

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.77 THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CANNABIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 5.77.100.C of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**“Section 5.77.100 Maximum number and type of authorized cannabis businesses permitted.**

C. The maximum number of cannabis storefront retail uses that shall be permitted to operate in the City shall be no more than fourteen (14) permittees. A maximum of one (1) permit per ward.”

Section 2: Section 5.77.140A of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**“Section 5.77.140 Exercise of a eCannabis bBusiness pPermit.**

A. A eCannabis bBusiness pPermit shall be exercised within 12 months of the final selection process, as defined by the procedure guideline and review criteria. A eCannabis bBusiness pPermit shall be considered exercised shall be when anyall of the following occur:”

Section 3: Section 5.77.270 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**“Section 5.77.270 Transfer of eCannabis bBusiness pPermit.**

A. The owner of a eCannabis bBusiness pPermit (“transferor”) shall not transfer ownership or control of the permit to another person or entity (“transferee”) unless and until the transferee obtains an amendment to the permit from the City ManagerCouncil stating that the transferee is now the permittee.

1. Such an amendment may be obtained only if the transferee files an application with the City Manager in accordance with the provisions of this chapter (as though the transferee were applying for an original eCannabis bBusiness pPermit).

2. The transferee’s application must demonstrate that the transferor has exercised its Cannabis Business Permit as provided in Section 5.77.140 and been in continuous operation with the full ownership team/structure as identified in the transferor’s Cannabis Business Permit application for a minimum of one year before the transfer application was submitted.

23. The proposed transferee's application shall be accompanied by a transfer fee in an amount set by resolution of the City Council (or if not set, shall be the same amount as the application fee).

1           ~~34.~~ The transferee's application will be treated as a new application and will be evaluated  
2 according to procedures adopted by the City Manager, pursuant to Section 5.77.~~440~~450, and must  
3 result in a score equal to or greater than the score received by the transferor.

4           B. Cannabis ~~b~~Business ~~p~~Permits issued through the grant of a transfer by the City ~~Manager~~  
5 Council shall be valid for a period of one year beginning on the day the City ~~Manager~~Council approves  
6 the transfer of the permit.

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8           Section 4:       Section 5.77.320 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:  
9 **"Section 5.77.320 Location and design of cannabis businesses.**

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11           B. A cannabis business must meet the following rules relating to proximity to sensitive uses:

12               1. The use shall be no closer than 600 or 1,000 feet from any parcel in the City designated as  
13 a sensitive use under this section that is in existence at the time the permit is issued.

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15               4. Exceptions.

16                   a. Pursuant to its authority under California Business and Professions Code Section  
17 26054, the City hereby establishes a zero-foot radius buffer for youth centers for cannabis  
18 businesses permitted under this chapter.

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20               c. During the annual Cannabis Business Permit renewal process, a permitted Cannabis  
21 Business shall not be deemed non-compliant as a result of sensitive uses that came into existence after  
22 the issuance of the Cannabis Business Permit that is being renewed."

23           Section 5:       Section 5.77.340.D of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:  
24 **"Section 5.77.340 Records and recordkeeping.**

25           D. Each owner and operator of a cannabis business shall maintain a current register of the names  
26 and the contact information (including the name, address, and telephone number) of anyone owning  
27 or holding an interest in the cannabis business, and separately of all the officers, managers, employees,  
28 agents, and volunteers currently employed or otherwise engaged by the cannabis business. The register

1 required by this paragraph shall be provided to the City Manager ~~upon request~~ for review on April 15  
2 and December 15 of each year."

3 Section 6: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information  
4 contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that  
5 this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), as it can be  
6 seen with certainty that approval of the project will not have an effect on the environment.

7 Section 7: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication  
8 once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City  
9 of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.

10 ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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13 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON  
Mayor of the City of Riverside

14 Attest:

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17 DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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1 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the  
2 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council  
3 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Absent:

7 Abstain:

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the  
9 City of Riverside, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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12 DONESIA GAUSE  
13 City Clerk of the City of Riverside  
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## **EXHIBIT “A”**

### **“Section 5.77.320 Location and design of cannabis businesses.**

A. A cannabis business must meet land use and building standards pursuant to Title 16, Title 17, Title 18, and Title 19 of this Code, including:

1. Conform with the City's general plan, any applicable specific plan, master plan, and design requirements.

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4. A cannabis business shall not be located on a parcel that is within 1,000 feet of another parcel containing a cannabis business, measured in a straight line from the closest property line of the proposed location to the closest property line of the parcel containing the other cannabis business. In addition, no cannabis business shall be located within 1,000 feet on another cannabis business, measured from entrance to entrance, even if located on the same parcel.

