



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 16, 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

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

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.

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 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.

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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.

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