

Cannabis Testing Laboratory Business Permit Procedure Guidelines and Application Fee

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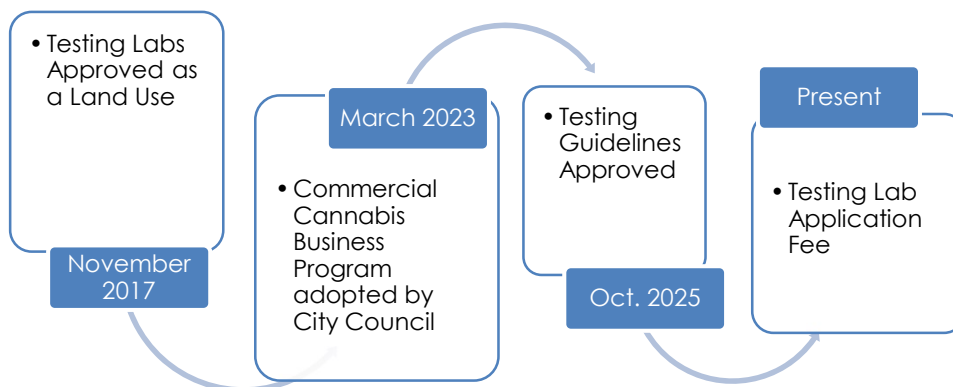


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BACKGROUND



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PERMITTED BUSINESS TYPES

Business Type	Maximum Number
 Storefront Retail	14*
 Manufacturing/Distribution	No Limit
 Testing Laboratories	No Limit

Prohibited Business Types:

- Commercial Cultivation
- Microbusinesses

*Limited to 1 permit per ward.



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DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Testing Lab
Guidelines
as a Baseline

• RMC Chapter 5.77

Other cities'
processes

• 10 cities
researched

New Testing
Labs Fees



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TESTING LAB APPLICATION FEE

User Fee Study

- Establish Application Fee to recover staff time and costs
- Approach to Establish Fees
 - Review and Analyze other city's fees
 - Identify staff time and other costs



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CITY COMPARISONS

Activity	Riverside Full Cost	Moreno Valley	Corona	Riverside County	San Bernardino	Pomona	Pasadena	Santa Ana	Long Beach	Perris	Costa Mesa
Testing Laboratory Application Fee	\$ 7,511.00	Not Allowed	\$ 8,878.00	\$ 9,646.14	\$ 15,015.55	\$13,158.00	\$ 13,654.00	\$13,500.00	\$ 5,925.45	\$ 16,008.45	\$20,380.00
		N/A	Flat Fee	Deposit	Flat Fee	Flat Fee	Flat Fee	Flat Fee	Flat Fee	Flat Fee	Annual Fee

Fee Options:

Flat Fee*

- Time and Materials
- Reduced Admin Time

Deposit

- Time/Costs charges against deposit
- Requires tracking time and processing refunds

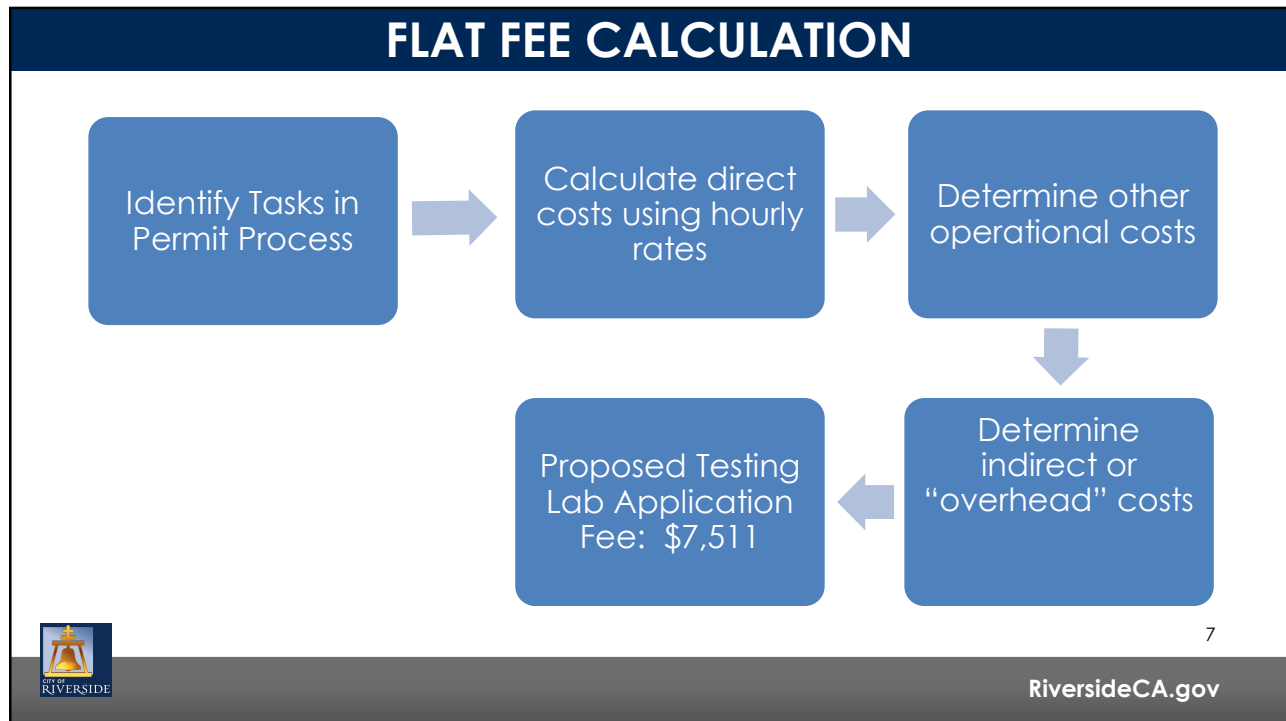
* Recommended Option

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution amending the City's Fees and Charges Schedule providing for a testing laboratory commercial cannabis business permit application fee.

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