

Exhibit O

Text Amendment No. P19-02978
Proposed Regulation and Permitting of
Commercial Cannabis Activities and
Related Environmental Assessment

City Council Hearing
September 17, 2020

Background

- On December 13, 2018, the Fresno City Council adopted a cannabis regulatory ordinance which includes requirements for medicinal and adult use cannabis permits, operation requirements, location restrictions, and application requirements.
- The proposed Text Amendment implements the regulatory ordinance approved by City Council.
- Conditional Use Permit required.

Planning Commission

The subject application was considered by the Planning Commission at its meeting on August 19, 2020:

- The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed application by a vote of 3 to 1 with recommendations which are noted in the staff report.

Council District Committees

- CD 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 Committee recommended approval of the text amendment (some had recommendations)
- Fulton-Lowell and the Tower District Advisory Committees recommended approval of the project
- CD 4 Committee recommended denial of the text amendment.

Addtl. Amendments

- Amendment to Art. 21 of Chp. 12 of the FMC. In order to comply with state law, up to 6 cannabis plants may be grown indoors, per residence. Also, exempts businesses with a comm. cannabis permit for cultivation from the cultivation prohibition.
- Amendment to Art. 23 of Chp. 12 of the FMC. Proposes to exempt Cannabis CUPs from the “Money Back Guarantee/Business Streamlining Act” .

Staff Recommendation

- **RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION** of Final Environmental Impact Report; including various components of the environmental assessment as noted in the staff report.
- **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the proposed cannabis text amendment (and related amendments).