

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would establish a two-year prohibition on psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the city of St. Helens. Psilocybin is the psychedelic drug derived from certain mushrooms. Oregon voters legalized psilocybin through Ballot Measure 109 (2020), which directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a psilocybin licensing and regulatory program for the state by January 2, 2023. OHA's psilocybin regulatory program is in development, and the city would like to consider local regulations for psilocybin-related businesses once OHA's program is established.

Ballot Measure 109 (2020) also allows a local government to adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters prohibiting the establishment of certain licensed psilocybin-related businesses. The St. Helens City Council has adopted such an ordinance for referral to the voters that temporarily prohibits psilocybin-related businesses to enable the city to consider local regulations once the state psilocybin program is established. If approved, this measure would prohibit psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the city of St. Helens until December 31, 2024.