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My name is Jeanette Copeland and I have lived at 1832 Montana St for 28 years, long before this area was annexed into the city. Behind me at 1831 Idaho St is a medical marijuana grower. The property is a residence but he has a Quonset hut, allegedly with required ventilation filters, in the back area of the property. More days than not, the nauseous smell of pot drifts over into my backyard, and into my house if I have windows open. I find the smell of it very nauseous as it reminds me of when I was having chemo treatments and how sick the chemo treatments made me feel, same queasiness. After talking with the owner of this "business", to no avail, I've reached out to the Missoula Police Dept., Quality of Life Officer, and my Councilperson but have been told it's legal and there's nothing that they can do.

Upon reading the front page article (Oct 14) on the marijuana tax, I find there, indeed, might be something that can be done! Missoula City Planning is looking into amending city zoning code that would BAN home cultivation or manufacturing as a legally allowed home occupation, saying the change would increase safety and preserve the neighborhood character. To this, I say YES, YES, YES! My neighborhood is, I believe, a mixed use area but is mostly residential. I have neighbors with young children who have told me they don't like the idea of a marijuana business as a neighbor, and also don't like the smell of it wafting through the neighborhood. Please follow through with this zoning amendment as it would improve my and my neighbors quality of life in many ways. Marijuana growing/selling businesses DO NOT belong in residential neighborhoods and never should have been allowed in the first place. Now is an opportunity to correct this error.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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