



**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
Cumberland County

## Cumberland County Review Report

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### Recommendation: Approval

<i>Name of Amendment:</i>				
Medical Marijuana				
<i>Municipality:</i>	<i>Date Received:</i>	<i>Date Reviewed:</i>	<i>Reviewed By:</i>	<i>Checked By:</i>
Silver Spring Township	7/27/2023	7/28/2023	SH	KS
<i>Type of Amendment:</i>				
Zoning Text Amendment				

### Explanation of Amendment:

Silver Spring Township is proposing to add regulations to the zoning ordinance that will apply to a medical marijuana dispensary and a medical marijuana grower/processor. The Silver Spring Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted in March 2022.

The proposed amendment is consistent with the Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan and the Silver Spring Township Comprehensive Plan.

### Administrative Comments and Recommendations:

1. The section numbers should be added to the enacted and ordained statement.
2. The township may want to change the proposed definitions to “Medical Marijuana Dispensary” and “Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor” for clarification.
3. The term “medical” is misspelled in the definition of grower/processor.

### Technical Comments and Recommendations:

4. The proposed language permits dispensaries in a commercial zone and grower/processors in an industrial zone. This appears consistent with the intent of the Medical Marijuana Act.

The Medical Marijuana Act requires dispensaries to “meet the same zoning and land use requirements as other commercial facilities...” and Grower/Processors must meet the same “requirements as other manufacturing, processing, and production facilities...” (Medical Marijuana Act section 2107).

*“Section 505 (b) and 609 (g) of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that amendments to municipal ordinances be filed with the county planning agency. If this amendment is approved, please forward a final copy to the county planning office so we may update our records.”*