

Thank You for Joining!

Stakeholder Comment Period: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SPARK Session: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.





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REMINDER

BEGINNING APRIL 5, 2021

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Upcoming:

Cannabis Regulation Commission Meeting Thursday, May 20, 2021 Begins at 2:00 p.m.

Access via DCR homepage, or Cannabis Regulation Commission menu.







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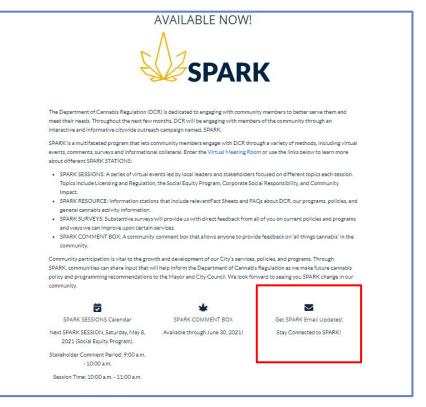


Sign-Up for the SPARK Email List!

Get all the latest SPARK news, direct access to the Virtual Meeting Room and additional updates from DCR.

Sign-up link on the SPARK Landing Page on the DCR website.









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City of Los Angeles Complaint Portal

- Complaints about unlicensed or illegal commercial cannabis activity
- Complaints about licensed commercial cannabis activity that you are concerned may be happening in an unlawful or unsafe manner
- Non-emergency communications with the Los Angeles Police Department about cannabis or cannabis-related activities. If this is an emergency please call 9-1-1.







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Contacting the Department of Cannabis Regulation

Applicant and Licensees should contact DCR through the following methods:

Send an EMAIL to DCRLicensing@lacity.org.

Call (213) 978-0738 to speak to a DCR representative.

Non-applicants and licensees with questions should contact DCR through the following methods:

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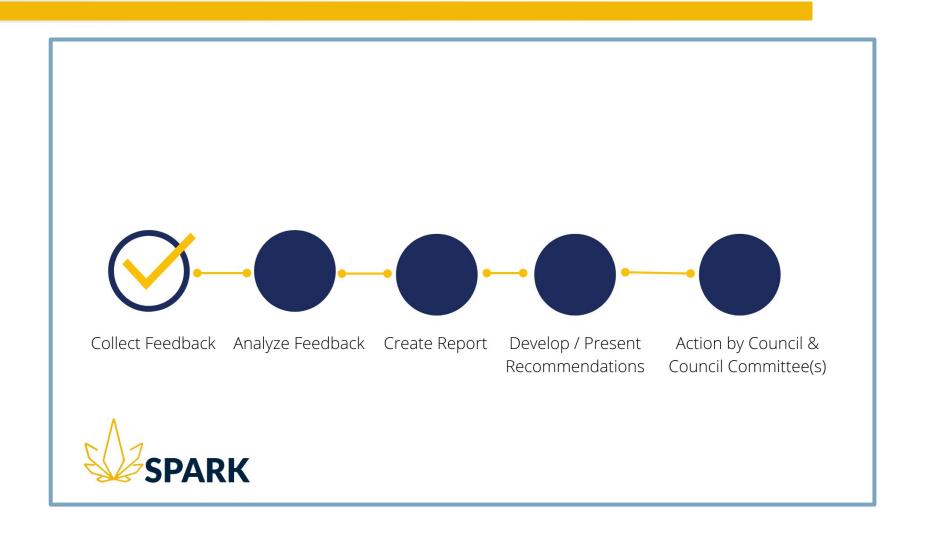


Welcome and Introduction(s)



SPARK Updates







Welcome and Introduction(s)













Which of the following best describes you? Please select all that apply.





City of Los Angeles Licensing and Regulatory Program







How would you describe your familiarity with the City of Los Angeles's commercial cannabis laws and regulations?



