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Cost Breakdown Of A Small, One Light Medicinal Cannabis Grow Tent

This is the most basic breakdown of what a patient would need to grow *Medicinal Quality* Cannabis at home.

*Prices were taken from three different Internet Hydroponics grow shops, with the best deals shown as of July 23, 2012. All prices listed are without tax.

A) For the basic grow tent, with one (1) light, two stores offered similar 'package' deals of:

- HydroHut Silver Edition 4x4
- Hydrofarm Xtrasun 6" White Reflector
- Hydrofarm SG Lite 1000w Convertible Ballast
- Hydrofarm Active Air 6" Inline Fan
- Hydrofarm Filter 6" x 20"
- PlantMax MH Bulb
- Powerload HPS Bulb
- (2) Single Outlet Timer
- 6" Flexible Ducting with 2 Duct Clamps

▪ **Total For Above: \$679.99**

B) A growing medium is needed. Soil brings bugs and molds to an indoor environment. Therefore, an indoor grow tent needs to be either Hydroponics or Aeroponics.

- Ebb and Flow 12 Grow Pot System \$499.95
- Hanna 9813 pH/EC/TDS Hand Held Meter Water Meter \$208.99
- House And Garden Nutrients for a four (4) month Grow Run \$374.99

▪ **Total For Above: \$1,083.93**

C) Plants need Carbon Dioxide to breathe and thrive. To intake fresh air, would cause pollutants, smells and spores to enter your clean grow room. Therefore you need to supplement co2 into the growing area. Co2 can be dangerous to breathe in large amounts, and should only be used sparingly. A regulator is needed:

- REG-1 co2 Regulator Valve Assembly \$149.95
- 2 refillable co2 tanks \$204.99
- co2 tank refill for a four (4) month Grow Run \$398.95

▪ **Total For Above: \$753.89**

D) Air conditioning units are crucial in Southern California. With the light on, a grow tent can reach temperature upwards of ninety-five (95) degrees. Cannabis plants need to be in the mid seventies (70's) for them to thrive. The only way for the air conditioner to truly keep your room free of said problems is if it's using the air in the tent and recycling it. A dual hose portable air conditioner is needed.

- Whynter 14,000 BTU Dual House Portable Air Conditioner \$555.96
- Sentinel Environmental Controller CPPM-1 \$539.95

▪ **Total For Above: \$1,095.91**

E) Electricity and skilled electricians are immensely important. The reason there are so many fires associated with grow tents, is that the electricity is badly wired.

Running all the above equipment, requires at least twenty (20) amps of power. An electrician must create stable lines for the equipment to receive that much power, or it could blow the whole buildings electricity. Worse, it could cause a massive fire.

- Licensed and Bonded electrician for three (3) hours work \$1000.00
- LA DWP bill for four (4) months of electricity \$700.00

▪ **Total For Above: \$2,200**

Final Total For Everything: \$5,313.72

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
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Honorable Members:

I am writing to express my support for the Proposed Ordinance repealing and replacing Article 5.1 of Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code concerning medical marijuana (Council File Numbers 11-1737 and 11-1737-S1). Over the past several years, the City of Los Angeles has experienced a steady proliferation of medical marijuana dispensaries, earning Los Angeles the unfortunate title of storefront pot capital of the United States. It is estimated that there are now 800-1000 of these "clinics," many located near schools, daycare centers, and houses of worship. While a small number may operate in accordance with the Compassionate Use Act (CUA) of 1996 and the Medical Marijuana Program Act (MMPA) of 2003, experience has shown that the overwhelming majority are "for-profit" businesses engaged in the sale of recreational marijuana to healthy young adults. These dispensaries are not authorized under state or federal law.

Due to several factors, such as the reluctance of many clinic patrons to contact law enforcement, it is difficult to draw a direct correlation between dispensaries and increased crime. While any business can potentially become the target of crime, there is no doubt that the combination of narcotics and large sums of money found at medical marijuana dispensaries present an increased risk; dispensaries have been the location of numerous burglaries, take-over armed robberies, shootings, and several murders. Meanwhile, hundreds of public complaints regarding loitering, noise, littering, marijuana use by minors, secondary drug sales, and other quality of life issues in the vicinity of dispensaries have been expressed to Senior Lead Officers and Area Commanding Officers across Los Angeles.

The efforts to regulate these businesses have been hampered by a lack of guidance from the California courts, and the existing City Ordinance has been challenged by medical marijuana proponents and is currently unenforceable. Allowing even a limited number of dispensaries to legally remain open will only add to the confusion.

Unauthorized dispensaries will continue to open, close, move and re-open around the City. A partial ban will not solve, and may concentrate, the crime and quality of life problems outlined previously. The diversion of marijuana for non-medical and recreational uses will continue, and the Department will be put in the position of having to determine which dispensaries are authorized and which are not, a task that will require scarce police resources to be diverted from other public safety enforcement efforts.

The Los Angeles Police Department is not opposed to qualified patients or their primary caregivers having access to medical marijuana. However, I strongly urge the City Council to repeal the current ordinance and enact a ban on medical marijuana businesses, while allowing three or fewer qualified persons to cooperatively and collectively cultivate marijuana under lawful and appropriate conditions. This is in keeping with the intent of the voters and is consistent with state law. This so-called "gentle ban" represents the best option for enhancing public safety while providing safe access to medical marijuana for those who truly need it.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Beck', written over a white background.

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police