



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CANNABIS BUSINESS ORDINANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Code of the City of Claremont and State law (including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)), that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to review and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding amendments to the Claremont Business Regulation Code (Title 5 to the Claremont Municipal Code) and Zoning Code (Title 16 to the Claremont Municipal Code) that, if adopted, will: (1) amend the Zoning Code to allow Cannabis Storefront Retail as a conditionally permitted use in certain commercial, retail, industrial, and mixed-use zones; and (2) add a new chapter to the Building Regulation Code to establish a Cannabis Business Permit program, including regulations for permitting, operation, and oversight of cannabis businesses.

The Planning Commission will conduct this public hearing on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM** in the City Council Chamber, located at 225 West Second Street. All interested persons are invited to attend and present written and/or verbal comments at this hearing. It is requested that any written comments and supporting documents be submitted to the City Hall office or via email to natienza@claremontca.gov by 3:00 PM on June 3, 2025. Instructions on how to provide verbal public comment will be detailed on the Agenda, which will be posted on the City Website five days prior to the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed Cannabis Business Ordinances are not subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) and (3) in that the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and in that the activity is not a "project" as defined in Section 15378. CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) and (5) exclude "[c]ontinuing administrative ... activities" and "administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment" from its definition of "project." In the absence of any pending application for any cannabis storefront retailer, any specific environmental effects would be speculative. The environmental effects of prospective future cannabis storefront retailers will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis by the City during application and permitting processes.

Even if these Ordinances were a "project" (as that term is defined in CEQA), they would be exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15183(a) because they are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning and general plan policies for which an EIR was certified. The Ordinances would also be exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)'s "general rule" that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Here, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this item, in and of itself, will have a significant effect on the environment. On its own, this item merely establishes a regulatory framework; it will not directly result in any physical changes to the environment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Copies of the proposed Cannabis Business Ordinances will be posted to the City website, and on file with the Community Development Department, and can be emailed to interested parties to review. For more information on the Cannabis Business Ordinance, please contact **Senior Management Analyst, Alex Cousins at (909) 399-5323, acousins@claremontca.gov**, or send written comments to P.O. Box 880, Claremont, CA 91711-0880.

Finally, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in a City meeting should contact the City Clerk at 909/399-5461 "VOICE" or 1-800/735-2929 "TT/TTY" at least three working days prior to the meeting, if possible.

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