Licensing and Regulatory Program



- Local Laws and Regulations
 - Measure M
 - Cannabis Tax Rates
 - Department and Commission Authority
 - Cannabis Procedures Ordinance
 - Rules and Regulations
 - Cannabis Location Restrictions
- License Application Procedures and Resources
- Additional Resources



Local Laws and Regulations



In March 2017, Measure M, passed in the City of Los Angeles by more than 80% of voters, giving the City Council the full authority to regulate cannabis-related activity within the City of Los Angeles. With that authority, the Department of Cannabis Regulation was established by ordinance on July 30, 2017.





Cannabis Business Taxes

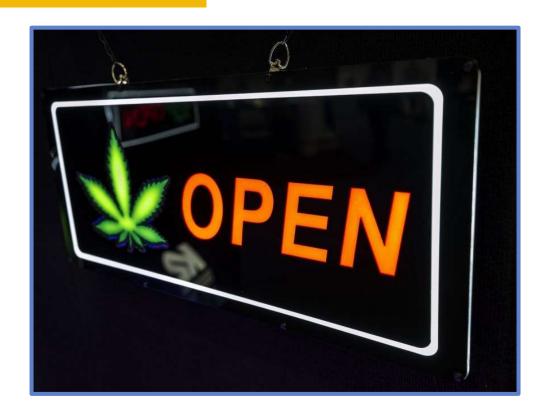


Classification (Monthly)	Activities Taxed	Tax Rate
L711 - Medical Cannabis Sales	All sales related to medical use cannabis by Retail or Microbusiness operations.	\$50 per \$1,000 in Gross Receipts
L712 - Adult-Use Cannabis Sales	All sales related to adult or recreational cannabis use by Retail or Microbusiness operations.	\$100 per \$1,000 in Gross Receipts
L713 - Cannabis Transportation	Transportation or delivery of cannabis products.	\$10 per \$1,000 inn Gross Receipts
L714 - Cannabis Testing	Activities related to the testing of cannabis products.	\$10 per \$1,000 in Gross Receipts
L716 - Cannabis Cultivation	Wholesale sales related to the cultivation of cannabis.	\$20 per \$1,000 in Gross Receipts
L718 - Cannabis Miscellaneous	Sales related to all other cannabis activities such as manufacturing and packaging.	\$20 per \$1,000 in gross Receipts

Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR)



The Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) is responsible for administering the commercial cannabis licensing and regulatory program established by the Los Angeles City Council. Specifically, DCR processes all applications for commercial cannabis licenses in the City of Los Angeles, makes licensing decisions or licensing recommendations to the Cannabis Regulation Commission, and regulates the operations of licensed commercial cannabis businesses in the City.





Cannabis Regulation Commission (CRC)



The Cannabis Regulation
Commission was established
by <u>ordinance</u> on July 30,
2017 and holds a number of
important roles in cannabis
licensing in the social equity
program in Los Angeles.









Have you attended a Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting previously?



Cannabis Procedures Ordinance



<u>The Cannabis Procedures</u> establish the manner in which the Department and Commission are required to process commercial cannabis license applications and further establish requirements of commercial cannabis applicants and licensees.

The Cannabis Procedures authorize the Department and Commission to issue licenses for the following commercial cannabis activity types: cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, testing, retail and delivery.

The City of Los Angeles also established a Licensing and Social Equity Program that enumerates various restrictions related to licensing and application processing.



Cannabis Procedures Ordinance



On July 1, 2020, the Los Angeles City Council approved an ordinance which comprehensively amends, clarifies and re-organizes portions of Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The ordinance became effective upon publication.





Rules and Regulations for Cannabis Procedures



- Definitions
- Licenses
- Application Procedures
- Additional Requirements for Specific Businesses
- Inspections
- Notices
- Issuance of License and Hearings
- Proposition M Priority Processing

- Appeal Procedures
- Operational Requirements and Violations
- Renewals and Cancellations
- Administrative Violations,
 Penalties and Appeals
- Social Equity Program
- Financial Grant Program
- Fee Deferral and Fee WaiverProgram

Cannabis Location Requirements



The City of Los Angeles restricts where Commercial Cannabis Activity may lawfully occur. The City restricts Commercial Cannabis Activities to specific zones.

