

## **Chapter 17.54 Cannabis Retailer Conditional Use Permits**

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### **17.54.010 Definitions.**

For the purpose of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

A. "Applicant" means an owner applying for a cannabis retailer conditional use permit pursuant to this Chapter.

B. "Bureau" means the Bureau of Cannabis Control within the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

C. "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* Linnaeus, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. "Cannabis" also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. "Cannabis" does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is

incapable of germination. For the purpose of this Chapter, “cannabis” does not mean “industrial hemp” as defined by Section 11018.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

D. “Cannabis business” means a cannabis retailer.

E. “Cannabis products” has the same meaning as in Section 11018.1 of the Health and Safety Code.

F. “Cannabis retailer” means a cannabis business that engages in the retail sale and delivery of cannabis or cannabis products to customers.

G. “City” means the City of Banning.

H. “City Manager” means the City Manager or his/her designee.

I. “Convicted” or “Conviction” means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere was entered, but does not include any plea, verdict, or conviction that is expunged pursuant to California law or a similar federal or state law where the expungement was granted.

J. “Commercial cannabis activity” includes the cultivation, possession, manufacture, distribution, processing, storing, laboratory testing, packaging, labeling, transportation, delivery or sale of cannabis and cannabis products, or engaging in any other cannabis activity that requires a State license issued by a licensing authority.

K. “Financial interest” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5004 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time.

L. “Licensing authority” means the Bureau of Cannabis Control; CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing, a division of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); the California Department of Public Health’s Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch; or any other State cannabis licensing authority.

M. “MAUCRSA” means the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act.

N. “Owner” means any of the following:

1. A person with any ownership interest, unless the interest is solely a security, lien, or encumbrance.

2. The chief executive officer of a nonprofit or other entity.

3. A member of the board of directors of a nonprofit.

4. An individual who will be participating in the direction, control, or management of the person applying for a permit. An owner who is an individual participating in the direction, control, or management of the commercial cannabis business includes any of the following:

a) A partner of a cannabis business that is organized as a partnership.

b) A member of a limited liability company of a cannabis business that is organized as a limited liability company.

c) An officer or director of a cannabis business that is organized as a corporation.

O. "Permit" means a cannabis retailer conditional use permit issued pursuant to this Chapter.

P. "Permittee" means any person holding a cannabis conditional use permit under this Chapter.

Q. "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular.

R. "Premises" means the designated structure or structures and land specified in the application that is owned, leased, or otherwise held under the control of the applicant where the cannabis business will be conducted.

S. "Significant discrepancy" means a difference in actual inventory compared to records pertaining to inventory of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000). For purposes of determining a discrepancy, the acquisition price of the cannabis goods shall be used to determine the value of cannabis goods in a permittee's inventory.

#### **17.54.020 Cannabis Retailer Conditional Use Permit Required.**

A. Except as expressly authorized pursuant to this Title (Title 17, Zoning), all commercial cannabis activity is prohibited in the City.

B. Prior to initiating operations and as a continuing requisite to operating a cannabis business, the person(s) wishing to operate a cannabis business shall:

1. Obtain and maintain a validly issued cannabis conditional use permit approved by the City Council after recommendation by the Planning Commission, and comply with all conditions of approval.

2. Obtain and maintain a State license to engage in the specific cannabis business being operated on the premises.

3. Obtain and maintain a cannabis retailer regulatory permit as required by Chapter 5.33 of this Code.

4. Obtain and maintain a business license or any other license or permit required by this Code.

**17.54.030 Cannabis Retailer Conditional Use Permit - Application Fees and Terms.**

A. No cannabis retailer conditional use permit application shall be processed unless the applicant pays the application fee deposit in the amount to be established by resolution of the City Council. No cannabis retailer conditional use permit shall be issued unless the applicant pays the nonrefundable permit fee in the amounts to be established by resolution of the City Council.

