

RETAIL STOREFRONT CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMIT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

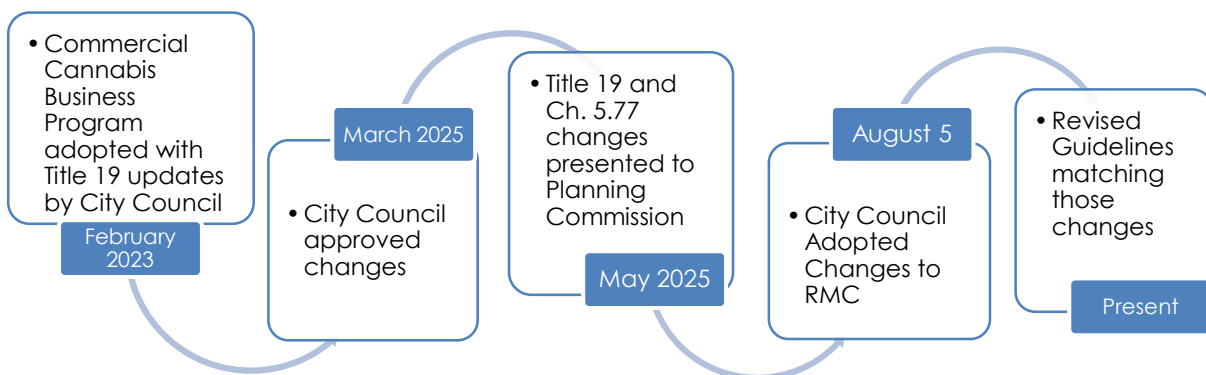
Community & Economic Development Department

City Council

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BACKGROUND



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LAND USE CHANGES TO CHAPTER 5.77

Establish a minimum separation between CCBs of 1,000 feet

Establish a minimum separation between a CCB and a park of 1,000 feet

Compatibility with Businesses under ABC regulations

Prohibit establishment of CCBs within Downtown and Midtown



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NON-LAND USE CHANGES TO CHAPTER 5.77

Limit of one permit per ward

Modifications to Permit sale and Transfer process

Ownership List to be submitted to the City two times per year



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AMENDMENTS TO GUIDELINES

Highest Ranked Applicants

- The RMC provides for up to 14 permits
- Max of 1 permit per ward, capping the initial number of permits at 7.
- The Top 7 Ranked Applicants will remain provisional applicants

One Permit Per Ward

- Preferred Site Location selection will now include the 1 permit per ward limit

Voluntary Selection of Preferred Location

- Current Applicants are not able to select a new preferred location after step 2.2
- New process established allowing a voluntary resubmittal
- Covers Disqualifications and unexpected site issues

Expiration of Ranking

- Provides City Manager ability to extend expiration date for 2 additional 12-month periods

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution amending the Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Procedure Guidelines and Application Review Criteria.
2. Direct the City Manager to establish a rule and publish on the City's website, resetting the authorized preferred location list and require the top seven ranked applicants to submit new preferred site locations.

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