5. The located and design of a cannabis business shall be compatible with a business operating under the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) rules and regulations rendering an existing ABC business non-compliant.

6. A cannabis business is prohibited from operating within the boundaries of the Downtown and Midtown areas as identified on the following figures.

Figure 5.77.320.A.6-1: Downtown Boundary Map

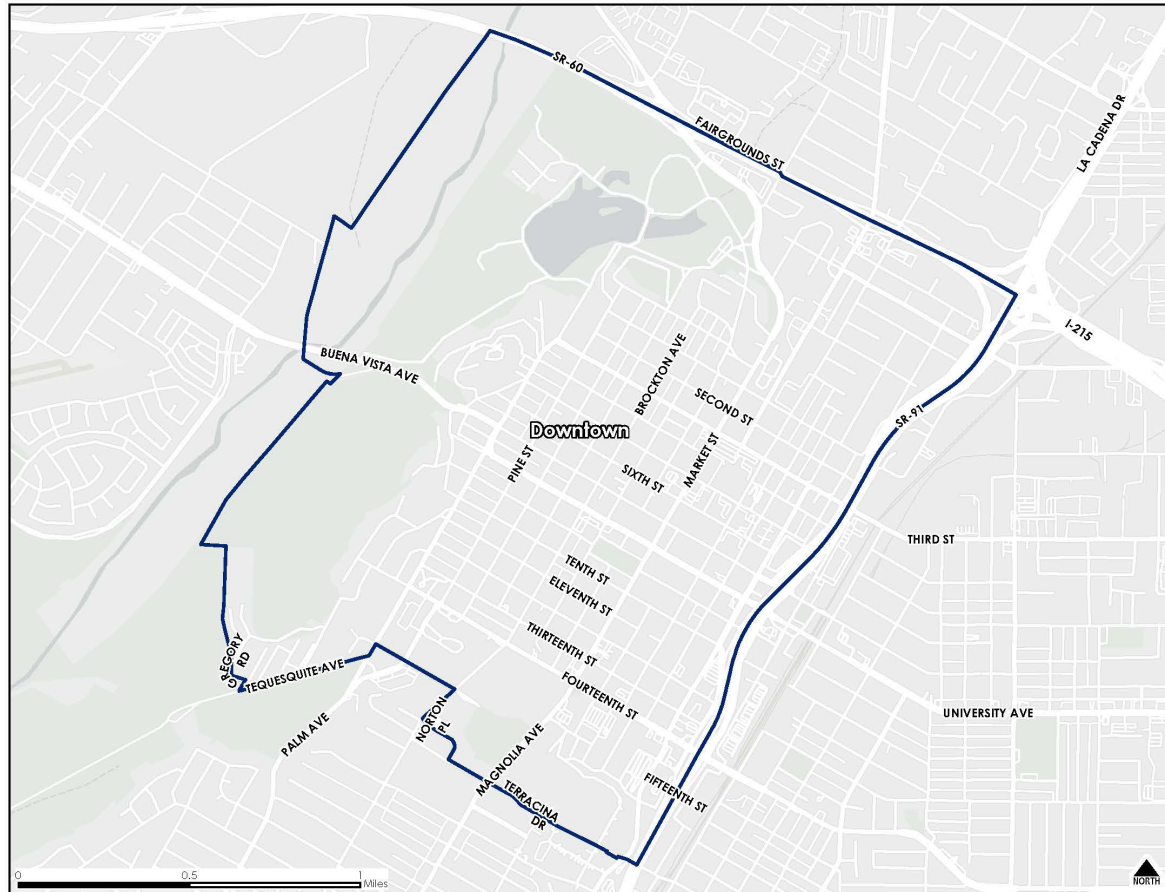
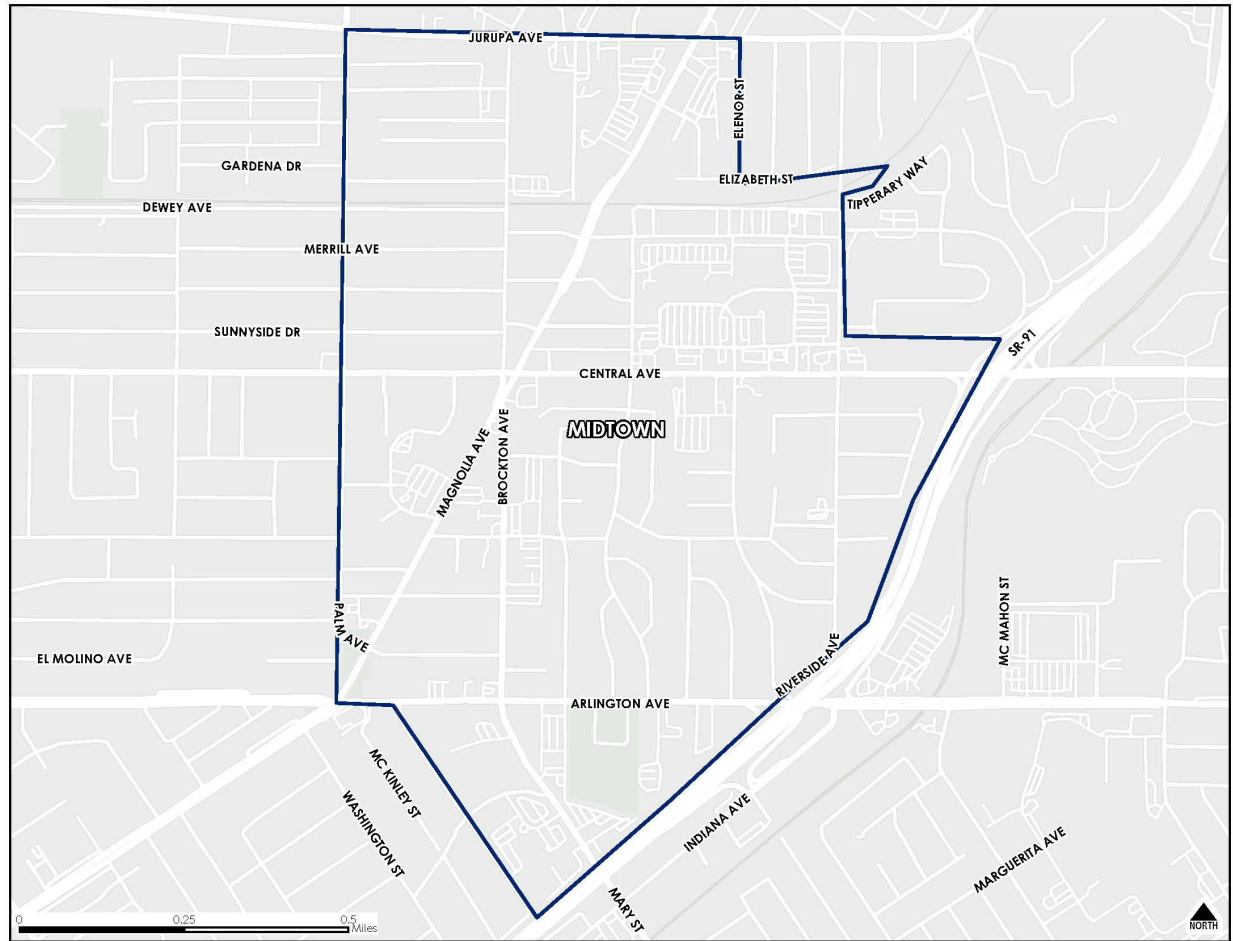


Figure 5.77.320.A.6-2: Midtown Boundary Map



B. A cannabis business must meet the following rules relating to proximity to sensitive uses:

1. The use shall be no closer than 600 or 1,000 feet from any parcel in the City designated as a sensitive use under this section that is in existence at the time the permit is issued.

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3. Sensitive uses and corresponding minimum separation distances include:

a. A school providing instruction in kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12, (whether public, private, or charter, including pre-school, transitional kindergarten, and K-12) (1,000 feet).

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d. A park (1,000 feet).

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