B. Each cannabis retailer premises shall require a separate cannabis retailer conditional use permit. Two cannabis retailer premises in the City may not operate under one cannabis retailer conditional use permit. No holder of a cannabis retailer conditional use permit for one premises shall have an ownership interest in any other cannabis retailer lawfully or unlawfully operating in the City. Accordingly, no cannabis retailer conditional use permit shall be issued for an applicant, business entity, or person that has an ownership interest in any other cannabis retailer in the City and no cannabis retailer conditional use permit shall be issued if the applicant, owner or person with a direct financial interest in the cannabis business also has an ownership or other direct financial interest in any other commercial cannabis retailer that is operating in the City or that has obtained a conditional use permit.

**17.54.040 Cannabis Retailer Conditional Use Permit Application Requirements.**

An applicant shall file the following information with the City at the time of application for a cannabis retailer conditional use permit:

A. A completed cannabis retailer conditional use permit application, together with the application fee in an amount to be established by resolution of the City Council.

B. Proof of a cannabis regulatory permit jointly approved by the City Manager and Chief of Police. The owner(s) identified on the cannabis retailer conditional use permit application shall be same owner(s) as listed on the cannabis retailer regulatory permit issued pursuant to Chapter 5.33.

C. An operating plan for the proposed cannabis business that includes:

1. A general description of the types of products and/or services to be sold or provided by the cannabis business;

2. A site plan, drawn to scale and professionally prepared by a licensed civil engineer or architect, of the parcel of property on which the proposed cannabis business will be located. The site plan shall include the outline of all structures, driveways, parking and landscape areas, and boundaries of the parcel.

3. A floor plan, drawn to scale and professionally prepared by a licensed civil engineer or architect, designating all interior dimensions of the

premises, the proposed use of all spaces, identification of limited access areas, areas of ingress and egress, and all security camera locations.

4. An evaluation of accessibility by the physically disabled to and within the building and identification of any planned accessibility improvements to comply with all state and federal disability access laws, including, but not limited to, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The evaluation must be professionally prepared by a licensed civil engineer or architect.

5. A business plan describing how the cannabis business will operate in accordance with the Banning Municipal Code, state law, and other applicable regulations. The business plan must include plans for cash handling and transportation of cannabis and cannabis products to and from the premises.

6. A list of all owners, employees, independent contractors, and volunteers.

D. Neighborhood Context Map. An accurate straight-line drawing depicting the boundaries of the premises, the boundaries of all other properties within 600 feet of the premises, and the uses of those properties, specifically including, but not limited to, any use identified in Business and Professions Code section 26054(b), and any park. The map must also identify any residentially zoned parcel that is located within 200 feet of the premises. The map must be professionally prepared by a licensed civil engineer or architect.

E. Security plan. A detailed security plan outlining the measures that will be taken to ensure the safety of persons and property on the premises. The security plan must be prepared by a qualified professional.

F. Lighting Plan. A lighting plan showing existing and proposed exterior and interior lighting levels that would be the minimum necessary to provide adequate security lighting for the use.

G. The name, phone number, and email address of an on-site community relations representative or staff member or other representative to whom the City can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the cannabis business or refer members of the public who may have complaints or concerns regarding the cannabis business. This information shall be available to neighboring businesses and residences located within one hundred feet of the cannabis business, as measured in a straight line without regard to intervening structures.

**17.54.050 Additional Application Requirements.**

A. Each cannabis business shall obtain a separate conditional use permit.

B. The applicant shall submit proof that the applicant is, or will be, entitled to possession of the premises for which application is made.

C. The applicant shall submit proof of the nature of the cannabis business's organizational status, such as articles of incorporation, by-laws, partnership agreements, and other documentation which may be required by the City.

**17.54.060 Procedures and Findings for Approval of Cannabis Retailer Conditional Use Permit.**

A. A cannabis retailer conditional use permit shall be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 17.52, Conditional Use Permits, with the following exceptions:

1. Any provision that requires the approval by the Planning Commission with appeal to the City Council shall be replaced with the requirement that the Planning Commission make a recommendation on the cannabis retailer conditional use permit and that the approval of such permit shall be made by the City Council.

