

## ATTACHMENT A FINDINGS

Prior to the approval of a Zoning Code Text 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 amendments to the Zoning Code are consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan as outlined below. The proposed changes do not change to allowable zones for the retail cannabis use which are the CO,CL,CG,CD, and IG zoning districts. The amendments do not change the overall number of locations allowed in the City and they do not change any other distance separation requirements including the distance to sensitive uses and residential zoning districts. The amendments also include clean-up to language that was codified incorrectly related to distance requirements for lab uses only. The amendments do not change the permitting process or any other operating requirements contained in the Municipal Code that will regulate a cannabis retailer that is successful in securing a Cannabis Permit.

The General Plan encourages that sufficient land is available to provide a broad range of uses within the City's commercial corridors and there are diversity of uses offered. Cannabis retail is a retail use that is allowed in five different zones of the City. If a location is proposed that meets the applicable code provisions the cannabis retail use is in conformance with the General Plan as a retail use, and it introduces a new land use to diversify the retail landscape within the city's commercial corridors which is specifically encouraged in Policy 4.2 (A Diversity of Places) and Goal 25.1 (A Diversity of Uses).

### Land Use Element

- Goal 2. Land Use Diversity. A mix of land uses meeting the diverse needs of Pasadena's residents and businesses, fostering improved housing conditions, offering a variety of employment and recreation opportunities, and supporting a healthy population while protecting the environment.
  - Policy 2.3 (Commercial Businesses). Designate sufficient land to enable a broad range of viable commercial uses in Pasadena's Central District, Transit and Neighborhood Villages, and commercial corridors. These uses will serve both local and regional needs, reducing the need for residents to travel to adjoining communities, capturing a greater share of local spending, and offering a diversity of employment opportunities.
- Goal 4. Elements Contributing to Urban Form. A safe, well-designed, accessible City with a diversity of uses and forms. These diverse forms include distinct, walkable districts, corridors, and transit and neighborhood villages and cohesive, unique single and multi-family residential neighborhoods and open spaces where people of all ages can live, work, shop, and recreate.
  - Policy 4.2 (A Diversity of Places). Maintain and enhance the City's urban form with distinct, compact, and walkable areas with a diversity of uses, densities, and characters. Offer choices for living, working, shopping, and recreation consistent with community values, needs, and demographics.

- Goal 25. Vital Districts and Corridors. Diverse, active, prosperous and well-designed commercial corridors and districts that provide a diversity of goods, services and entertainment and contribute to a positive experience for residents and visitors.
  - Policy 25.1 (Diversity of Uses) which encourages the development of a broad range of commercial uses.

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

The proposed amendments are consistent with various policies in the Land Use Element of the General Plan. The proposed changes to the location requirements do not change to allowable zones for the retail cannabis use which are the CO,CL,CG,CD, and IG zoning districts, and the amendments also include clean-up to language that was codified incorrectly related to distance requirements for lab uses only. The amendments do not change the overall number of locations allowed in the City and they do not change any other distance separation requirements including the distance to sensitive uses and residential zoning districts. The amendments do not change the permitting process or any other operating requirements contained in the Municipal Code that will regulate a cannabis retailer that is successful in securing a Cannabis Permit. Therefore, the proposed amendments would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City.