

## FRESNO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 13676

The Fresno City Planning Commission at its regular meeting on August 19, 2020, adopted the following resolution relating to Text Amendment Application No. P19-02978.

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2017, the Fresno City Council directed staff to initiate the process to amend the zoning code to allow medicinal cannabis operations, cultivation, manufacturing, extraction, testing, distribution, delivery, and dispensaries within the City; and,

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2018 and July 2, 2019, the Director of the Planning and Development Department initiated amendments to the zoning code to allow for adult use cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, extraction, testing, distribution, and retail; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of Text Amendment Application No. P19-02978 is to regulate commercial cannabis activities in the City of Fresno in a responsible manner and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the city and to enforce rules and regulations consistent with state law; and,

WHEREAS, Text Amendment Application No. P19-02978 proposes to amend Sections 15-2739 and 15-2739.1 of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC), regarding the proposed regulation and permitting of commercial cannabis activities; and,

WHEREAS, the environmental assessment conducted for the proposed text amendment resulted in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report State Clearinghouse No. 2019070123; and,

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020, the Fresno City Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider Text Amendment Application No. P19-02978 and the associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR); and,

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020, the Fresno City Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to review the proposed text amendment, invited public testimony, and considered the Planning and Development Department's report recommending approval of the proposed text amendment; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Fresno City Planning Commission, based upon the testimony and information presented at the hearing and upon review and consideration of the environmental documentation provided, as follows:

 The Commission finds in accordance with its own judgment that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) SCH No. 2019070123, was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The FEIR found that the project will have significant environmental impacts which have not been mitigated to a level below significant. Therefore, it has been determined that a Planning Commission Resolution No. 13676 Text Amendment Application No. P19-02978 August 19, 2020 Page 2

Statement of Overriding Considerations, as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 is appropriate. It has been further determined that a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as required by Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097, is also appropriate. Accordingly, the Commission recommends that the Council review and certify the FEIR, approve a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adopt Water Supply Assessment (WSA) attached to the FEIR as Appendix H in compliance with Section 10910 of the California Water Code and Section 15155 of the CEQA Guidelines, and adopt the Statement of Overriding Considerations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fresno City Planning Commission hereby recommends to the City Council that Text Amendment Application No. P19-02978, proposing to amend Sections 15-2739 and 15-2739.1 of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC), regarding the proposed regulation and permitting of commercial cannabis activities be approved with the following recommendations:

- i) An applicant for a Cannabis Conditional Use Permit shall be required to conduct a neighborhood meeting prior to submittal of an application.
- ii) The operating hours of a cannabis retail business be reduced from 6 a.m. 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. 10 p.m.
- iii) All buildings in which a cannabis retail business is located, shall be increased from the currently proposed 800 feet to 1000 feet, to the property boundary containing the following: a school providing instruction for any grades pre-school through 12 (whether public, private, or charter, including pre-school, transitional kindergarten, and K-12).

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Fresno City Planning Commission upon a motion by Commissioner Vang, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

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VOTING: Ayes - Vang, McKenzie, Sodhi-Layne (vice chair)

Noes - Bray (chair)

Not Voting - None Absent - Criner

**DATED: August 19, 2020** 

AN ZACK, Secretary

Fresno City Planning Commission

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Filed pursuant to City Council Resolution and by initiation of the Director of the Planning and Development Department
Action: Recommend Approval with

recommendations