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Hello Lisa,

I am emailing you today to comment on the consideration of updating the Hamilton City Bylaws to include prohibiting excessive odours from the cultivation of Cannabis plants. I am against the approval of this amendment because every Cannabis plant while in vegetation smells slightly, but as soon as the flowers begin to develop the smell increases significantly. Unless you are growing in an enclosed environment it is difficult to contain the smell and neutralize it, not to mention the Carbon Filters needed can be very expensive. I am a Medical Cannabis patient and I am growing my own medical plants, what would happen if my neighbour complained about the excessive smell? Would I be fined for growing my own medicine? To me, that goes against the whole point of legalization. How would the City define excessive odours when everyone has a different sensitivity to odours? If I was found in breach of the proposed amendment would my plants be taken away? How would the smell be dealt with, if I can not afford to build a greenhouse with an air filtration system?

Sincerely,

Evan Edmundson