



## Amendment of Title 5 to Include Chapter 5.77 – Cannabis Testing Laboratories

Community & Economic Development  
Department

City Council  
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### Issue

Adopt an ordinance to amend Title 5 – Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations to add Chapter 5.77 – Cannabis Testing Laboratories.



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## Background

At the **July 25** workshop:

1. Council directed staff to prepare a moratorium on all commercial marijuana activity to allow sufficient time to consider and develop appropriate regulations
2. City Council requested that staff consider removing marijuana testing laboratory facilities from the moratorium



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## Background

**September 12, 2017** – City Council adopted an Urgency Ordinance (#7391) to establish a moratorium on commercial marijuana land uses and recreational outdoor cultivation

- Cannabis Testing Laboratories exempted from moratorium and Council directed staff to prepare necessary amendments for consideration at future date.

**October 24, 2017** – City Council adopted an Ordinance extending the moratorium additional 10 months and 15 days



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## State Regulation

**January 1, 2018:** State agencies to begin issuing cannabis-related licenses

1. Bureau of Cannabis Control (BCC)
2. California Department of Public Health (DPH)
3. California Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA)

City may allow or ban, in whole or in part, medicinal and adult-use commercial cannabis activity.



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## License Types

### Multiple license types

1. Cultivation (Types 1-4\*)
2. Manufacturing (Types 6 & 7)
3. **Testing (Type 8)**
4. Dispensary (Type 10)
5. Distribution (Type 11)
6. Transportation (Type 12)



*\*Type 5 reserved for future large scale cultivation operations.*



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## Cannabis Testing Laboratories

1. Licenses issued and regulated by the Bureau of Cannabis Control (BCC).
2. Tasked with ensuring that all cannabis is tested prior to delivery to dispensaries or other businesses.
3. Must test for THC, cannabinoids, contaminants, microbiological impurities, and other compounds.
4. Will be an integral part of the cannabis regulation network - every cannabis-related product and batch must be tested and certified.



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## Draft Ordinance

Amends *Title 5 – Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations* to add *Chapter 5.77 – Cannabis Testing Laboratories*

1. Annual Permit and Fee Requirement
2. Renewal, Revocation, and Transfer Processes
3. Operating Requirements
  - a) No Consumption
  - b) Odor Control Measures
  - c) Security Plan Reviewed by Police Department



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## Draft Ordinance

As written, there is no limit on the number of Cannabis Testing Laboratory Permits that may be issued.

1. Unlikely to be a proliferation of laboratories.
2. Typically located in close proximity to agricultural areas to facilitate transportation between facilities.
3. Staff will monitor and reevaluate standards as needed.



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## Implementation

Cannabis Testing Laboratories shall be treated as "*Laboratories – Research*" per the Zoning Code

Permitted only the Industrial Zones:

1. Business Manufacturing Park (BMP)
2. General Industrial (I)
3. Airport Industrial (AI)
4. Airport (AIR)



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## Recommendation

That the City Council introduce, and subsequently adopt, the attached Ordinance amending the Riverside Municipal Code, Title 5 – Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations to add Chapter 5.77 regarding Cannabis Testing Laboratories.



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