Sensitive use restrictions include but may not be limited to following:

- A licensed retail storefront must be outside of a 700-foot radius of a School, Public Park, Public Library, Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facility, Day Care Center, Permanent Supportive Housing, and any other licensed storefront retailer.
- A licensed non-storefront retailer (delivery), distributor, cultivator, non-volatile manufacturer or testing lab must be outside of a 600-foot radius of any School.
- A volatile manufacturer must be outside of a 600-foot radius of any School and a 200-foot radius of any Residentially Zoned Property.









Have you applied for a City of Los Angeles commercial cannabis license or Temporary Approval?







Follow-Up: Which City of Los Angeles commercial cannabis license(s) have you applied for?

Please select all that apply.



State Licensing



In order to participate in Commercial Cannabis Activity within the City of Los Angeles, both a state license and a local license are required.









City of Los Angeles Licensing Program



Licensing Phases

Phase 1

- Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (EMMDs)
- January 2018

Phase 2

- EMMD supply chain
- August 2018

Phase 3

- New Businesses Social Equity Applicants & General Applicants
- P3RR1 (SEAs) September 2019
- General Applicants October 2020



Licensing Program: Application and Licensing Processing Restrictions



License Type	License CAP	Are Applications Currently Being Accepted?	Application Processing Restrictions	Comments	
Testing	No	Yes	No	Application processing opened on October 20, 2020.	
Distribution	No	Yes	No	Application processing opened on October 20, 2020.	
Non-Volatile Manufacturing	No	Yes	No	Application processing opened on October 20, 2020.	
Volatile Manufacturing	Yes	No	No		
Cultivation	Yes	No	No		
Delivery	No	Yes	Yes. Limited to Social Equity Applicants until January 1, 2025 (Phase 3)	SEAs must be verified. SEAs may be verified under the original eligibility criteria or the expanded eligibility criteria. Application processing opened on October 20, 2020.	
Retail	Yes	No	Yes. Limited to Social Equity Applicants until January 1, 2025 (Phase 3 Round 2)	Licenses are limited per CPA. To apply in a CPA that has reached Undue Concentration, eligibility must be verified pursuant to LAMC Sections 104.20(b) and 104.06.1(c)(3) before submitting a PCN Request. A lottery will be administered to determine which eligible SEAs are selected to appl a License in a CPA that has not reached Undue Concentration. SEAs must be verified pursuant to LAMC Sections 104.20(b) and 104.06.1(c)(3) before the lottery.	





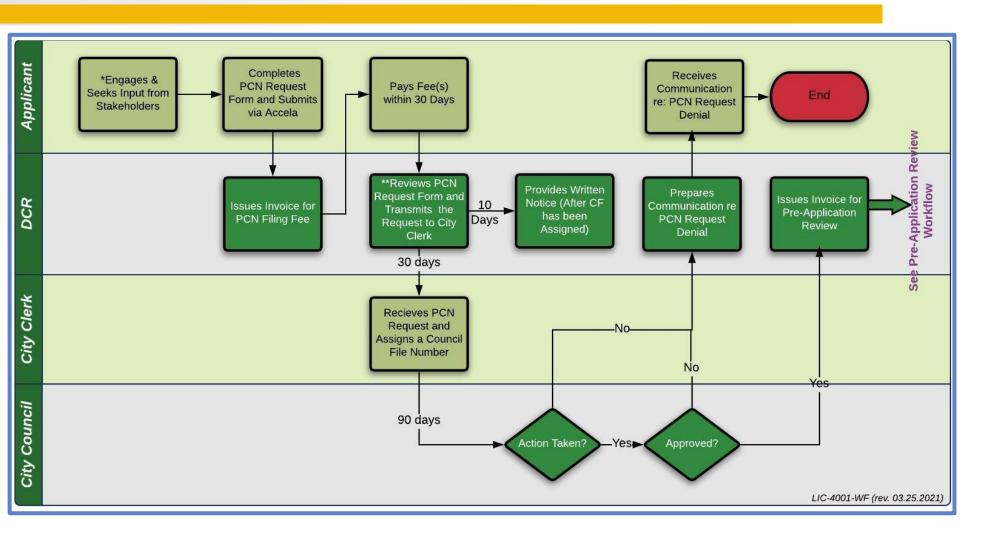


Do you have familiarity with any of the following topic areas? Select all that you are familiar with.



Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) Process







PCN Stakeholder Input











Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) Requests



All PCN Requests have been transmitted to the City Clerk:

- Central City (25)
- Central City North (5)
- Harbor Gateway (3)
- Sherman Oaks/Studio City (6)
- Sun Valley/La Tuna Canyon (5)
- Venice (3)

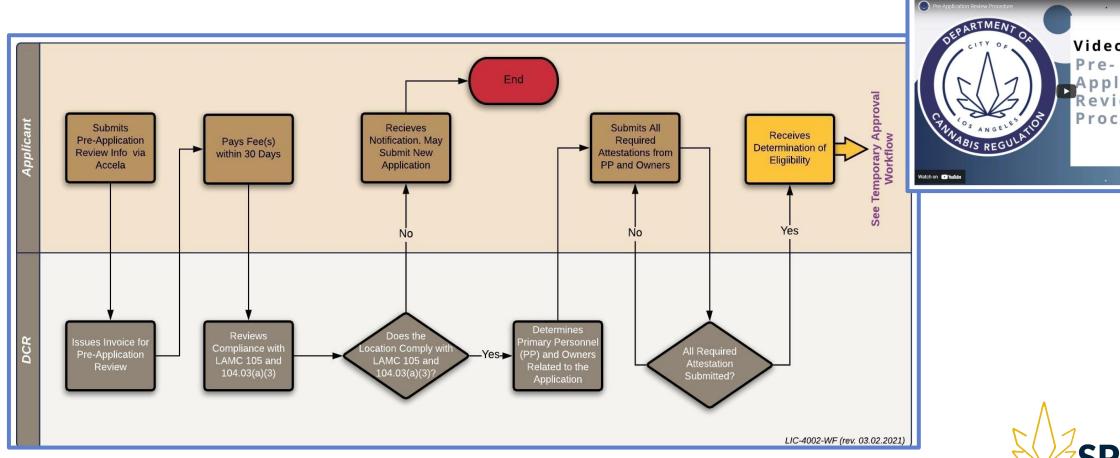
Notice of Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) Application Filing can be found on the DCR website in the licencing menu, under "Public Notice".

https://cannabis.lacity.org/licensing/licensing-information/public-notice#PCN



Pre-Application Review Procedure



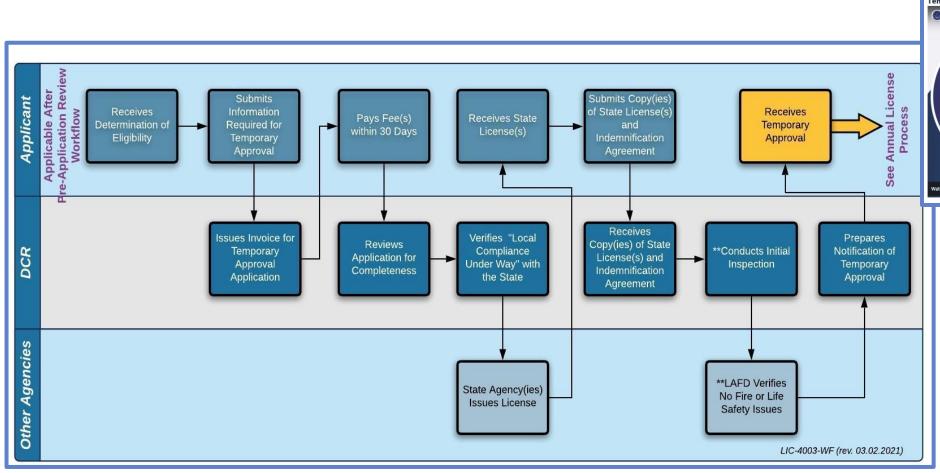






Temporary Approval Procedure









Application Process



In order to have a valid application before the department the following needs to occur:

- 1. If necessary, City Council must make a PCN finding;
- 2. The Individual pays the Pre-Application Filing Fee and submits the required Pre-Application documents via Accela (DCR Licensing Portal);
- 3. DCR determines compliance with land use regulations and ownership restrictions;
- 4. DCR determines that the application is eligible for further processing; and
- 5. The Temporary Approval Filing Fee is paid.







