

STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending Sections 105.01, 105.02, and 105.03 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to modify and add definitions, location restrictions, and sensitive site dating provisions related to commercial cannabis activity in the City, and provisions governing the continuing operation of existing medical marijuana dispensaries.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 26055(h), on the basis that the project will adopt ordinances, rules and/or regulations, that will require discretionary review under CEQA to approve licenses to engage in commercial cannabis activity in the City (ENV-2019-6204-SE).
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present the Ordinance amending LAMC Sections 105.01, 105.02, and 105.03 to modify and add definitions, location restrictions, and sensitive site dating provisions related to commercial cannabis activity in the City, and provisions governing the continuing operation of existing medical marijuana dispensaries; and, include an Urgency Clause in the draft Ordinance to be transmitted for the Council's consideration, in accordance with the amendments proposed by the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) included in Attachment B of the revised DCR report dated May 27, 2021, attached to the Council file, with the following amendment:
 - a. Under Section 2, strike out the suggested changes and keep the original definition of Permanent Supportive Housing in LAMC Section 105.01, keeping drug treatment as part of the definition.

Case No. CPC-2019-6203-CA

Environmental No. ENV2019-6204-SE

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DCR. The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on June 1, 2021, the PLUM Committee considered the LACPC report and the revised DCR report dated May 27, 2021 relative to a proposed Ordinance amending LAMC Sections 105.01, 105.02, and 105.03 to modify and add definitions, location restrictions, and sensitive site dating provisions related to commercial cannabis

activity in the City, and provisions governing the continuing operation of existing medical marijuana dispensaries. Staff from the Department of City Planning and DCR provided an overview of the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to request the City Attorney to prepare and present the Ordinance with an Urgency Clause in accordance with the proposed amendments included in Attachment B of the revised DCR report, with the amendment to strike out the suggested changes under Section 2 of the proposed Ordinance and keep the original definition of Permanent Supportive Housing in LAMC Section 105.01. DCP and DCR staff provided an overview of the matter. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
LEE:	YES

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