<u>Hoquiam Stymies Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens</u> Local News

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - The City of Hoquiam has again pioneered anti-medical marijuana legislation, placing a moratorium on a non-vetoed section of the recently passed Senate bill 5073 referring to collective gardens. City Finance Director Mike Folkers read from the adopted ordinance at last night's council meeting "groups of qualified patients, who want to band together to create collective gardens... These gardens could, unless regulations are adopted, be located in vacant houses in residential neighborhoods, near schools and churches and in rented storage units."

Adoption of the emergency ordinance last night allowed the city to stall a public hearing on the matter until August 8th. Hoquiam passed an emergency ordinance banning the medical marijuana dispensaries prior to the signing of SB 5073.

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