Please indicate which topics you would like to receive more information about.

Please select all that apply.



Licensing Program: Licensing Data



462 Commercial Cannabis Businesses have Temporary Approval to operate in the City of Los Angeles. A breakdown of the licensed activities is provided in the table below:

No. of Temporary Licenses Issued to Licensed Businesses (Many Businesses hold more than one License)										
Retail Storefront	Delivery Only	Non-Volatile Manufacturing	Distribution	Cultivation	Testing Lab	TOTAL				
191	0	266	305	311	2	1,075				



Licensing Program: Annual Licensing Process



Temporary Approval**

- Land Use Compliance
- Ownership Restrictions
- Initial Inspection
- Payment of Temporary Approval Application Filing Fee
- Subject to Annual Renewal Fees (Sept -Nov)

Annual License**

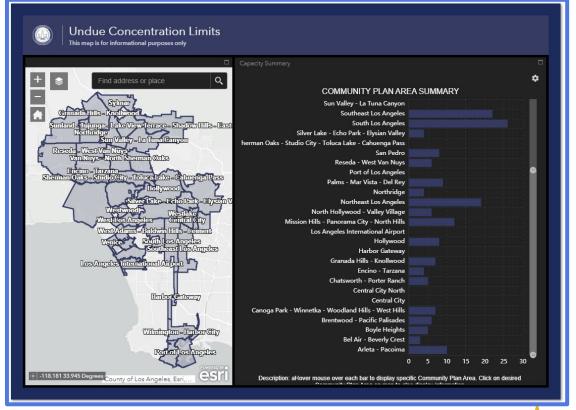
- Temporary Approval
- Live Scan
- CEQA Clearance
- Community Meeting (Retail, Non-Retail 30,000 sf or larger)
- Commission Meeting (Retail, Non-Retail 30,000 sf or larger)
- Final Inspection
- Payment of Annual Application Filing Fee
- Subject to Annual Renewal Fees (Sept -Nov)

** Possession of a Temporary Approval or Annual License does not waive or circumvent other requirements or necessary permits from the City or other public agencies, including but not limited to a Permits from the Department of Building and Safety, Fire Department and Los Angeles County Department of Health.

Licensing Program: Licensing Map



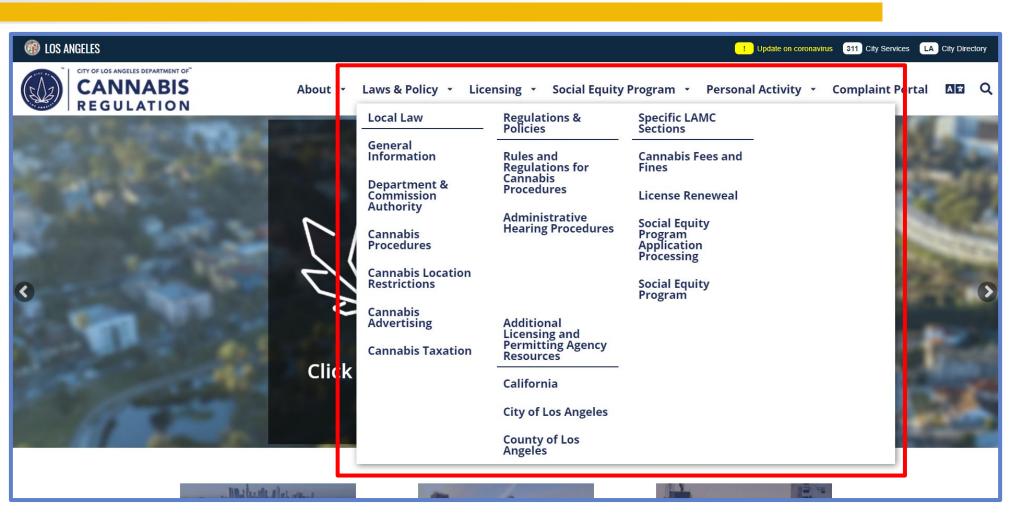
DCR encourages all potential applicants, licensees, and those looking for a licensed cannabis business to utilize DCR's Licensing Map. This map shows the locations of all retail locations that have received Temporary Approval to operate.





