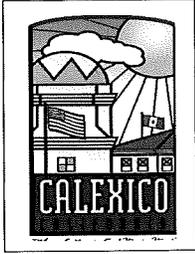


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DATE: August 1, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager *DP*

PREPARED BY: Miguel Figueroa, Assistant City Manager *MF*

SUBJECT: Provide Direction to Move Forward to Expand Commercial Activities Within the Cannabis Overlay Zone and Host a Community Forum.

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Recommendation:

Consideration to expand commercial activities within the Cannabis Overlay Zone and host a community forum as recommended by the Cannabis Industry Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee.

Background:

On May 2, 2018, the Calexico City Council appointed two council members to serve on the Cannabis Industry Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee. The sub-committee met on June 21, 2018 and recommended to analyze expanding commercial cannabis activities within the Cannabis Overlay Zone to generate additional revenue to the City of Calexico.

Expanded commercial cannabis activities could consider shared-use facilities, retailers, non-storefront retailers, and microbusinesses (commercial business for the cultivation of cannabis on an area less than 10,000 square feet).

Discussion & Analysis:

On July 5, 2017, the Calexico City Council adopted ordinances 1177 and 1178. As a result of this action, the adopted Zoning Ordinance Amendment provides that up to ten (10) applicants per commercial cannabis business category may operate in the Cannabis Overlay Zone after obtaining a conditional use permit (CUP) or development agreement approved by City Council and a regulatory permit. Each applicant may only apply for and operate two (2) commercial cannabis activity facilities in the city.

In the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, commercial cannabis activity includes, cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing, transportation, and distribution including possession, processing, storing, and labeling incidental to each activity of cannabis, and cannabis products.

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Under the existing Zoning Ordinance Amendment, commercial cannabis activity does not include, delivery, dispensing, or retail sale of cannabis or cannabis products.

After analyzing expanding commercial cannabis activities within the City, the Cannabis Industry Ad-Hoc Committee recommends the City Council provide direction to expand commercial cannabis activities within the Cannabis Overlay Zone and to direct staff to host a community forum to inform and educate the public on the expansion of cannabis activities.

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact to the City General Fund.

Coordinated With:

City Manager's Office.
City Attorney.

Attachment(s):

None.