

## Concerns raised over new Colo. medical marijuana rules

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Travis Pollock got into the medical marijuana business about 2 years ago.

"We do have sick patients that are relying on this medicine. We want to make sure that we have the ability to produce this medicine in as many areas as we can," said Pollock.

Just this week La Plata County in southern Colorado approved new regulations to allow people with residential lots of 10 acres or more to build medical marijuana facilities on their land.

"That gives you a considerable amount of space to be able to have a commercial growth site," said Pollock.

Durango Fire and Rescue Chief, Daniel Noonan, said he was worried about the safety of the community with these new regulations.

"If everything is not installed and used according to manufacturer's specifications it may cause a fire," he said.

Officials with the county said someone has to be living on the property to apply for the permit and people can use up to 600 square feet of their own homes to produce the medical marijuana.