

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The recent Social Equity program has been a disaster and its only about to get worse. Stakeholders constant concerns with all these irregularities in Phase 3 process are carrying over into the PCN process. When and how are Social Equity applicants going to be protected by DCR & PLUM committee? The PCN participants whom are low-income and have made significant financial commitments since the start of the application process 9/3/19 will suffer severe financial impacts as a result of their locations becoming ineligible if the current sensitive use ordinance is not amended. DCR made it known that we all were required to enter into leases before applying which we all did and we have been holding onto these properties since 9/3/19. There are multiple (8) PCN applicants in CD14 that will be disproportionately impacted once again when the PCN process starts 12/1/20 because DCR permitted an EMD to move into the community plan area within 700ft of pending PCN applications after the start of the Phase 3 process. The DCR allowing this relocation to take place on 11/1/19 will automatically disqualify all (8) applicants before the process starts. Not only has DCR granted this but the location has been abandoned since 11/1/19 and is not in operation to date. DCR has allowed this to happen after the relocation deadline in 11/30/18, amended LAMC Section 104.12 (d) Renewal and Cancellation "Any Licensee who has ceased cannabis activity at a Business Premises for a continuous period from 30 days to 180 days shall not be authorized to renew its license" If the proposed ordinance is not changed from the date the business is licensed to a date when the application date was submitted to DCR you all will have 8 stakeholders who have invested, borrowed, took out loans of endless amounts of money risking it all to lose out by an error made by DCR. All we did was follow the rules and requirements made by the DCR and none of us would have entered into leases if the DCR would have had the location on their licensed map which they didn't because they granted approval to this EMD after the start of the Phase 3 process. Please strongly consider making the appropriate amendments to the ordinance before you to prevent all of us from a financial crisis.

[ACTIVITY APPLICATION  
PROCESSING.](#)[SEC. 104.07.  
PROPOSITION M  
PRIORITY PROCESSING.](#)[SEC. 104.08. NON-  
RETAILER COMMERCIAL  
CANNABIS ACTIVITY  
PRIOR TO JANUARY 1,  
2016, PROCESSING.](#)[SEC. 104.09. TESTING  
LAB LICENSES.](#)[SEC. 104.10. LICENSE  
APPEAL PROCEDURE.](#)[SEC. 104.11. MANDATORY  
REQUIREMENTS.](#)[SEC. 104.12. RENEWAL  
AND CANCELLATION.](#)[SEC. 104.13.  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
VIOLATIONS AND  
PENALTIES.](#)[SEC. 104.14.  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
HEARING PROCEDURE.](#)[SEC. 104.15.  
ENFORCEMENT AND  
PENALTIES FOR  
UNLAWFUL CANNABIS  
RELATED ACTIVITY.](#)[SEC. 104.16.  
ADMINISTRATION](#)**SEC. 104.12. RENEWAL AND CANCELLATION.**

(Added by Ord. No. 185,343, Eff. 12/19/17.)

(a) Every License, including Temporary Approvals, shall be renewed annually. If a License is not timely renewed, it shall expire after 11:59 p.m. on December 31 for the year issued. Applicants shall pay the applicable renewal fee pursuant to Section [104.19\(b\)](#). To renew a License, a License renewal application and applicable renewal fee shall be paid by the Licensee no earlier than 120 calendar days before the expiration of the License, and no later than 60 calendar days before the expiration of the License. Failure to receive a notice for License renewal from DCR does not relieve a Licensee of the obligation to renew a License. In the event the License is not renewed prior to the expiration date, the Licensee shall cease all Commercial Cannabis Activity until such time that the Licensee is issued a new License from DCR and a license from the State of California. **(Amended by Ord. No. 186,703, Eff. 7/10/20.)**

(b) At the time a License renewal application is submitted to DCR, a Licensee must include updated annual licensing documents required by Rule and Regulation No. 3. As part of the License renewal process, DCR may require modification to the Licensee's security plan. Except for Tier 3 Licensees, Licensees subject to Section [104.20](#) shall also submit Equity Share documents in compliance with Section [104.20\(a\)\(2\)](#). **(Amended by Ord. No. 186,703, Eff. 7/10/20.)**

(c) To renew a license, a Licensee shall be in good standing with the requirements in this article and shall not be delinquent on any City tax or fee. For purposes of this subsection only, a Licensee who has entered into a payment plan with the City's Office of Finance pursuant to LAMC Section [21.18](#) to pay all outstanding City-owned business taxes shall not be deemed delinquent on any City tax. **(Amended by Ord. No. 186,703, Eff. 7/10/20.)**

(d) Any Licensee who has ceased a Commercial Cannabis Activity at a Business Premises for a continuous period of 180 days shall not be authorized to renew its license unless authorized by DCR in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. **(Amended by Ord. No. 186,703, Eff. 7/10/20.)**

(e) DCR may cancel any License upon the request of the Licensee.

(f) The Licensee may file an administrative appeal of the decision to deny License renewal pursuant to Section [104.14](#) within 15 days of the date of DCR mailing the denial letter. Failure to file an administrative appeal shall constitute a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. **(Added by Ord. No. 186,703, Eff. 7/10/20.)**

**SEC. 104.13. ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**