

I-502 Local Implementation

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LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF I-502 (Recreational Marijuana)

Background: Washington voters approved Initiative 502 in November 2012 setting up a legal system to tax and regulate marijuana for recreational use. Cities and counties were given authority to pass additional zoning regulations. Cities have final authority granting licensing for marijuana businesses, following state approval.

Project: The Center collected data on the *75 most populous cities* in Washington to examine how local governments have handled I-502 implementation legislatively.

Definitions:

ZONED: City council passed legislation zoning areas where marijuana businesses could apply or updated the Municipal Code recognizing recreational marijuana.

MORATORIUM: City council passed legislation putting a hold on accepting marijuana licenses. These ranged from 6-12 months.

BANNED: City passes legislation banning marijuana businesses until the drug is approved federally or officials have threatened to ban.

NO ACTION: Cities took no legislative action, will treat marijuana businesses like any other business or simply expands medical marijuana laws to recreational.

	# of cities	%	Population Impacted ¹
ZONED	22	29%	1,752,977
MORATORIUM	36	48%	1,518,536
BANNED	3	4%	119,081
NO ACTION	14	19%	465,285
Total	75	100%	3,855,879

Key Findings:

- 48% of surveyed cities have implemented moratoriums on accepting any marijuana related business licenses.
- At least 1.5 million Washington residents will be impacted by local moratoriums or bans.
- There are very few cities that Zoned or chose No Action in southern Washington.
- 3 cities have banned marijuana business all together.

¹ Population data is from the estimated 2012 population from the US Census Bureau http://www.census.gov/popest/data/cities/totals/2011/files/SUB-EST2011_ALL.csv

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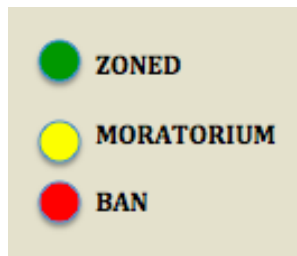
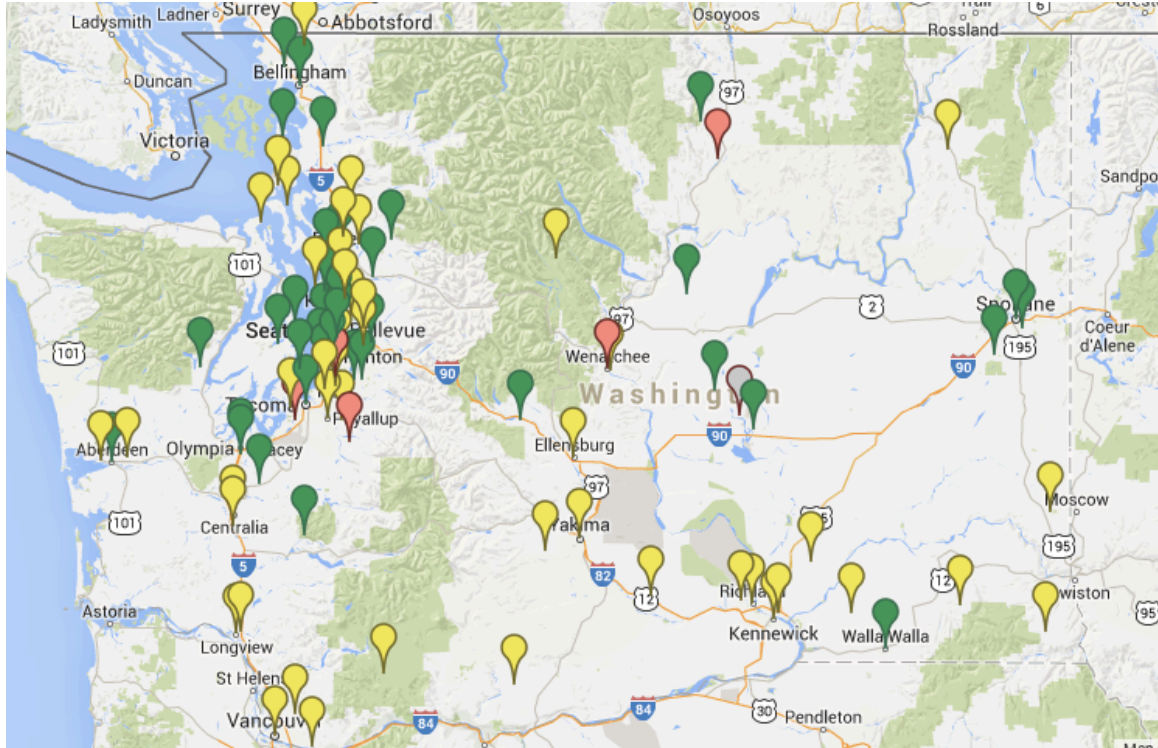
	City	County	Est. Population	Status
1	Seattle	King	634,535	ZONED
2	Spokane	Spokane	209,525	ZONED
3	Tacoma	Pierce	202,010	ZONED (Interim)
4	Vancouver	Clark	165,489	MORATORIUM (retail)
5	Bellevue	King	126,439	ZONED
6	Kent	King	122,999	MORATORIUM
7	Everett	Snohomish	104,655	ZONED
8	Renton	King	95,448	MORATORIUM
9	Yakima	Yakima	93,101	MORATORIUM
10	Federal Way	King	91,933	MORATORIUM
11	Spokane Valley	Spokane	90,641	NO ACTION
12	Bellingham	Whatcom	82,234	ZONED
13	Kennewick	Benton	75,971	MORATORIUM
14	Auburn	King/Pierce	73,505	MORATORIUM
15	Pasco	Franklin	65,398	MORATORIUM
16	Marysville	Snohomish	62,402	MORATORIUM
17	Lakewood	Pierce	58,852	BANNED
18	Redmond	King	56,561	MORATORIUM
19	Shoreline	King	54,352	NO ACTION
20	Richland	Benton	51,440	MORATORIUM
21	Kirkland	King	50,697	NO ACTION
22	Burien	King	49,410	ZONED (Interim)
23	Sammamish	King	49,069	MORATORIUM
24	Olympia	Thurston	47,698	ZONED (Interim)
25	Lacey	Thurston	43,860	NO ACTION
26	Edmonds	Snohomish	40,400	MORATORIUM
27	Bremerton	Kitsap	39,251	NO ACTION
28	Puyallup	Pierce	38,147	MORATORIUM
29	Longview	Cowlitz	36,458	MORATORIUM
30	Lynnwood	Snohomish	36,275	MORATORIUM
31	Bothell	King/Sno	34,651	NO ACTION
32	Issaquah	King	32,633	MORATORIUM
33	Wenatchee	Chelan	32,562	BANNED
34	Mount Vernon	Skagit	32,287	NO ACTION
35	Walla Walla	Walla Walla	31,864	ZONED (Interim)
36	University Place	Pierce	31,562	MORATORIUM
37	Pullman	Whitman	31,359	MORATORIUM
38	Des Moines	King	30,449	ZONED
39	Lake Stevens	Snohomish	29,104	MORATORIUM

