



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.
- Amended on January 30, 2020 and June 25th, 2020 and September 24, 2020.

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

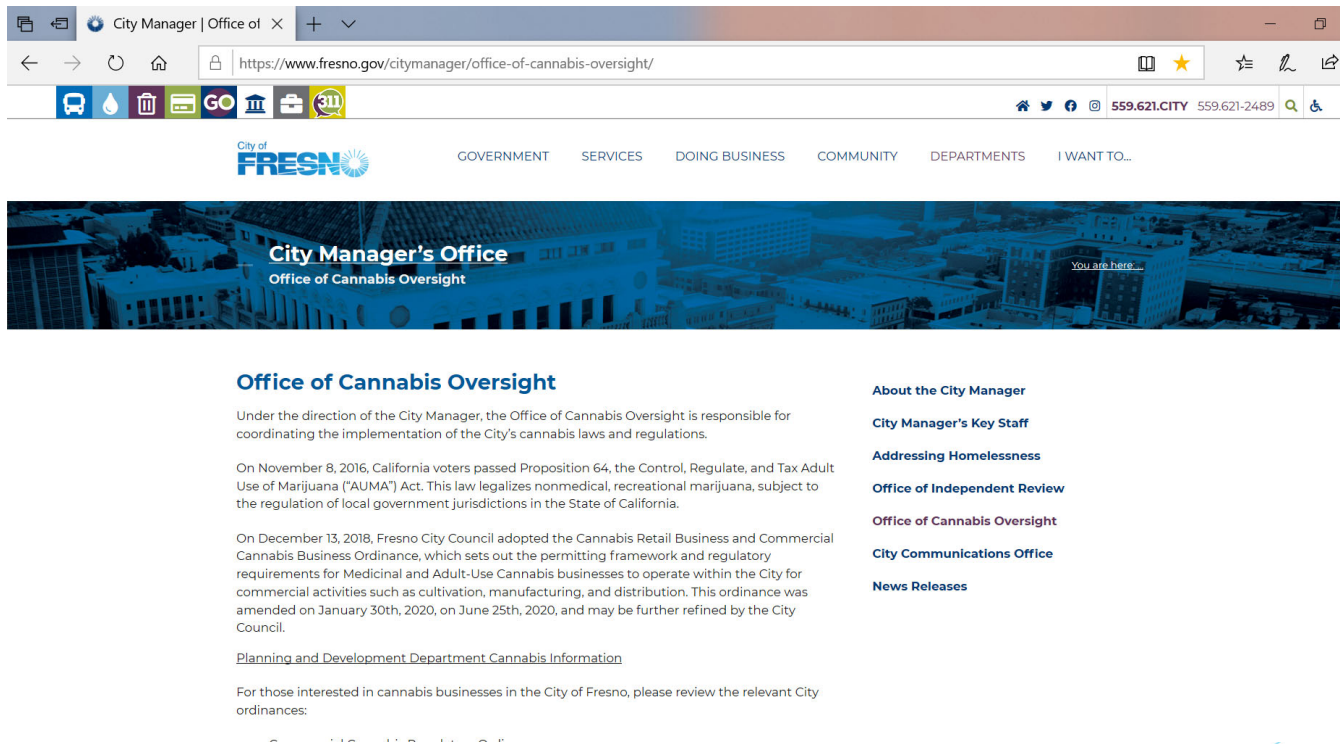
PROJECT/EVENT	CANNABIS PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS
ORGANIZER	JENNIFER RUIZ, PROJECT MANAGER

This timeframe is based on a number of assumptions and variables and therefore is only an estimate.

PROJECT PHASE	STARTING	ENDING	KEY DATES	DATE
Applicants Prepare & Submit Apps	10/19/2020	12/04/2020	Applications Available / No Council Contact	10/19/2020
Review of Written Application Materials	12/07/2020	2/26/2021	Standard Application Process Orientation	10/20/2020
			Social Equity Process Orientation	10/21/2020
Tabulate Total Scores/Schedule Interviews	03/01/2021	3/05/2021	Standard Applications Due	12/04/2020
Conduct Interviews	3/08/2021	4/16/2021	SE Applicants Eligibility Docs Due	11/13/2020
Tabulate Total Score/City Manager Final Review	4/19/2021	4/30/2021	SE Application Sec. 1, 2, 3, 7 Due	1/08/2021
			SE Applications Location/Capitalization Due	1/29/2021
CUP/Final Requirements/Appeals	5/3/2021	8/13/2021	Earliest Projected Grand Opening Date	8/16/2021

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<https://www.fresno.gov/cannabis>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <https://www.fresno.gov/citymanager/office-of-cannabis-oversight/>. The browser's address bar also shows the page title "City Manager | Office of Cannabis Oversight". The website header features the City of Fresno logo and a navigation menu with links: GOVERNMENT, SERVICES, DOING BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, DEPARTMENTS, and I WANT TO... Below the header is a large blue banner image of the Fresno city skyline. The banner contains the text "City Manager's Office" and "Office of Cannabis Oversight" in white. A small "You are here" indicator is visible on the right side of the banner. Below the banner, the page content is organized into two columns. The left column is titled "Office of Cannabis Oversight" and contains three paragraphs of text. The right column is titled "About the City Manager" and contains a list of links: "City Manager's Key Staff", "Addressing Homelessness", "Office of Independent Review", "Office of Cannabis Oversight", "City Communications Office", and "News Releases".

City Manager's Office
Office of Cannabis Oversight

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 ("AUMA") Act. This law legalizes nonmedical, recreational marijuana, subject to the regulation of local government jurisdictions in the State of California.

On December 13, 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 30th, 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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