THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO CITY ORDINANCE 22-573(J) WHICH REGULATES THE GROWING OF MARIJUANA IN RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

This amendment restricts the amount of Marijuana plants that a resident can grow in their home. As of November 12, 2015, residents will only be able to grow a total of 12 plants. Currently each primary resident of a home can grow up to six plants. This change includes Marijuana grown for both medicinal and recreational use.

Marijuana can only be grown in a single family or multi-family dwelling unit. It is illegal to grow Marijuana outside. Residents who lease their residence should check with their landlord or property management company to determine whether or not growing marijuana is permitted inside of their property.

The reason for this amendment change is safety. Some of the problems, dangers and illegal activity associated with home grows that contain a large quantity of Marijuana plants include the following:

- Increased use of electricity.
- Improvised electrical systems that are not installed by a licensed contractor or inspected by a city inspector. These improvised systems create an inherent fire and shock hazard.
- Theft of electricity.
- The development of mold due to increased moisture and water use.
- Increased use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. These chemicals are dangerous and potentially hazardous to anyone that comes into contact with them, especially children.

Residents who grow or are thinking about growing marijuana are reminded that the cultivation, production and possession of any marijuana plant must not be perceptible from the exterior of their residence, including but not limited to:

- Common visual observation.
- Unusual odors, smells, fragrances, or other olfactory stimulus.
- Light pollution, glare, or brightness that disturbs the repose of another.
- Undue vehicular or foot traffic, including excess parking.
- Noise from fans.