

**CITY OF HAYWARD PLANNING COMMISSION
PROPOSED CANNABIS MICROBUSINESS WITH MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION,
DELIVERY, AND ANCILLARY RETAIL ACTIVITIES
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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 202001006**

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Conditional Use Permit

Pursuant to Hayward Municipal Code Section 10-1.3225, The Planning Commission or other approving authority may approve or conditionally approve an application when all the following findings are made:

1. *The proposed use is desirable for the public convenience or welfare;*

The proposed cannabis microbusiness with manufacturing, distribution, delivery, and ancillary retail activities would be desirable for the public convenience and welfare in that it would result in establishment of a cannabis facility in a vacant industrial tenant space within the Industrial General (IG) Zoning District. The proposed cannabis microbusiness would positively contribute to the City by paying local taxes and contributing to the diversification of uses within the industrial area. Additionally, the tenant space would be renovated, and the applicant would provide security guard service and video surveillance, benefitting the neighborhood.

2. *The proposed use will not impair the character and integrity of the zoning district and surrounding area;*

The proposed facility would occupy a tenant space within an existing building. In the IG District, a cannabis microbusiness is allowed with approval of a Conditional Use Permit. If approved, the cannabis microbusiness would operate in similar fashion as other surrounding industrial uses, including other nearby cannabis facilities.

To ensure that the proposed use would not impair the character and integrity of the applicable zoning district, the facility would adhere to all the requirements set forth by the City's Cannabis Ordinance, in addition to the requirements set forth by the Hayward Police Department, Hayward Fire Department, Hayward Building Division, and all other pertinent regulations established by State, County and local laws. No changes to the building exterior are proposed, which will maintain a consistent appearance with the surrounding area.

3. *The proposed use will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare; and*

The proposed cannabis microbusiness would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare in that the facility, as conditioned, would operate within the permit requirements and regulations established by State and local laws. As conditioned, the applicant will provide an Odor Mitigation Plan as part of their building permit application to ensure that cannabis odors cannot be detected outside

of the facility. A detailed Safety and Security Plan includes installation of security cameras inside and outside of the building and a security guard to be present at all times during operating hours. Additionally, the facility would have an alarm system; maintain compliance with a State-mandated track and trace program to prevent diversion of cannabis; maintain a records retention program; and provide identification of a local contact to handle all safety and security issues. The applicant and all employees associated with the business are subject to extensive background screening by the Police Department and will be subject to employee training.

4. *The proposed use is in harmony with applicable City policies and the intent and purpose of the zoning district involved.*

Per Table 10-1.1603 of the Hayward Municipal Code, a cannabis microbusiness is an allowed use in the IG District with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed use would contribute positively to the City's tax base and support the following General Plan goals and policies:

- Land Use Policy LU-2.16, Uses to Attract the Creative Class. The City shall encourage the development of uses and amenities to attract creative-class professionals and businesses to Hayward.
- Economic Development Policy ED-1.4. The City shall establish business attraction efforts that focus on small and medium-sized businesses within emerging and growing business sectors.
- Economic Development Goal ED-2. Cultivate a culture of entrepreneurship to encourage and support local business start-ups.

Cannabis Ordinance

In addition to the required findings contained in HMC Section 10-1.3225 (Conditional Use Permit), every land use application requiring discretionary review for cannabis and cannabis products shall be required to make the following findings per HMC Section 10-1.3609 prior to issuance:

1. *The proposed cannabis use will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare in that the cannabis operation is situated in an appropriate location where sensitive land uses will not be adversely impacted;*

The proposed cannabis microbusiness would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare in that the facility, as conditioned, would operate within the permit requirements established by the State and by the City. Per the City's land use requirements, cannabis facilities are allowed in the IG District with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

The proposed project includes a Safety and Security Plan, including but not limited to an on-site security guard, cameras, employee background checks, and Conditions of Approval related to odor, loitering, and other potential nuisances. Together, these measures and conditions protect public health and safety within the vicinity of the subject site.

2. *Appropriate measures have been taken to address nuisances related to odor, noise, exhaust, and waste related to the cannabis operation;*

Physical and operational safeguards are in place to ensure this cannabis microbusiness operates at the proposed location without impacts to other properties. The proposed project includes a Business and Operations Plan and Safety and Security Plan that contain measures including, but not limited to installing security cameras inside and outside of the building, providing an on-site security guard, submitting to employee background checks, and securing and properly disposing of cannabis waste. In addition, the applicant will be required to submit an Odor Mitigation Plan as part of their building permit application to ensure that no cannabis odors are detectable outside of the facility.

As part of the initial RFP process, the applicant's business plan was reviewed and scored by an independent, outside consultant who determined this operator would meet the City's objectives related to cannabis industry best practices. Furthermore, per the proposed Conditions of Approval and as required by the Municipal Code, the applicant's Commercial Cannabis Permit shall be renewed annually. This provides the City a yearly opportunity to reevaluate the proposed business, and ensure compliance with the approved Business and Operations Plan, the Conditions of Approval, and all pertinent City regulations.

3. *The cannabis operation is designed to be safe, secure, and aesthetically compatible with the surrounding area; and*

The proposed cannabis microbusiness would occupy a tenant space within an existing building. No changes are proposed to the exterior of the building, other than minor security upgrades. The project's Safety and Security Plan has been reviewed by the Hayward Police Department and deemed appropriate for the proposed operation.

4. *The cannabis operation will not place a burden on the provision of public services disproportionate to other industrial or commercial uses.*

The proposed use would operate in an existing industrial tenant space. The energy and water needs of the proposed facility do not exceed those of other similar industrial uses. In addition, the applicant would be subject to annual review, which would require inspection of the cannabis microbusiness by the City's Code Enforcement Division, Police Department and Fire Department. Further, as conditioned, any excessive calls for service, including nuisance and code violations, may result in the revocation of the approval.

Environmental Review

1. The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities, in that the proposed use would occupy a tenant space within an existing industrial building to accommodate a cannabis microbusiness. As proposed and conditioned, the proposed use will not result in any significant impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality and water quality.