

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Updated September 22, 2017)

What is meant by local enterprise?

Provide information on the management and principals that will reside in Hanford or, in the case of out of town principals, how often they will be at the facility participating in the management of the facility.

How do I obtain a Zoning Verification Letter?

A zoning verification letter from the City is required with your submittal due on October 2, 2017. A form has been prepared to request a letter. You must submit the form and fee. It may take up to ten (10) days to get you the letter, please allow sufficient time to get it completed prior to the application due date.

What is an Air Quality Control Plan?

The issuance of a Regulatory Permit will require cannabis operators to provide a sufficient odor absorbing ventilation and exhaust system so that odor generated inside the facility that is distinctive to its operation is not detected outside the premises or anywhere on the adjacent property or public right-of-way. As such Cannabis businesses should install and maintain the following equipment or any other equipment which the City determines has the same or better effectiveness: 1) An exhaust air filtration system with odor control that prevents internal odors from being emitted externally; or 2) An air system that creates negative pressure between the cannabis facilities' interior and exterior so the odors generated inside the cannabis facility are not detectable outside the cannabis facility. The ideal applicant should acknowledge that the level of odor-control equipment and technology required may increase as new equipment and technology becomes available or equipment and technology that is presently not feasible due to its expense becomes less costly. In addition, the air quality should take into consideration the health and wellness of its employees and comply with all OSHA and Kings County requirements and standards

Do I have to submit fees for all the phases with my application?

Yes, the application fee of \$4,254 for Phase 1 is due with your application. Fees for background check (\$300) and live scan (\$135.55) are also due for each principal and owners listed on the application. Applications without the appropriate fee will not proceed to Phase 2. If you proceed to the subsequent phases, you will be notified via email that you are proceeding to the next phase and payment of the fee for the next phase is due within a prescribed time contained in the email.

We have a larger site, do the drawings need to be ¼ scale, which would result in very large drawings?

If you have a site larger than one acre, you may reduce the scale. Please keep sheets to 24 X 36 size. Submittal that require more detail such as security plans, should be at the ¼ scale or as large as can be provided on a 24X36 sheet.

Where do I get the indemnification agreement required to be submitted with the application?

The indemnification agreement does not have to be submitted with your application. The indemnification agreement will be provided to all applicants that successfully pass through Phase 1 and 2 and are selected to proceed to Phase 3.

What is the Cannabis Business Permit Fee if I am awarded a permit?

The amount of the annual cannabis permit fee has not been calculated at this time. The fee will be based on the number of permits issued and the cost to regulate those permittees. The fee will be calculated prior to Phase 4, so that all applicants will know what the proposed fee will be. The fee will be adjusted annually to cover full costs to regulate cannabis development.

Do all principal/owners have to fill out the principal/owner form and background authorization?

The City will use the language from the proposed State regulations that were pulled and will come back in November. That definition stated that an owner is “An individual that will be participating in the direction, control, or management of the license commercial cannabis business. For the purpose of this section, participating in the direction, control, or management of the licensed commercial cannabis business means that the individual has been delegated discretionary powers to organize, direct, carry on or control the operations of the licensed commercial cannabis business.” Owner/investors that may not meet that definition, but own 20% or more of the proposed business must also be included. Those individuals must go through the Livescan and Background process.

Do property owners, if property is leased, have to submit for Livescan and backgrounds?

If the relationship is a landlord/lessee relationship, in that there is a monthly or annual lease and that is the limit of the landowners involvement, then the landowner is not considered a principal/owner and not subject to the Livescan and background check. If the landowner/lessee relationship is expanded in that the landowner is involved in operation, direction or control of the cannabis business or will receive additional compensation other than a fixed rent, then the landowner is an principal/owner and subject to Livescan and background check.

What about the check box for proof of status as a qualified patient or primary caregiver?

If you plan to operate before January 1, 2018, proof of status as a qualified patient or primary caregiver is required. If operations will not commence until after that date, please note it at this location on the application.

How do we achieve the maximum points in the Community Benefits Plan, which is worth a total of 700 points?

A plan for community benefits that contributes 2.5% of gross receipts to the community would achieve 80% of the points. Less contributions will be awarded less points and more contributions more points to a maximum of 5% for the full 700 points.

Where do we get the Livescan forms to submit to the City with the applications?

The Livescan forms are not available yet, so they will not be required with your application. They will be provided to the applicants after October 2, 2017 when they are available. Your application will not be rejected for not having the Livescan forms.