



# Xenia Township

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## Marijuana Listening Sessions

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Governor Kasich signed House Bill 523, Medical Marijuana Control Program, into law effective September 6, 2016. Xenia Township Trustees have the ability to allow within the Township boundaries any or all of three components of HB 523 (Cultivators, Processors, and Dispensaries) via the Xenia Township Zoning Resolution.

In the event they do decide to allow any or all of the three components, there is no guarantee that there will be interested entrepreneurs to locate within Xenia Township or that those interested will obtain State approval to locate within the Township.

While HB 523 is law, it cannot be implemented until rules and guidelines are put into place. Although these are to be decided upon for Cultivators by May of 2017 and Processors and Dispensaries by September of 2017, these rules and guidelines then have to be tested, refined and receive a final approval. The Bill demands that by September of 2018, HB 523 be operational.

To date, Xenia Township Trustees have enacted a moratorium on Cultivators, Processors, and Dispensaries until September 3, 2017 in order for the Trustees and Zoning Commission to study the parameters and effects of allowing any or all of these three provisions of the Bill within Xenia Township.

As part of their study, the Trustee have scheduled two listen sessions for Township Residents to share their perspective on allowing Cultivators, Processors, and Dispensaries within Township limits. These listening sessions are not designed to be a question and answer period of the Medical Marijuana Issue or a back and forth debate on the merits of it being right or wrong, but rather is designed to hear Xenia Township Residents personal feelings on the topic. While these listening sessions are held in public and all are welcome to attend, only Xenia Township Residents will be allowed to speak to the Trustees. There may be time limits for each speaker depending upon how many are in attendance.

These two listening sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 and Monday, March 27 at the Greene County Media Center on Ledbetter Road.

For more information on Medical Marijuana in Ohio, please begin your search by visiting the following site: <http://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov>. You can also find information on our website at [www.xeniatownship.org](http://www.xeniatownship.org).