

ATTACHMENT A FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY

Prior to the approval of a Zoning Code Amendment, the following findings must be made:

1. *The proposed amendment is in conformance with the goals, policies and objectives of the General Plan, and other adopted goals and policies of the City.*

The proposed amendment to the Zoning Code is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan as follows:

General Plan

Land Use Element

- **Goal 3. Compatible Land Uses.** A mix and distribution of land uses characterized by their compatibility.

Policy 3.5. Hazardous Uses. Prohibit or control land uses which pose potential health and environmental hazards to Pasadena's neighborhoods and districts.

Although there may be therapeutic benefits to marijuana/cannabis there is also the potential for significant public health and safety impacts, including unintentional child marijuana exposures. By prohibiting personal and commercial outdoor cultivation of marijuana certain negative impacts can be mitigated (e.g., youth exposure, odor), which will maintain or improve neighborhood livability, particularly in Pasadena's residential neighborhoods.

Policy 3.7. Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Reduce the impact of alcohol and other drug related problems through the regulation and monitoring of establishments that sell alcohol and drugs. Develop regulations for the location and management of alcohol and drug related care facilities. Ensure compatibility with and the safety of adjoining uses, in accordance with state legislation.

The Zoning Code Amendment will expressly prohibit commercial marijuana activities, including the retail sale and cultivation of marijuana/cannabis. This will allow staff and City policymakers an opportunity to observe the rollout of the state licensing and regulatory mechanism and to develop a better understanding of the impacts of commercial marijuana uses. By doing so, the City is attempting to reduce the impact of marijuana related problems through the control of establishments that grow, produce, manufacture, and sell marijuana and marijuana related products.

2. *The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City.*

The proposed Zoning Code Amendment involves 1) prohibiting citywide personal outdoor cultivation of marijuana and commercial marijuana activities, including retail sales and cultivation for commercial purposes, and 2) allowing the delivery of marijuana and marijuana products into the City from commercial marijuana businesses in other jurisdictions. These actions would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City because the amendment would only help to offset the potential negative externalities of commercial marijuana activities, including the potential for increased crime and youth exposure to marijuana, while not affecting an individual's right to use medical or nonmedical marijuana.