2. Sections 17.52.020 (Application procedures) and 17.52.080 (Modifications) shall not apply.

3. Any procedures pertaining to noticing and the setting of a public hearing before the Planning Commission shall also apply to the City Council.

B. An applicant for a cannabis retailer conditional use permit shall comply with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). No cannabis retailer conditional use permit shall be granted until the requisite CEQA review has been conducted.

**17.54.070 Approval of Cannabis Retailer Conditional Use Permit with Conditions**

A. Upon approval of a cannabis conditional use permit, the City Council may impose conditions in excess of the requirements set forth in this Chapter including, but not limited to, conditions relating to hours of operation, the operation of any cannabis business, restrictions relating to the deployment or use of the types of equipment used on the premises, and set back requirements.

B. The City may grant a cannabis conditional use permit prior to the applicant having obtained a state license from a licensing authority; however, no approved cannabis business may receive a certificate of occupancy nor operate in the City prior to possessing the requisite state and local licenses and permits.

C. All cannabis businesses must pay all applicable taxes pursuant to all federal, state, and local laws.

D. Cannabis businesses shall comply with all cannabis state laws and regulations.

**17.54.080 Separation Requirements and Other Limitations.**

A. Only one cannabis retailer for every 10,000 residents may lawfully operate in the City, with any fraction of that ratio being rounded down to the nearest whole number.

B. No cannabis business shall be located within a 200-foot radius of any residential zoning district. No cannabis business shall be located within a 600-foot radius of any day care center, youth center, public or private school providing instruction in kindergarten or any of grades 1-12, or park. The 600-foot distance requirement does not include any private school in which education is primarily conducted in a private home or a family day care home. The distances specified in this subsection shall be the horizontal distance measured in a straight line without regard to intervening structures, from the property line of the lot on which the cannabis business is located to the nearest property line of those uses described in this subsection.

**17.54.090 Premises.**

A. All cannabis businesses shall be conducted only in the interior of enclosed structures, facilities and buildings and all operations including the storage or cultivation of cannabis plants at any stage of growth shall not be visible from the exterior of any structure, facility, or building. There shall be no outdoor storage of any kind associated with the cannabis business.

B. Loading areas and loading docks shall be located on the side or rear of the lot, and shall be screened by solid, decorative walls.

C. Hours of operation shall be as approved with the Conditional Use Permit.

D. Cannabis businesses shall only be conducted on properties that are fully compliant with all Banning Municipal Code requirements, including required development standards such as parking, landscaping, etc.

E. All entrances into the premises shall be locked at all times with entry controlled by the permittee's managers and staff.

F. The main entrance shall be maintained clear of barriers, landscaping, and other obstructions. Inside of the main entrance, there shall be a lobby to receive persons into the site and to verify whether they are allowed on the premises.

G. All commercial cannabis activity in any premises shall be separated from the main entrance and lobby, and cannabis and cannabis products shall be secured by a lock accessible only to managers and staff of the permittee.

H. A permittee shall not, without an approved amendment to the cannabis retailer conditional use permit, make a physical change, alteration, or modification of the premises that alters the premises or the use of the premises from the premises diagram filed with the permit application. Material or substantial changes, alterations or

modifications requiring approval include, but are not limited to, the removal, creation, or relocation of a common entryway, doorway, passage, or a means of public entry or exit, when such common entryway, doorway or passage alters or changes limited-access areas within the premises.

I. A permittee shall not sublet the premises.

J. Inspections. The City shall have the right to enter all cannabis businesses from time to time upon 24-hour's notice for the purpose of making reasonable inspections to observe and enforce compliance with this Chapter. Such inspections shall be limited to observing the licensed premises for purposes of determining whether the cannabis business is being operated or maintained in compliance with this Code, state law, and other applicable laws and regulations. Any cannabis business licensed pursuant to this Chapter may be required to demonstrate, upon demand by the City that the source and quantity of any cannabis or cannabis products found upon the licensed premises is in full compliance with any applicable local or state law or regulation.

