

# Steamboat Springs Police Services

## Marijuana Consumption Informational Bulletin

In 2012 Colorado voters passed Amendment 64 which made the possession, consumption, and retail sale of marijuana legal.

In 2013 the Steamboat Springs City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the “open and public” consumption of marijuana.

As a private property owner you have the right to ban all smoking or the consumption of marijuana on your property. The attached information is designed to provide you with information included in the Steamboat Springs Marijuana Ordinance, the Steamboat Springs Smoke Free Act of 2005, and the Colorado Clean Air Act of 2006.

For additional information and to reference the complete wording of each of these laws, please visit the Police Services Department on the City website @ [www.steamboatsprings.net](http://www.steamboatsprings.net) and click the link to marijuana laws.

- State and local laws allow individuals 21 years of age and older to possess and consume recreational marijuana in the State of Colorado.
- Section 10-210 of the Steamboat Springs Marijuana Code states that “Open and Public” consumption of marijuana is unlawful. “Open and Public” does not apply to consumption of marijuana on private property not open to the public.
  - The Colorado Clean Air Act of 2006 Requires Indoor Areas to be Smoke-Free.
  - The Steamboat Springs Smoke-Free Air Act of 2005 is slightly more stringent than the Clean Indoor Air Act 2006. One of those differences being that hotels, motels, and bed & breakfast operations cannot designate more than 20% of their available rooms as “smoking rooms” in Steamboat Springs.
  - It is within your rights to ban marijuana and its consumption on your property without incurring civil liability.
  - “Openly” smoking or consuming marijuana in areas that are open to the public is prohibited.
  - We suggest that you include any restrictions of the consumption of marijuana on your property in the lease/rental agreement. We also suggest appropriate signage be implemented to educate your guests/renters.
  - Any violations of your individual rules/policies should be enforced internally.
  - If a guest/renter needs to be removed from your property for violation of a rule/policy, Law Enforcement will respond for a Civil Standby, if requested.

**Please feel free to contact the Steamboat Springs Police Department at (970) 879-4344 with any questions.**