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Coming to Seattle: A how-to school for marijuana

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Seattle Weekly reports:



The Academy of Cannabis Culture and Technology is set to open at an undisclosed location in South Seattle on Sept. 7 and the school's co-founder tells Seattle Weekly that classes will cover everything from marijuana laws, to history, cultivation, and grow-room construction.

"The governor decided to say that we can't have safe access points [read: dispensaries], and basically that everyone should be growing their own [cannabis]," says Jason Semer, ACCT co-founder and owner of THClst.com. "So they're forcing people to grow their own medicine. So we thought, let's teach them to do it properly."

Pot is a hot topic in Washington state. Cities are grappling with how to deal with the growing number of medical marijuana shops and related enterprises. Last month Mukilteo OK'd new zoning [regulations](#) for medical marijuana gardens.

On July 18 the Seattle City Council passed a new [law](#) that establishes a regulatory framework for the growing number of medical marijuana dispensaries in Seattle. The City Council unanimously passed its own ordinance because efforts to address medical marijuana, which is legal in Washington, foundered earlier this year in Olympia. Seattle officials will take up the issue of in-city zoning for the pot shops in the coming weeks.

Evergreen State voters approved legalizing medical marijuana in 1998. Washington is one of [16 states](#) which allows marijuana use for medical purposes, but the federal government does not recognize any medicinal use for cannabis.

Gov. Chris Gregoire, citing concerns about possible federal prosecution of state employees, earlier this year vetoed most of a medical marijuana bill that would've set up a state regulatory framework for medical cannabis, however she allowed a section permitting collective marijuana grows with up to 45 plants, serving up to 10 patients.

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