

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(6/6/2023, Amended in Board)

[Police Code - Ceasing Acceptance of New Applications for Cannabis Retail Permits]

Ordinance amending the Police Code to provide that cannabis retail permit applications will not be accepted by the Office of Cannabis during the period between the effective date of this ordinance and December 31, 2027; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Existing law, in Sections 1606 and 1609 of the Police Code, provides for the Office of Cannabis to accept applications for Cannabis Business Permits on an indefinite basis, with no end date for the office's acceptance of any such applications.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would require the Office of Cannabis to decline to accept for processing, as of the effective date of this ordinance, any new applications for Cannabis Business Permits in the following categories: Cannabis Retailer, Storefront Cannabis Retailer, Delivery-Only Cannabis Retailer, Medicinal Cannabis Retailer, and Cannabis Microbusiness (to the extent relating to retail activity). The ordinance would also require the Controller to submit to the Board of Supervisors by June 30, 2027, a report analyzing various impacts of the moratorium on new applications for retail-related Cannabis Business Permits, including its financial impacts on the City and the City's cannabis industry, operational impacts on the Office of Cannabis, and impacts on City neighborhoods. The moratorium of the acceptance of new applications for Cannabis Business Permits would end on December 31, 2027, allowing the Office of Cannabis to resume accepting new applications as of January 1, 2028.

Background Information

This legislative digest reflects amendments made at the full Board of Supervisors on June 6, 2023, to require the Controller to prepare a report on the impacts of the moratorium, and to provide that the ordinance will sunset on December 31, 2027.

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