#### **17.54.100 Personnel and Visitors.**

A. All agents, officers, or other persons acting for or employed by a cannabis business shall display a laminated or plastic-coated identification badge issued by the cannabis business at all times while engaging in commercial cannabis activity. The identification badge shall, at a minimum, include the cannabis business's "Doing business as" name and city business license number, the employee's first name, an employee number exclusively assigned to that employee for identification purposes, and a color photograph of the employee that clearly shows the full front of the employee's face and that is at least 1 inch in width and 1.5 inches in height.

B. Employees and Volunteers Age Requirement. A cannabis business shall not employ an individual less than twenty-one (21) years of age, nor may a cannabis business permit an individual less than twenty-one (21) years of age to volunteer at the cannabis business.

C. Visitors. Limited access areas of a cannabis business shall not be open to the general public. Any individual permitted to enter a limited access area who is not a person that has undergone a background check in accordance with Chapter 5.33 of this Code and is not listed on the premises' worker list shall be considered a visitor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, state and local employees, or their official designees, shall not be considered a visitor provided the individual is on the licensed premises for purposes of official government business.

1. Visitors Identification and Record Requirements. Prior to permitting a visitor into a limited access area, a cannabis business must check the individual's valid government issued identification. The visitor shall be required to sign the cannabis business's visitor log, which must include the individual's name, date of entry, and purpose for entry.



2. Visitors Must Be at Least Twenty-One (21) Years of Age. A cannabis business may not permit a visitor who is less than twenty-one (21) years of age to enter a limited access area.

3. Visitors Prohibited Conduct. A visitor shall not be permitted to engage in any commercial cannabis activity while on the premises.

4. A manager shall be on the site at all times that any other person, except a security guard, is on the site.

#### **17.54.110 Security.**

The premises of a cannabis business must comply with all of the following security requirements:

A. Main entrance and lobby. The premises shall have a building with a main entrance that is clearly visible from the public street or sidewalk. The main entrance shall be maintained clear of barriers, landscaping, and other obstructions. The premises shall have an area designed for the secure receipt of cannabis and cannabis goods from a licensed distributor.

B. Commercial-Grade Locks. All points of ingress and egress to a premises shall ensure the use of commercial-grade, nonresidential door locks or window locks.

C. A permittee shall hire or contract for 24-hour security personnel to provide security services for the premises. All security personnel hired or contracted for by the cannabis business shall comply with Chapters 11.4 and 11.5 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code.

D. Video Surveillance. The premises must be equipped with a video surveillance system that meets all of the requirements set forth in this subsection.

1. Each premises shall have a digital audio/video surveillance system with a minimum camera resolution of 1280 x 720 pixels.

2. The surveillance-system storage device or the cameras shall be transmission control protocol (TCP) capable of being accessed through the internet.

3. The video surveillance system shall at all times be able to effectively and clearly record images of the area under surveillance and shall capture audio such that all sounds are intelligible.

4. Each camera shall be permanently mounted and in a fixed location. Each camera shall be placed in a location that allows the camera to clearly record activity occurring within 20 feet of all points of entry and exit on the premises, and allows for the clear and certain identification of any person and activities in all areas required to be filmed under subsection 5 below.

5. Areas that shall be recorded on the audio/video surveillance system include the following:

- a) Areas where cannabis goods are weighed, packed, stored, loaded, and unloaded for transportation, prepared, or moved within the premises;
- b) Limited-access areas;
- c) Security rooms;
- d) Areas storing a surveillance-system storage device with at least one camera recording the access points to the secured surveillance recording area.
- e) Entrances and exits to the premises.
- f) Waste containers.

6. Cameras shall record continuously 24 hours per day and at a minimum of 15 frames per second (FPS).

7. The physical media or storage device on which surveillance recordings are stored shall be secured in a manner to protect the recording from tampering, fire, or theft.

8. Surveillance recordings shall be kept for a minimum of 90 days.

9. Surveillance recordings shall be monitored by a third party surveillance company.

10. Surveillance recordings are subject to inspection by the City, and shall be kept in a manner that allows the City to view and obtain copies of the recordings at the licensed premises upon not less than 24 hours advance notice. The permittee shall also send or otherwise provide copies of the recordings to the City upon reasonable notice by the City.

