



RESOLUTION NO. 2017-346

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRESNO PURSUANT TO FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15-5803-A(1) TO ALLOW MEDICAL CANNABIS OPERATIONS, CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE, EXTRACTION, TESTING, DISTRIBUTION, DELIVERY, AND DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE CITY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, the City Council recently adopted an ordinance addressing recreational cannabis activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of California will implement a cannabis regulatory system beginning in January 2018 and recognizes the authority of local jurisdictions to prohibit or regulate cannabis businesses under local land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to allow medical cannabis businesses that intend to operate within the City to begin the application process with state agencies for a license while the City is engaged in the process of amending the Zoning Ordinance concerning medical cannabis activities.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to formally address medical cannabis operations, cultivation, manufacture, extraction, testing, distribution, delivery, and dispensaries within the Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. Pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code, Section 15-5803-A(1), the Council initiates the necessary proceedings to amend the text of the City of Fresno's Zoning Ordinance so as to formally address medical cannabis cultivation, manufacture,



extraction, testing, distribution, delivery, and/or dispensaries by allowing and regulating them in certain zone districts within the City.

2. The Council directs that medical cannabis businesses that intend to operate within the City may begin the application process for a license with state agencies while the City is engaged in the process of amending the Zoning Ordinance concerning medical cannabis activities.

3. The City may immediately begin to issue letters to medical cannabis businesses to apply for a temporary state license for cultivation, manufacture, extraction, testing, distribution, delivery, and/or dispensaries.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of December 2017.

AYES : Baines, Brandau, Bredefeld, Caprioglio, Chavez, Soria, Olivier
NOES : None
ABSENT : None
ABSTAIN : None

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC
City Clerk

BY: *Yvonne Spence*
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: *Mary Raterman-Doidge* *12/19/17*
Mary Raterman-Doidge Date
Deputy City Attorney

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