

Amendments to Chapter 5.77 of the Municipal Code, and Storefront Retail Cannabis Business Permit Guidelines

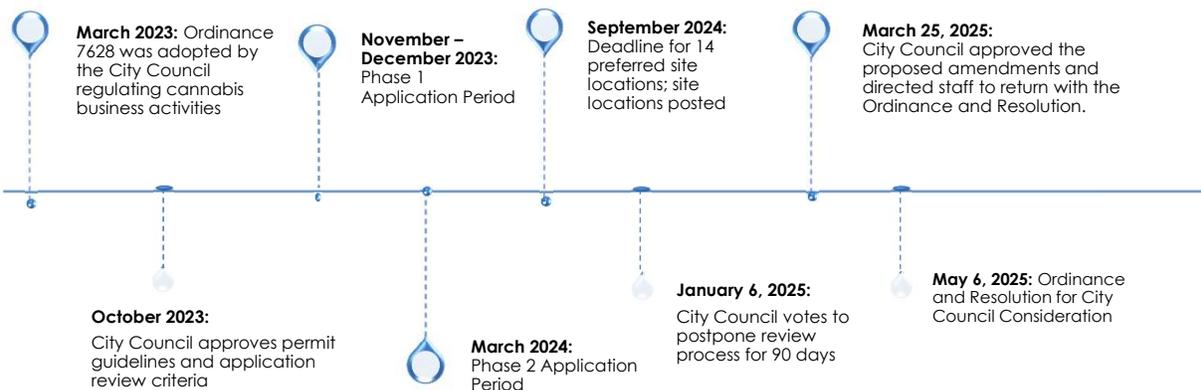
Community & Economic Development

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BACKGROUND



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NUMBER OF PERMITS

Citywide

- Up to 14 Permits

Per Ward

- 1 Permit

Modification

- City Council
- At any time after the initial Permit

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OWNERSHIP – SALE OR TRANSFER

Minimum of
1 year

Same
evaluation
process and
scoring

City Council
has final
authority

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LOCATION AND DESIGN

Compatibility

- With business under ABC regulations
- Exception for annual review of sensitive uses

Areas

- Downtown
- Midtown

Distances

- 1000 feet between businesses
- 600 feet from a Park



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RECORDS AND RECORDKEEPING

Submittal

- April 15
- December 15



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GUIDELINES

Step 2.2

- Fail zoning verification
- Resubmit

Step 2.3

- Failure to meet any deadlines
- Foreit application and Permit


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FISCAL IMPACT

	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28	FY 2028/29
Budgeted	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Proposed	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Projected Revenue Reduction	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0


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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-Being

- **Goal 2.4** – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Introduce and subsequently adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 5.77 Cannabis Business Activities of Riverside Municipal Code.
2. Adopt the Resolution amending the Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Procedure Guidelines.



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