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3 **ORDINANCE NO. 156 -14**

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5 **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
6 **MARIJUANA-RELATED FACILITIES AND USES RELATED TO OR INSTITUTED**  
7 **PURSUANT TO INITIATIVE 502**

8 **WHEREAS**, Initiative 502 provides a framework under which marijuana farmers, processors,  
9 and retailers can become licensed in the State of Washington; and

10 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to I-502, the Washington State Liquor Control Board has adopted  
11 administrative provisions governing the licensing and operation of marijuana farmers, processors, and  
12 retailers, and

13 **WHEREAS**, the impacts of marijuana production, processing and retailing uses under a  
14 licensing system that so far has not resulted in the issuance of a single license in the county are still  
15 largely unknown and whether the County will need to adopt further regulations to address potential  
16 issues remains uncertain; and

17 **WHEREAS**, additional time is needed to determine the best way to manage the impacts of I-  
18 502 on Wahkiakum County; and

19 **WHEREAS**, RCW 36.70.795 permits the county to adopt moratoria subject to later public  
20 hearing and with findings of fact adopted; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Board intends for these recitals to constitute such findings of fact;

22 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF**  
23 **COMMISSIONERS OF WAHAKIAKUM COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:**

24 1. A moratorium is hereby declared on the establishment of marijuana-related facilities and uses  
25 instituted under or pursuant to I-502.

2. Medical cannabis production and use pursuant to other sources of law are not affected by this  
Ordinance.

3. A public hearing is scheduled for April 1 2014, which is within sixty  
days of the adoption of this Ordinance, at which public comment will be heard and information taken  
which will be used in the determination of a final course of action with regard to marijuana cultivation  
and sale in Wahkiakum County.

4. Pursuant to the terms of RCW 36.70.795, this Ordinance will cease to have any force or effect

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1 on September 18 2014, which is six months after the adoption of this Ordinance.  
2 **PROVIDED, HOWEVER**, that if the Board, at some later session during the effective period of this  
3 Ordinance, adopts a work plan for related studies providing for a longer period, then this Ordinance  
4 will cease either as provided in the said work plan, or on March 18 2015, which is one  
5 year after the adoption of this Ordinance, whichever is sooner.

6 5. This Ordinance will take effect immediately upon passage.

7 **DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this      day of March, 2014.

8 **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
9 **OF WAHKIAKUM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

10 **ATTEST:**

11 Marsha LaFarge  
12 Marsha LaFarge  
13 Clerk of the Board

14 Daniel L. Cothren  
15 Daniel L. Cothren, Chairman

16 **APPROVED AS TO FORM** this  
17 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

18 Mike Backman  
19 Mike Backman, Commissioner

20 Daniel H. Bigelow  
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23 Blair H. Brady  
24 Blair H. Brady, Commissioner