Additional Resources: DCR Website: Laws & Policy

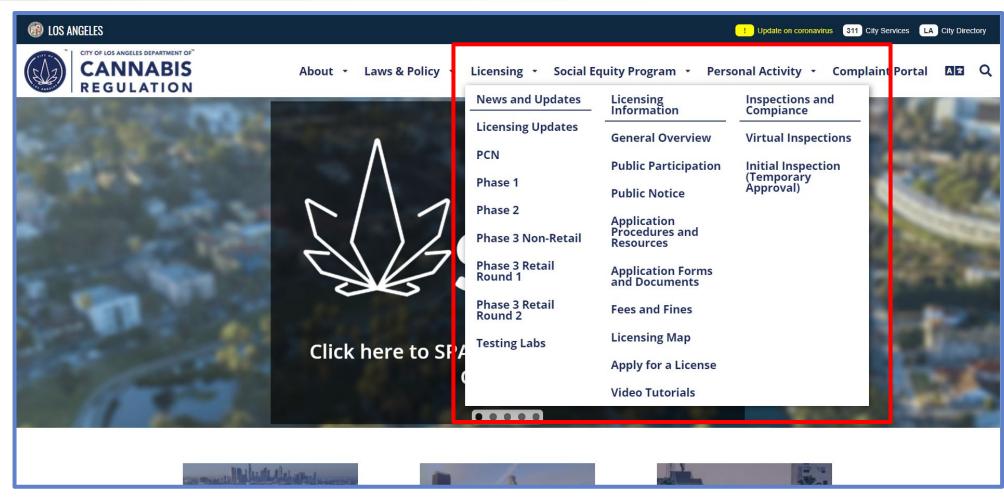






Additional Licensing Resources: DCR Website: Licensing

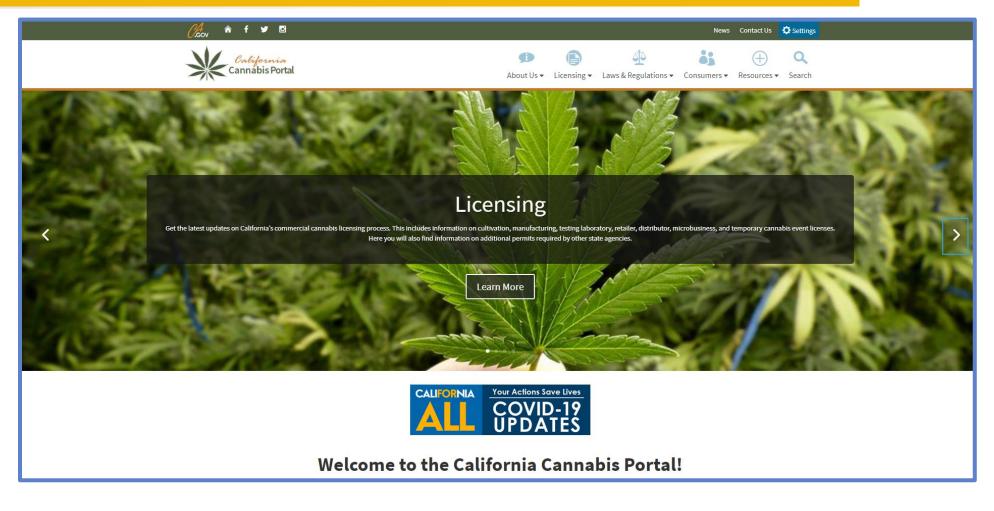






Additional Licensing Resources: California Cannabis Portal







Additional Resources



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF
CANNABIS REGULATION
NEWS BULLETIN



FROM THE DESK OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAT PACKER



Greetings

As the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR), I want to thank you for your interest in the City's cannabis related policies and programs. We are striving to create community and culture that is intentionally more responsible and more equitable regarding cannabis and its various impacts.

