

## NJLM Working Document

### Possible Local Government Cost Associated with Recreational Marijuana Use

*Please note that this list is compiled based on various reports from other localities with legalized recreational use of marijuana. This list is not all encompassing list nor is there data that provides exact dollar amounts.*

- Increased security cost since it is an all cash industry federally insured banks are very limited on how they can service the industry
- Increase background checks for licensing purposes (one background check can average 2-3 manpower hours)
- Odor control and enforcement
- Waste management
- Retraining and/or replacing of drug sniffing canines (this does not include training cost)
- Cost of blood test for driving under the influence. Blood testing for marijuana is more costly than alcohol testing
- Sobriety training and drug detection – not only training cost but covering loss of manpower due to training
- Combating illegal and unlicensed cultivation
- Responding to increase complaints on
  - Theft and safety concerns
  - Aesthetics, odor, and noise
  - Traffic and speeding
  - Unpermitted uses
- Increase in first aid calls due to overdose, particularly related to children and edibles use
- Zoning issues
- Increase traffic and parking demands – retail establishments similar to fast food establishments
- Increase in substance abuse prevention and treatment
- Police training/education (probable cause, search and seizure, etc.)
- Local administrative, regulation and enforcement
- Mental health services provided by public assistance and/or health department
- Increase insurance cost (general liability and motor vehicle)
- Increase legal fees associated with potential litigation (i.e. – challenges to local ordinances, enforcement)