in part to:

1. Prohibit recreational marijuana retail establishments or marijuana testing facilities or both, with the exception for entities that hold a dual license to operate a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary and a recreational marijuana retail establishment cooperatively at a shared location. A.R.S. 36-2857(A)(2)
2. Prohibit and regulate consumption of marijuana or marijuana products on City property. A.R.S. 36-2851(9)
3. Prohibit or restrict delivery of recreational marijuana within its jurisdiction. 36-2857(A)(6)

MESA MARIJUANA FACILITIES



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A SNAPSHOT

- In 2019, burglary or attempted burglary accounted for 57% of marijuana industry-related offenses. Theft accounted for another 10% of all marijuana industry-related offenses.
- There were 22 violent offenses related to the marijuana industry for every 244 violent offenses overall.
- Marijuana business make up less than 1% off all businesses in Denver, but account for approximately 10% of all reported business burglaries.

PROPOSITION 207

Does not:

1. Allow any person to "smoke marijuana in a public or open space." A.R.S. 36-2851(8)(a)
2. Allow any person to "consume marijuana or marijuana products" in a vehicle. A.R.S. 36-2851(8)(b)
3. Restrict the ability of any person or business from prohibiting or regulating marijuana or marijuana product consumption on their property. A.R.S. 36-2851(7)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE: TITLE 6, CHAPTER 25

- Prohibits recreational marijuana retail establishments except those who hold both a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary registration and a recreational marijuana retail license at a shared location. MCC 6-25-4
- Prohibits marijuana testing facilities. MCC 6-25-5
- Prohibits marijuana use, sale, possession on City property. MCC 6-25-3
- Prohibits recreational marijuana delivery. MCC 6-25-6
- Prohibits consuming marijuana on private property where notice has been provided. MCC 6-25-7
- Prohibits consuming marijuana in vehicles. MCC 6-25-8
- Penalty:
  - A violation of this chapter is a petty offense (fine only) to be adjudicated in the Mesa Municipal Court