

**DATE:** March 20, 2018

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** City Clerk

**SUBJECT** Adoption of Ordinance Adding Article 21 to Chapter 8 of the Hayward

Municipal Code Relating to a Commercial Cannabis Tax

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopts the Ordinance introduced on March 6, 2018.

## **SUMMARY**

Adoption of ordinance adding Article 21 to Chapter 8 of the Hayward Municipal Code relating to a Commercial Cannabis Tax that the City Council introduced on March 6, 2018.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Ordinance was introduced by Council Member Zermeño at the March 6, 2018, meeting of the City Council with the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Zermeño, Márquez, Peixoto, Lamnin

MAYOR Halliday

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER: Mendall ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER: Salinas

ABSTAIN: None

The motion to introduce the Ordinance included an amendment to Section 8-21.00 (Findings and Purpose) to read as follows:

# SEC. 8-21.00 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The City Council finds and declares as follows:

(d) The cannabis business tax is intended to aid in the alleviation of the City of Hayward's ongoing general fund operating deficit and would be used for any valid municipal purpose, including police and fire services, paramedic services, youth and anti-gang programs, *education*, disaster preparedness, economic development, street repairs and maintenance, graffiti removal, and code enforcement.

The motion also included the review of the cannabis business tax, currently set at a rate of 6% of gross sales, one year after the issuance of a business permit.

# **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This agenda item is a routine operational item and does not relate to one of the Council's Strategic Initiatives.

# **PUBLIC CONTACT**

The summary of the Ordinance was published in the Hayward Daily Review on Friday, March 16, 2018. Adoption at this time is therefore appropriate.

# **NEXT STEPS**

The Hayward Municipal Code and other related documents will be updated accordingly.

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Approved by:

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