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40	SeaTac	King	27,667	BANNED
41	Maple Valley	King	24,171	ZONED
42	Mercer Island	King	23,661	NO ACTION
43	Bainbridge Island	Kitsap	23,263	MORATORIUM (producers)
44	Oak Harbor	Island	22,260	MORATORIUM
45	Kenmore	King	21,280	NO ACTION
46	Moses Lake	Grant	21,182	ZONED
47	Mukilteo	Snohomish	20,605	ZONED
48	Camas	Clark	20,490	MORATORIUM
49	Mountlake Terrace	Snohomish	20,198	ZONED
50	Tukwila	King	19,611	ZONED
51	Port Angeles	Clallam	19,056	NO ACTION
52	Mill Creek	Snohomish	18,671	MORATORIUM
53	Ellensburg	Kittitas	18,348	MORATORIUM
54	Arlington	Snohomish	18,317	MORATORIUM
55	Covington	King	18,298	ZONED (Interim)
56	Tumwater	Thurston	18,102	ZONED
57	Battle Ground	Clark	18,044	NO ACTION
58	Bonney Lake	Pierce	17,964	MORATORIUM
59	Monroe	Snohomish	17,503	ZONED (Interim)
60	Aberdeen	Grays Harbor	16,529	ZONED (Interim)
61	Centralia	Lewis	16,505	MORATORIUM
62	Sunnyside	Yakima	16,054	MORATORIUM
63	Anacortes	Skagit	15,928	MORATORIUM
64	Washougal	Clark	14,584	NO ACTION
65	East Wenatchee	Douglas	13,439	MORATORIUM
66	Lake Forest Park	King	12,972	MORATORIUM
67	West Richland	Benton	12,663	MORATORIUM
68	Lynden	Whatcom	12,605	MORATORIUM
69	Ferndale	Whatcom	11,998	ZONED
70	Kelso	Cowlitz	11,832	MORATORIUM
71	Port Orchard	Kitsap	11,680	ZONED (Interim)
72	Snoqualmie	King	11,594	NO ACTION
73	Enumclaw	King/Pierce	11,327	NO ACTION
74	Woodinville	King	11,234	MORATORIUM
75	Cheney	Spokane	11,018	ZONED (interim)

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