

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 31.00 of Chapter III of the Los Angeles Municipal Code regarding Public Health inspections of licensed commercial cannabis businesses.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Paragraph (G) is added Section 31.00(a)(1) of Chapter III of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(G) The provisions of Part 7 of Chapter 8.04, and Chapter 37 of Title 11, of the Los Angeles County Code, as enacted and referenced in Los Angeles County Ordinance 2017-0060 § 3, effective January 18, 2018, as the referenced provisions of the Los Angeles County Code may be amended from time to time, fully express the will and intention of the Council of the City of Los Angeles as to those matters relating to public health that are contained therein, and are hereby adopted and are incorporated herein by reference.

Sec. 2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which can be implemented without the invalid provisions and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each and every provision and portion thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Sec. 3. **URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety for the following reasons: As documented by, among other City departments, the City Attorney and the Los Angeles Police Department, unauthorized cannabis activity in the City continues to proliferate, with the attendant crime and negative secondary impacts that pose a current and immediate threat to the public welfare. Unauthorized cannabis businesses often cultivate, manufacture, and sell cannabis that has not been tested in accordance with governmental standards, and which may therefore be tainted, contaminated, mislabeled, unlabeled, or misbranded, and cause serious injury or illness if consumed. The Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) plays a key role in reducing the threats posed by unauthorized cannabis activity by, in part, issuing licenses to cannabis businesses that require those businesses to operate under strict regulations that are primarily intended to protect the public welfare. These amendments establish a first-in-time public health program that will provide for the issuance of unique emblem placards to commercial cannabis businesses that are licensed by DCR and the State, and which have passed an inspection by the County's Department of Public

Health. The issuance of a unique emblem will create a highly visible and recognizable signal to the public that the business displaying the emblem placard is licensed, and therefore help deter patronage at unlicensed locations that do not have such a placard. Additionally, the public health inspection required by this ordinance will protect consumers by ensuring that cannabis products are cultivated, manufactured, prepared, processed and sold in compliance with the requirements of the regulated cannabis marketplace and are safe for public consumption. For all of these reasons, this ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Section 253 of the Los Angeles City Charter.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____