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December 12, 2019

Ms. Sonja Buffa
Warren City Clerk

**Re: Veto of Council Action to Approve First Reading of Proposed Ordinance
Amending Chapter 19.5 – Medical Marihuana Facilities Permitting MMFLA and
MRTMA
Agenda Item 14b -- December 10, 2019**

Dear Ms. Buffa:

Pursuant to Section 6.8 of the Warren City Charter, I veto the above-noted action of City Council.

Council added the ordinance during the meeting, without notice to the public or the City Attorney.

The ordinance fails to meet the minimum standards of a governing document. It lacks the careful review and analysis of the City Attorney, Zoning Administrator, Police Commissioner, Fire Commissioner or the other city officers who are familiar with regulatory oversight and City procedures.

An ordinance of this nature should be directed to the City Attorney, who conducts the legal analysis, coordinates with the sponsoring councilmember and the police, fire, zoning administrators, who would make sure our final document accounts for existing ordinances, current procedures, and public safety concerns. An ordinance of this significance should be sent to Council by the Thursday prior to its meeting to give Council the opportunity to review, make informed decisions and prepare for meaningful deliberation.

Impromptu action on an ordinance is unseemly, and potentially exposes us to the influence of outside interest groups and lobbyists. We have the safeguards to ensure good governance. This ordinance is one example of the importance of following them.

Therefore, I respectfully veto Council's actions on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. The operation of the Council action is suspended in accordance with City Charter section 6.8.

Respectfully,

James R. Fouts, Mayor
City of Warren

cc: City Council