Facts on Marijuana in DC

D.C.’s Initiative 71 Legalizes Possession of Minimal Amounts of Marijuana for Personal Use

21 and older

An individual 21 years of age or older will be able to lawfully:

• Possess two ounces or less of marijuana;
• Use marijuana on private property;
• Transfer one ounce or less of marijuana to another person, as long as:
  (1) no money, goods or services are exchanged; and
  (2) the recipient is 21 years of age or older;
• Cultivate within his or her primary residence up to six marijuana plants, no more than three of which are mature.

However, even with the enactment of Initiative 71, it remains a crime for anyone to:

• Possess more than two ounces of marijuana;
• Smoke or otherwise consume marijuana on public space or anywhere to which the public is invited; including restaurants, bars, and coffee shops;
• Sell any amount of marijuana to another person; or
• Operate a vehicle or boat under the influence of marijuana.

Anyone under 21 years of age is still prohibited from possessing any marijuana.

Initiative 71 does not legalize marijuana sales