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How are you not putting a number on dispensaries in our industrial business district? How are you allowing these business right up against our residential neighborhood? How many police do we have on duty from 10:00pm to 6:00 am? What gives you the right to put our police force and the people of this town in harms way? These types of business are a huge target for criminal activity, why do you not see and understand that? If criminals are brave enough to rob these businesses in the big city where they have huge police forces what makes you think it can't happen here? What makes you believe we are immune to this type of criminal activity? You are rolling the dice with lives of the police force and people of this town for tax dollars. I imagine our police department is already spread very thin during the night time while people should be home and sleeping comfortably in their beds. All you you are going to be doing buy having no limit and allowing these business wherever they want to be in this town is inviting unwanted criminal activity, our town should not have to put itself in harms way for a few tax dollars. You, our city council is wearing blinders to a business types that is going to invite unwanted criminal activity. I don't understand how you can't see this, it is on the news daily. It's not a matter of will this type of crime happen if we allow as many of these business as we want in town with no limits, it's when will it happen, what will happen, will lives be lost? What are you going to do, do you think the tax dollars generated from these business will be enough to put a bunch of extra policeman on duty 24 hours a day to protect those tax dollars? I don't think the extra tax money will be there, you will just be chasing your own tails. Please I ask you to reconsider the new pot zoning regulations you are trying to impose on the people of this town. Just because you're an elected official it does not give you the right to put our police force and the people of this town in harm's way for tax dollars. I think you all may need to backtrack your thinking on this and put more emphasis on safety of the people and not tax dollars. If something terrible happens in this town because of this type of business allowed based on your zoning regulations by your administration you will be the ones responsible wether you think so or not because it was you who allowed them. We our a small town with a small police force please consider this when making your final decisions on these matters.