



*City of Shoreline*

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[Business Name]

[Address Line 1]

[Address Line 2]

Your business is licensed as a collective garden under Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC) 5.07 Article VIII. This letter is to inform you of recent changes in Washington State law regarding collective gardens.

Earlier this year, the Washington State Legislature passed legislation regarding collective gardens. Senate Bill 5052, as signed by Governor Inslee, repealed code provisions authorizing collective gardens. Effective July 1, 2016, collective gardens as they currently exist will no longer be allowed by state law. The City of Shoreline will therefore not be issuing regulatory business licenses for collective gardens to operate past June 30, 2016. Since the City's regulatory business licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, the City anticipates that it would process a license for a six month period and prorate the annual cost for the six months. The City will notify you as soon as possible if there is a change in this policy.

Alternatively, four-member cooperatives are permitted under state law. Marijuana grown at a cooperative is only for the medical use of its members and may not be sold or donated to any other person. For more information on cooperatives, please contact the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board at (360) 664-1600 or [www.lcb.wa.gov](http://www.lcb.wa.gov)

For more information on City of Shoreline business licenses, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (206) 801-2230 or via email at [clk@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:clk@shorelinewa.gov).

Sincerely,

Jessica Simulcik Smith  
City Clerk

cc: Shoreline Mayor and Councilmembers  
Debbie Tarry, City Manager  
Shawn Ledford, Shoreline Police Chief  
Rob Beem, Community Services Manager  
Randy Olin, Customer Response Team Supervisor