Cannabis Permit Application Process Orientation

October 20, 2020  1:00 PM
AGENDA

• Introductions
• Background / Key Information
• Application Procedures
• Submitting the Application
• Questions
INTRODUCTIONS
BACKGROUND

• December 13, 2018 the Fresno City Council adopted the Cannabis Retail Business and Commercial Cannabis Business Ordinance.

BACKGROUND

- Authorizes fourteen (14) total Cannabis Retail Businesses within the City (two per Council district).

- An additional seven (7) may be authorized by City Council Resolution.

- A Minimum of one (1), Maximum of two (2) per every seven (7) will be to an equity applicant.
BACKGROUND

• Authorizes sixteen (16) Cultivators, Distributors, or Manufacturers, Microbusiness (non-retail) (no specific number of each type).

• A minimum of one (1), maximum of two (2) per every eight (8) of these permits will be awarded to an equity applicant.

• No limit on Testing Laboratories.
Zoning

- **Retail**: DTN (Downtown Neighborhood), DTG (Downtown General), CMS (Commercial Main Street), CC (Commercial Community), CR (Commercial Regional), CG (Commercial General), CH (Commercial Highway), NMX (Neighborhood Mixed-Use), CMX (Corridor/Center Mixed Use), or RMX (Regional Mixed-Use), and must meet all of the requirements for development in these zones.

- All buildings in which a cannabis retail business is located shall be no closer than eight hundred (800) feet from any property boundary containing sensitive use.
Zoning

- **Commercial Cannabis Businesses (non-retail):** Cannabis Innovation Hub or within one-half (1/2) mile of State Route 99 between Shaw Ave. and Clinton Ave., one (1) mile of State Route 99 north of Shaw Ave. or south of Clinton Ave., or within one (1) mile of State Route 180 west of State Route 99, and must be zoned either **IL (Light Industrial)** or **IH (Heavy Industrial)**, and must meet all of the requirements for development in these zones.

- All buildings shall be no closer than one thousand (1,000) feet from any property boundary containing sensitive use.
Fees

- Application Fee: $7,920.00
  (Phase I: $4,406; Phase II: $2,576; Phase III: $696; Phase IV: $242)
- CCB Permit Fee: TBD
- Zoning Inquiry Letter: $522.00
- *Livescan Background Check: $69.00 per person
- *Conditional Use Permit: $13,391.00
- *Business Tax Certificate Application: $14.00
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRESNO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT FUND

In order to support equity in the local cannabis industry, The City of Fresno will establish the Fresno Community Reinvestment Fund (“the Fund”) to support local equity businesses operating in the City of Fresno under Article 33 Section 9-3315(b)(6). The fund will support local equity businesses in the area of workforce development, access to affordable commercial real estate, access to investment financing, and access to legal services and business administration technical assistance. Businesses are encouraged to consider this in the development of their community benefits and investment plan.
# City of Fresno-Cannabis Business Permits 2020-2021

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9/23/2020
Office of Cannabis Oversight

Under the direction of the City Manager, the Office of Cannabis Oversight is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the City’s cannabis laws and regulations.

On November 8, 2016, California voters passed Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana (CRATOM) Act. This law legalizes nonmedical, recreational marijuana, subject to the regulation of local government jurisdictions in the State of California.

On December 15, 2018, Fresno City Council adopted the Cannabis Retail Business and Commercial Cannabis Business Ordinance, which sets out the permitting framework and regulatory requirements for Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis businesses to operate within the City for commercial activities such as cultivation, manufacturing, and distribution. This ordinance was amended on January 50th, 2020, on June 25th, 2020, and may be further refined by the City Council.

Planning and Development Department Cannabis Information

For those interested in cannabis businesses in the City of Fresno, please review the relevant City ordinances:

About the City Manager
City Manager’s Key Staff
Addressing Homelessness
Office of Independent Review
Office of Cannabis Oversight
City Communications Office
News Releases
Social Equity Application Process

• Orientation meeting 10/21/2020 at 1:00 P.M.

• Registration link on the Office of Cannabis Oversight website.
FAQ: “Local Preference”

- **Criteria 2.5** - Describe the extent to which the Commercial Cannabis Business will be a locally managed enterprise whose owners and/or managers reside within or own a commercial business within the City of Fresno, for at least one year prior to March 2, 2020. (Criteria represents 20% of section score)

- Met when 51% of ownership meets this criteria.

- Partial points for County of Fresno vs. City of Fresno.
FAQ / FYI:

• Separate application for each permit type.
• Please use 12 point font, Times New Roman or Arial
• Point deductions will occur if applicant does not adhere to page limitations.
• Point deductions will occur if applicant does not provide responses to the criteria in the correct section.
• Diagrams should be legible.
• Living Wage
  (https://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/06019)
FAQ / FYI:

• Q: Can an in-house security consultant qualify as a professional consultant? A: If your in-house security person is a qualified professional security expert who possess such expertise and it can be demonstrated by preparing a response to the scoring criteria this would be acceptable.
Application Procedures
Submitting the Application
Questions
Thank you!

https://www.fresno.gov/citymanager/office-of-cannabis-oversight/

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