11. Recorded images shall clearly and accurately display the time and date. Time is to be measured in accordance with the United States National Institute Standards and Technology standards.

12. The video surveillance system shall be equipped with a failure notification system that provides notification to the permittee of any interruption or failure of the video surveillance system or video surveillance-system storage device.

13. The video surveillance system shall be equipped with a battery backup system capable of sustaining system operations in the case of an energy failure.

E. Alarm System. The premises shall have an audible interior and exterior security alarm system installed on all perimeter entry points and perimeter windows.

1. The alarm system shall be installed, maintained, monitored, and responded to by a security company licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

2. Upon request, a permittee shall make available to the City all information related to the alarm system

F. Secure Storage of Product. Cannabis and cannabis products possessed by a cannabis business shall be kept and stored in a secured manner at all times.

G. Lighting. The business entrance(s) and all window areas of any cannabis business shall be illuminated during evening hours. The cannabis business shall comply with the City's lighting standards regarding fixture type, wattage, illumination levels, and shielding.

#### **17.54.120 Track and Trace.**

All permittees shall comply with the track and trace system established by the State of California and as further described in Sections 5048 through 5052, inclusive, of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time.

#### **17.54.130 Signage.**

The premises must comply with the following signage requirements.

A. Business signage shall be limited to the name of the cannabis business only, shall be in compliance with the City's sign code, and shall contain no advertising of any companies, brands, products, goods, or services.

B. A sign shall be posted in a conspicuous place near each point of public access which shall be not less than twelve (12) inches wide and twelve (12) inches long, composed of letters not less than one inch in height, stating "All Activities Monitored by Video Camera."

C. Limited access areas shall be clearly identified by the posting of a sign which shall be not less than twelve inches wide and twelve inches long, composed of letters not less than one-half inch in height, which shall state, "Limited Access Area—Authorized Personnel Only."

D. A sign shall be posted stating "Smoking, vaporizing, ingesting, or otherwise consuming cannabis or cannabis products on these premises, in their vicinity, or in any public place is prohibited and a violation of the Banning Municipal Code."

#### **17.54.140 Cannabis Waste Management.**

Cannabis waste disposal shall be conducted as follows:

A. Cannabis Waste. Cannabis waste must be made unusable and unrecognizable prior to leaving the licensed premises by grinding it and incorporating it with fifty percent non-medicinal cannabis waste.

B. Cannabis waste must be placed in either a trash enclosure or a trash receptacle for which either is locked with a commercial grade lock that is only accessible by the owner, manager, or employee of the cannabis business and any waste disposal company that provide waste disposal services for the cannabis business.

C. The permittee shall comply with Chapter 13.20, Industrial Wastewater Collection and Treatment of the Banning Municipal Code.

#### **17.54.150 General Sanitary Requirements.**

A. A cannabis business must ensure that its premises is maintained in a sanitary manner and activities on its premises are conducted in a sanitary manner.

B. All facilities of a cannabis business must have adequate and sufficient access to bathrooms and hand-washing facilities with running water at a suitable temperature.

#### **17.54.160 Odor Control.**

A. A cannabis business must have a ventilation and filtration system installed that shall prevent cannabis plant odors from exiting the interior of the structure and shall comply with all related Building Code requirements.

The ventilation and filtration system must be approved by the Building Official and installed prior to the commencement of cannabis cultivation activities.

#### **17.54.170 Operating Regulations.**

A. Limited Hours of Operation. A cannabis retailer may only be open to the public and engage in sales between the hours of 8:00 (eight) a.m. and 10:00 (ten) p.m.

B. Product Not Visible To Public. The display of cannabis and cannabis products for sale shall not be visible from outside the licensed premises.

C. Age Restricted Entry. A cannabis retailer may not permit an individual less than twenty-one years of age into the licensed premises, except a cannabis retailer with an M-license (allowing for the sale of medicinal cannabis and cannabis products) from the state may permit an individual aged eighteen years or older into the licensed premises if the cannabis retailer verifies the individual is a qualified patient with a physician's recommendation or a primary caregiver, as those terms are defined under State law.