We need everyone's voice to create a vision for what we want to see, how we want to live, and where we want to be as a society in relation to the cannabis industry. Through collective leadership and learning, we can build a bridge between all parties so we can continue to grow one of the country's largest regulated cannabis markets.

This year will be defined by the work we accomplish. It is my goal to work with legislators and stakeholders to make critical policy changes that will allow the Social Equity Program flourish and to build and sustain deeper communication and engagement with our social equity applicants. In addition, I seek to improve these efforts with the local cannabis industry generally and to make the application and licensing process more simple and streamlined across government agencies both for existing operators and new applicants.

As one of the first and largest jurisdictions to authorize both medical and adult use commercial cannabis activity, we have, over the last two years learned many lessons, and having received tremendous feedback from stakeholders we know that we have much to accomplish in this new war.

I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you. Let's dedicate 2020 to creating a clear, collective vision for cannabis in the City.

Thank you.

Executive Director, Cat Packer

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INFORMATION AND PROCEDURE BULLETIN

LIC 4002 IDD

eptember 22, 2020

TEMPORARY APPROVAL PROCEDURE

Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Section 104.01(a)(47) defines Temporary Approval as a DCRissued temporary license that authorizes an Applicant to engage for a limited period of time in Commercial Cannabis Activity as would be permitted under the privileges of a non-temporary license of the same type. An Applicant with Temporary Approval is required to follow all applicable Rules and Regulations as would be required if the Applicant held a non-temporary License of the same type.

This bulletin, in conjunction with the Temporary Approval Workflow (<u>LIC-4003-WF</u>), provides general information and the procedures and requirements for an Applicant to obtain a Temporary Approval to engage in Commercial Cannabis Activity in the City of Los Angeles¹. In order to begin the Temporary Approval Process, an Applicant must first go through the Pre-Application Review Process (<u>LIC-4002-WF</u>) and obtain a determination of eligibility from DCR.

Overview of Responsibilities

Applicant Responsibilities:

- After receiving a determination of eligibility from DCR, upload the Temporary Approval application information and, if applicable, follow the procedures in the Social Equity Program - Entity Verification Information and Procedure Bulletin
- Pay the Temporary Approval Application Fee.
- Pay additional fees, if any, for DCR to review documents that must be re-submitted.
- Obtain authorization from the applicable <u>State licensing authority</u> to conduct the Commercial Cannabis Activity(ies).
- Prepare for and schedule the Initial Inspection with DCR.
- Prepare for the LAFD Inspection.
- Resolve any deficiencies which may be discovered during an inspection, and/or schedule a follow-up inspection.
- Pay the Standard Inspection Fee if an additional inspection is necessary by DCR.

DCR Actions:

- Issue invoice for the Temporary Approval Application Fee and any other fees associated with additional document review or additional inspection fees, if applicable.
- Review application for completeness and communicate any deficiencies to the Applicant for resubmittal.
- Perform the Initial Inspection and communicate any deficiencies to the Applicant in writing.
- Communicate with LAFD regarding inspection.
- Verify local authorization with the applicable State licensing authority.
- Grant or deny Temporary Approval authorization.

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² This document is intended to serve as an informational guide only. It does not replace or supersede the Los Angeles Municipal Code and does not constitute legal advice. This document is subject to change and may not constitute the most up-to-date or complete information. Applicants are encouraged to conduct their own due diligence and research to ensure that they are in compliance with all legal requirements.





How would you prefer to receive information from the Department?



Upcoming SPARK Events and Engagement



The next SPARK SESSION will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021 (Community Impact)

- Stakeholder Comment Period: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- SPARK Session #4: 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
- RSVP available in Virtual Meeting Room.

SPARK SURVEYS and SPARK COMMENT BOX are available through June 30, 2021.





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DCR Email Blast
SPARK Comment Box
SPARK Surveys
SPARK Sessions
NEW Email List







Closing Remarks



