

The pot growing is of great concern to most of the Okanogan valley residents. I've done a limited amount of research on how some other states have dealt with this same problem. Fairbanks Alaska for example adopted a system that protects residents and still allows a limited number of pot farms to operate. The main stipulation is a 1/2 mile radius buffer zone from any resident unless a variance is applied for and residents approve. Another is a filtration system during processing that would greatly reduce the foul odor they produce. It's a lot more complicated than that, but I certainly believe it would be worth taking a look at. It sure seems like a fair solution to me. I'm sure though the pot growers aren't going to be satisfied with any zoning rules. But we just can't let them be free to operate where they please. It won't be good for this valley and certainly not for the residents living in it.

Thanks, John Denison

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