D. Cannabis Paraphernalia Sales. Cannabis retailers may sell or otherwise provide equipment, supplies, and paraphernalia used to consume cannabis and cannabis products.

E. Electronic Point-of-Sale System Required. Cannabis retailers must have an electronic point of sale system that is either part of their seed to sale software or integrates with their seed to sale software. The electronic point of sale system must be capable of producing an electronic or automatic paper record for all transactions associated with any product sold, rented, or otherwise provided to the customer.

F. No Sales of Expired Product. Cannabis retailers may not sell any expired products, cannabis or cannabis products. Cannabis retailers shall not alter, edit, or adjust in any manner an expiration date on any item or product once affixed by its manufacturer.

G. Handling of Edible Cannabis Products. Cannabis retailers that possesses edible cannabis products shall comply with the provisions of all relevant state and local laws regarding the storage, handling, and sale of food.

H. Sale of Untested Products. Cannabis retailers may sell cannabis or cannabis products that have not been tested by a testing laboratory from January 1, 2018 until such time as determined by the state. Thereafter, all cannabis and cannabis products sold by a dispensary must be tested by a testing laboratory prior to sale to a purchaser in accordance with MAUCRSA.

I. Consumption of Cannabis and Cannabis Products on Premises. Cannabis and cannabis products shall not be smoked, vaporized, ingested or otherwise consumed on the licensed premises of a cannabis retailer. Premises as used in this subsection includes the actual building, as well as any accessory structures, common areas and parking areas.

J. Tamper-Evident, Child-Resistant Packaging Required. A cannabis retailer shall not deliver or sell cannabis products that are not packaged or labeled in a resealable, tamper-evident, child-resistant package. The cannabis and shall include a unique identifier for the purposes of identifying and tracking cannabis and cannabis products.

K. Cannot Be Attractive to Children. Cannabis packaging and labeling shall not be designed to appeal to children, including, but not limited to, cartoon characters or similar images.

L. State-Mandated Warnings and Information. All cannabis and cannabis product labels and inserts shall include the state-mandated warnings and information contained in Business and Professions Code Section 26120(c). Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the period of time that the state permits untested cannabis and cannabis products to be sold to purchasers, all cannabis and cannabis products must have a label affixed to each package that clearly states "This product has not been tested as required by the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act" and must comply with any other labeling requirements imposed by the state.

**17.54.180 Other Provisions.**

A. No person shall give, sell, distribute, or otherwise transfer any cannabis product in any manner not consistent with the approved cannabis conditional use permit or that violates local or state law.

B. Permittees must cooperate with City staff and Police Department personnel who are conducting inspections or investigations relevant to the enforcement of laws and regulations related to this Chapter.

C. Permittees must comply with all state laws and regulations that pertain to cannabis businesses including, but not limited to, the MAUCRSA, and any regulations promulgated by a licensing authority.

D. Minimum square footage of the building shall be 800 s.f. unless otherwise provided by State.

**17.54.190 Indemnification.**

A. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the City shall not assume any liability whatsoever, with respect to approving any permit pursuant to this Chapter or the operation of any cannabis business approved by such permit pursuant to this Chapter. As a condition of approval of a permit granted under this Chapter, the applicant shall:

1. Indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all claims, damages, legal or enforcement actions, including, but not limited to, any actions or claims associated with violation of federal law associated with the operation of the cannabis business as provided in this chapter.

2. Maintain insurance in the amounts and of the types that are acceptable to the City pursuant to guidelines and policies set forth by the City.

3. Name the City as an additionally insured on all City required insurance policies.

4. Defend, at its sole expense, any action against the City, its agents, officers, and employees related to the approval of a permit or the operation of the cannabis business.

5. Reimburse the City for any court costs and attorney fees that the City may be required to pay as a result of any legal challenge (or federal enforcement action) related to the City's approval of a permit. The City may, at its sole discretion, participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action, but such participation shall not relieve the operator of its obligation hereunder."