

Exhibit J

## FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE FINDINGS

### Text Amendment Findings pursuant to FMC Section 15-5811

The Planning Commission shall not recommend and the City Council shall not approve an application unless the proposed amendment meets the following criteria:

1. The Code text amendment is consistent with the General Plan, the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (as may be amended) adopted by the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 21670-21679.5, and any applicable operative plans; and,

*Response: Each project applying for a conditional use permit under the proposed text amendment will be individually reviewed and assessed for consistency with the General Plan, the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, the underlying base zone district, and any applicable specific or community plans. Text Amendment Application No. P19-02978 has been examined with respect to its consistency with the Fresno General Plan and applicable operative plans and it was concluded that Text Amendment Application No. P19-02978 is consistent with said plans. Supporting Objectives of the proposed text amendment include:*

- *Objective ED-1: Support economic development by maintaining a strong working relationship with the business community and improving the business climate for current and future businesses.*
  - *Objective LU-1: Establish a comprehensive citywide land use planning strategy to meet economic development objectives, achieve efficient and equitable use of resources and infrastructure, and create an attractive living environment.*
  - *Objective LU-7: Plan and support industrial development to promote job growth.*
2. The amendment is consistent with the purpose of the Development Code to promote the growth of the city in an orderly and sustainable manner and to promote and protect the public health, safety, peace, comfort, and general welfare.

*Response: It is the purpose and intent of this text amendment, along with the Cannabis Retail Business and Commercial Cannabis Business ordinance located in Article 33, Chapter 9 of the Fresno Municipal Code, to implement the provisions of the Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act ("MAUCRSA") to accommodate the needs of medically-ill persons in need of and provide access to cannabis for medicinal purposes as recommended by their health care provider(s), as well as provide access to adult use cannabis, while*

*imposing sensible regulations on the use of land to protect the city's residents, neighborhoods, and businesses from disproportionately negative impacts. As such, it is the purpose and intent of this proposed text amendment to regulate the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, testing, sale, delivery, distribution, and transportation of cannabis, cannabis products, medicinal cannabis, and medicinal cannabis products in a responsible manner to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the city and to enforce rules and regulations consistent with state law.*