

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE TESTING LABORATORIES COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMIT PROCEDURE GUIDELINES.

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution authorizes cities to make and enforce within their jurisdictional limits ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, titled the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (the "AUMA") and enacted a state statutory scheme legalizing, controlling, and regulating the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution, testing, and sale of nonmedical ("adult-use" or "recreational") cannabis, including cannabis, products, for use by adults twenty-one (21) years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2017, the Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act ("MAUCRSA") was signed into law, which provides a comprehensive regulatory framework for licensing, control, and taxation of medical and adult-use cannabis-related businesses in California; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Riverside ("City Council") desires to establish a strong and effective regulatory system with regard to cannabis businesses that protects the public health, safety and environmental resources, provides a consistent regulatory pathway for the cannabis industry consistent with state regulations, fosters a healthy, diverse and economically viable cannabis industry that contributes to the local economy, and ensures that environmental, public health, safety and nuisance factors related to the cannabis industry are adequately addressed; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these goals, on February 28, 2023, the City Council introduced and on March 14, 2023, adopted Ordinance 7628, amending Title 5 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations) of the Riverside Municipal Code ("RMC") and replacing

1 Chapter 5.77 (Cannabis Business Activities) in its entirety, Ordinance 7629 amending Title 9
2 (Peace, Safety and Morals) of the RMC, and Ordinance 7630 amending Title 19 (Zoning) of
3 the RMC; and

4 WHEREAS, Chapter 5.77 of the RMC regulates Cannabis Business Activities in the
5 City of Riverside, including the types of businesses and maximum number permitted within
6 the City, including up to 14 storefront retail commercial cannabis businesses as well as an
7 unlimited number of manufacturing, distribution, and testing laboratories; and

8 WHEREAS, pursuant to RMC Section 5.77.130(A), the City Council is required to
9 adopt, by resolution, procedure guidelines and review criteria for permitting commercial
10 cannabis businesses; and

11 WHEREAS, the City has yet to adopt a procedure for the application or issuance of a
12 permit to operate testing laboratory commercial cannabis businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the rules and regulations entitled Test
14 Laboratories Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Procedure Guidelines, as set forth in
15 Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

16 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, as
17 follows:

18 Section 1: That the above recitals are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated
19 as if stated in full.

20 Section 2: The Test Laboratories Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Procedure
21 Guidelines attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein, are hereby adopted by the
22 City Council.

23 Section 3: Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to make minor, non-substantive
24 changes, clarifications, and revisions to the Test Laboratories Commercial Cannabis Business
25 Permit Procedure Guidelines as deemed necessary to facilitate the orderly and efficient
26 implementation of any retail commercial cannabis business permit application.

27 Section 4: The City hereby finds that this resolution is not subject to review under the
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1 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061,
2 subdivision (b)(3) (there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on
3 the environment).

4 Section 5: The provisions of this resolution shall be operative upon adoption.

5 ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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8 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

9 Attest:

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11 DONESIA GAUSE
12 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

13 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
14 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City
15 at its meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

16 Ayes:

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18 Noes:

19 Absent:

20 Abstain:

21 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
22 City of Riverside, California, this ____ day _____, 2025.

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24 DONESIA GAUSE
25 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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