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FRESNO CITY COUNCIL

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Additional Information

Item(s)

Title: - Actions pertaining to Commercial Cannabis Activity:

1. BILL- (For introduction) Amending Sections 9-3304, 9-3306, 9-3308, and 9-3315 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to the regulation of cannabis microbusinesses.

2. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 559th Amendment to the Master Fee Schedule Resolution No. 80-420 adding fees relating to Commercial Cannabis Business permit applications (Subject to Mayor's veto).

3. Approve the Cannabis Social Equity Assistance Program Services

Contents: **Revised Staff Report**

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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

September 17, 2020

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

1. INTRODUCE BILL- Amending Sections 9-3304, 9-3306, 9-3308, and 9-3315 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to the regulation of cannabis microbusinesses.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City will begin accepting applications for Commercial Cannabis Business Permits beginning September 15, 2020. The approval of the action described herein will introduce an amendment to the Fresno Municipal Code authorizing microbusiness as a commercial cannabis permit type.

BACKGROUND

BILL- (For introduction) Amending Sections 9-3304, 9-3306, 9-3308, and 9-3315 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to the regulation of cannabis microbusinesses. This amendment adds language clarifying the option of a commercial cannabis license type of "microbusiness" and amends the definition of "microbusiness" to clarify that it is non-retail. Commercial Cannabis Business Permit applicants would be able to choose "microbusiness" as a type of permit, which would allow a business to conduct cultivation, distribution, and manufacturing activities. Retail is not included with this permit type because the zoning is different for retail than for the other commercial cannabis business types.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

The ordinance amendment is exempt from CEQA under Business and Professions Code Section 26055 (h) which, until July 1, 2021, exempts the adoption of ordinances, rules or regulations on commercial cannabis which require subsequent discretionary review. Further, a microbusiness would only be permitted if it is found to be exempt from CEQA.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

Attachments:
Ordinance