



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 25, 2021

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: ZONING CODE AMENDMENT TO INCREASE POTENTIAL CANNABIS RETAILER SITES AND CORRECT DISTANCE SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN CANNABIS LABS AND OTHER CANNABIS USES, AND INCREASE TIME TO OBTAIN CANNABIS PERMIT

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 17.50 OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE POTENTIAL CANNABIS RETAIL SITES, AND TO CORRECT DISTANCE SEPARATION BETWEEN CANNABIS LABS AND OTHER CANNABIS USES, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 5.78 OF TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS) TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT TO OBTAIN A CANNABIS PERMIT

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

As directed by the City Council on August 2, 2021, this ordinance codifies a modification to the distance separation and limit per district of cannabis retail sites, as well as corrects distance separation errors in the Zoning Code applicable to cannabis labs. This ordinance also increases the time to obtain a cannabis permit.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This legislation is needed to allow for additional potential sites at which a cannabis retail use may be established. The decrease in separation distance and the increase of up to three sites per council district will open up additional potential sites. The cap of six permits across the city will remain, so that the absolute potential number of retailers will not

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increase. This legislation is also needed to correct an error in the distance separation from cannabis labs and other cannabis uses, to make them consistent with other similar separation requirements. Finally, this legislation is necessary to increase the time within which an applicant may obtain a cannabis permit given the time it will take to process applications at the increased potential sites.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Planning & Community Development Department will implement the proposed ordinance.

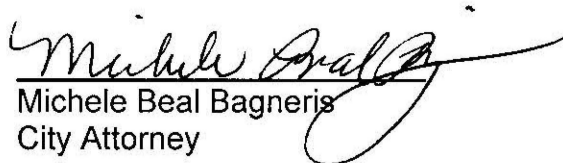
FISCAL IMPACT

If additional cannabis retail uses are able to establish as a result of these changes, it is expected that additional revenues from the City's cannabis tax will be realized.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On August 2, 2021, the City Council found that this Zoning Code Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption); and 15301 (Existing Facilities); there are no features that distinguish this action from others in the exempt class, and there are no unique circumstances.


Respectfully submitted,


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