



POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



TO: Elke Doom, City Manager; Valdez City Council; Sheri Pierce, City Clerk

FROM: Bart Hinkle, Chief of Police

RE: Herbal Outfitters Inspection [VPD 18-0479]

DATE: February 15, 2018

At approximately 1100 hours on February 2, 2018, Sgt. Clements and I visited Herbal Outfitters so that we could conduct a walk-through inspection of their commercial marijuana retail facility. The last official local inspection had been conducted on February 21, 2017; however, Herbal Outfitters successfully passed a State of Alaska inspection in October, 2017.

As I have become accustomed to expect, I found the manager and owner of the business to be very agreeable and forthcoming. They educated us on many aspects of the business that had not been addressed – or had changed- during previous inspections and were able to answer all of our questions regarding the labels on the merchandise as a number of questions regarding inventory control and business practices.

During the inspection, the manager of Herbal Outfitters was able to recall video from over 30 days ago, accurately demonstrate tracking of every gram of product sold, and clearly articulate security measures and business practices that exceed industry standards or statutory requirements.

During the duration of the inspection, I did not observe any noticeable violations or any business practice that would indicate Herbal Outfitters is operating out of compliance with State of Alaska or City of Valdez regulations. Additionally, the Valdez Police Department has enjoyed a good working relationship with Herbal Outfitters in matters such as these that directly pertain to them, as well as other investigations in which VPD may have occasion to ask for external video surveillance.

To date, the Valdez Police Department has not received any complaints against Herbal Outfitters that allege any violations or illegal business practices.