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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SESSION  
ON  
THURSDAY, December 2, 2021  
AT  
10:00 A.M.

Questions, concerns or comments about these items can be directed  
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## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Anthony Quaranta <anthony\_quaranta@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 23, 2021 7:55 PM  
**To:** Mary Starrett; berschaur1@co.yamhill.or.us; Casey Kulla; BOC Info  
**Cc:** savechehalemmountain@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Regarding Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana: Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Date: 11/23/21

Dear Chair Starrett, Vice Chair Berschauer and Commissioner Kulla, I reside at 22820 SW Holly Hill Rd\_in Yamhill County and am writing to voice my support of the implementation of Marijuana Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Regulations in Yamhill County.

I have observed Yamhill counties haphazard implementation of Marijuana growing operations. There is currently a facility at 23700 Bald Peak Rd (among others) on top of Bald Peak that uses grow lights throughout the year taking water that is already limited from the top of Chehalem Mountain range. I often leave in the morning only to find one lane blocked by a semi-truck without flangers. I am then forced to go around a semi-truck near a steep drop off. We have had many occasions where the fire department is called from Beaverton, McMinnville, Sherwood and other surroundings because their lights look like the whole place is on fire against the clouds. Wasting valuable resources. This is the type of safety violations we will see because they don't feel the laws apply to them. Additionally we have seen a significant drop in our water supply that is predicted to dry our well up in the coming years. While I am not opposed to Marijuana growing or processing it needs to be done in a regulated manner on industrially zoned land. Not in neighborhoods with families. The 2020 fires were less than a mile from our home. With manufacturing facilities and lack of fire suppression, a grow/processing plant will only serve to impede fire control. This puts the lives of everyone on Chehalem Mountain at an unnecessary risk. I feel the responsibility is on your shoulders to ensure the communities safety.

In November 2014, the majority of Yamhill County citizens voted against allowing any recreational marijuana production, processing, wholesaling or retailing in unincorporated Yamhill County (18,720-NO to 18,660-YES). The Commissioners at that time chose not to implement marijuana regulations with the authority they had under HB3400 and rather took a "let's just wait and see" approach. The County uses its Site Design Review process to try to minimize the impacts to neighbors in our EFU-20-40-80-acre zones for recreational marijuana and provides NO regulations for medical marijuana.

Since that time, our rural communities have been subjected to overwhelming odors, noise, increased traffic, no required setbacks, marijuana operations on small lots, abuse of easement road use, multiple licenses on a single tract of land, intimidating fencing and security cameras, extreme exterior lights and constant greenhouse lights, and major concerns about water availability in limited groundwater areas. Most importantly Yamhill County is allowing dangerous marijuana chemical extraction processing labs to operate in our rural farming communities, creating potential fire hazards in vulnerable areas with limited water and emergency responder access. Chemical processing facilities belong in industrial zones, not on a heavily wooded rural property.

We ask the Commissioners to protect its citizens by adopting marijuana regulations that safeguard public health and safety, quality of life, and property values.

Sincerely,

Your Name, Address, Email address, Phone number We would like to thank Chair Starrett for bringing our concerns regarding marijuana regulations to a work session for further discussion with the other Commissioners and staff.

Very Respectfully,  
Anthony Quaranta  
USMC retired

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Tricia Pleus <triciapleus@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2021 3:32 PM  
**To:** BOC Info; Mary Starrett; BOC Info; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla  
**Cc:** BOC Info; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla; SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Marijuana Regulations in Yamhill county- please limit marijuana processing and growth  
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[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

### Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana: Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

Dear Chair Starrett, Vice Chair Berschauer and Commissioner Kulla, I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ 23630 Larkin Road \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_ Yamhill \_\_\_\_\_ County and am writing to voice my support of the implementation of Marijuana Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Regulations in Yamhill County.

I am concerned first about the smell of the marijuana in our area. With Yamhill county being in the valley, much of the terrible odor of the plants, especially during harvest has made in in bearable for our family to have our windows open as the smell not only permeates our neighborhood but also infiltrates our homes with air flow. It is a shame that these producers are making it unpleasant to live in our area. Also I'm concerned about the other impacts these operations have on local property owners. I'm appalled the county did not step in years ago to regulate these operations! It is time for the county board members to listen to the concerns of residents here in Yamhill regarding all the negative impacts these operations have brought into our area. Not only does the county need to ban further operations, but it also needs to eliminate the ones that have already been granted access into our county.

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We ask the Commissioners to protect its citizens by adopting marijuana regulations that safeguard public health and safety, quality of life, and property values.

Sincerely,  
Tricia Pleus  
23630 Larkin Rd  
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503-349-5720

I would like to thank Chair Starrett for bringing our concerns regarding marijuana regulations to a work session for further discussion.

Sent from my iPhone  
Tricia Pleus

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Deb <mlogrl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 9:50 AM  
**To:** Mary Starrett; Casey Kulla; Lindsay Berschauer; BOC Info  
**Cc:** SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Marijuana time and place

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Nov. 30, 2021

Regarding Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana: Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations  
Dear Chair Starrett, Vice Chair Berschauer and Commissioner Kulla, I reside at 24395 NE Happy Hill Lane in Yamhill County and am writing to voice my support of the implementation of Marijuana Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Regulations in Yamhill County.

We are very concerned about maintaining the wells and mountain water. We have seen record summer heat and droughts here and this will only get worse. Households need to be able to rely on their well water and not be in fear of their wells going dry. In addition to the fear of more mountain fires which still scares us after being evacuated. We do not need to add additional danger to our mountain by allowing marijuana processing sites. These marijuana processing sites also produce run off and chemicals that our dangerous to our environment.

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Sincerely,  
Stefan and Debbie Faghi  
24395 NE Happy Hill Lane  
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Sent from my iPad

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Jim Miller <jimmi119@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 12:54 PM  
**To:** Mary Starrett; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla; BOC Info  
**Cc:** SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

30 November 2021

Regarding Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana: Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

Dear Chair Starrett, Vice Chair Berschauer and Commissioner Kulla,

I reside at 19314 SW Neugebauer Rd, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123 in Washington County and am writing to voice my support of the implementation of Marijuana Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Regulations in Yamhill County.

We live about 2 miles directly north of the proposed marijuana processing facility at 18505 SW Jaquith Road in rural Yamhill County. We are very concerned that the County has not established TPM Regulations, thus putting our property at extreme risk. We are most concerned with the risk of woodland fire due to the transporting, use, emissions, and mishandling of extremely flammable liquids in rural and heavily wooded areas. Our home is located about 3/4-miles north of the 2020 Bald Peak Fire, which, incidentally, was about a mile from the proposed Jaquith processing facility. We have seen how quickly fire can spread in rural, wooded areas. Imagine the catastrophe that could occur if there were a woodland fire affecting the proposed facility. We encourage you to implement safe and sensible TPM Regulations that do not allow placement of these processing facilities in vulnerable areas like ours.

We are also concerned about the effect of the proposed facility on the Chehalem Mountain Groundwater Limited Area. Our domestic well is within this area. The property owners of 18505 Jaquith are proposing to build a well and irrigate a large crop of marijuana and related products which could undermine the productivity of ours and other local residents' wells, and affect the senior water rights. If enough water is allowed to be used from this well, it could seriously affect our well.

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We ask the Commissioners to protect its citizens by adopting marijuana regulations that safeguard public health and safety, quality of life, and property values. We would like to thank Chair Starrett for bringing our concerns regarding marijuana regulations to a work session for further discussion with the other Commissioners and staff.

Sincerely,  
James P. Miller  
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## Carolina Rook

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**From:** liley Thompson <liley.thompson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 2:43 PM  
**To:** Mary Starrett; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla; BOC Info;  
SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

11/30/21

RE: Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana: Implementing Marijuana Time, Place and Manner Regulations

Dear Chair Starrett, Vice Chair Berschauer and Commissioner Kulla:

I reside at 22485 SW Schmeltzer Road in Washington County and am writing to support the implementation of the Marijuana Time, Place and Manner (TPM) regulations in Yamhill County. Our address and home is close enough to the Yamhill county border that we can walk there. It's a beautiful area full of forested property and a vast array of wildlife.

We became aware some time ago that a Marijuana processing operation was looking to locate in our area. While I believe it may be a personal choice to use it, I also believe it requires thought and risk analysis in order to make an educated decision around a manufacturing operation. There has to be a greater good taken into consideration.

We live in an area that isn't without risk. We chose to live here understanding there would be potential hardships that were weather related, potential natural fire risks, and acts of nature that could cause some inconveniences. What we did not expect was to be exposed to what seems like are unnecessary risks. Why a facility that increases fire danger in a limited access area, reduces natural water tables for commercial use, and is managed by individuals that have no issue breaking laws is being accepted, seems unbelievable to us. It is not a stretch to say that the risks outweigh the rewards. A chemical processing lab using highly flammable materials has no business in an area that would be devastated by an accidental fire. It belongs in an industrial zone where proper guidelines and safety protocols are in place to handle what will inevitably happen.....an accident with potentially millions in damages, let alone homes and property that will be ruined.

We're hoping that reason prevails and our voices up here will be heard. Please protect us. Look at the history of the industry, the history of their management team and please don't allow this facility to be opened up here.

Sincerely,

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## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Nori Anderson <nanders1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 3:11 PM  
**To:** srarrettm@co.yamhill.or.us; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla; BOC Info  
**Cc:** SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com  
**Subject:** TPM regulations

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

November 30, 2021

Regarding Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana: Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

Dear Chair Starrett, Vice Chair Berschauer and Commissioner Kulla,

We reside at 21230 SW McCormick Hill Rd in Yamhill County and are writing to voice our support of the implementation of Marijuana Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Regulations in Yamhill County.

We have serious concerns for the aquifer stability and fire danger if regulations aren't put into place to protect the community from disuse by the marijuana industry in our county.

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Sincerely,

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