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Pilot Program

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Temporary Events: Pilot Program

- Pilot Program requires:
 - The event had previously been held on a regular basis
 - The event, in prior years, had received a City-issued permit
 - The event had significant unregulated cannabis sales or consumption
- Currently set to expire December 31, 2023

Requirements from the State

- These events still need to abide by State regulations
 - 2 State licenses
 - (§15600 - 15601)
 - Age restrictions
 - (§15602(a))
 - Obscuring public visibility
 - (§15603(b))
 - Security requirements
 - (§15601(h))
 - Transportation requirements
 - (§15602(g))
 - Designated retail area
 - (§15602(b))
 - Limited access areas
 - (§15601(n))
 - Designated on site storage
 - (§15602(h))

Practical Effects of State Regulations

- Cost prohibitive for event organizers (especially small and mid-sized events)
 - Fencing, mesh coverage to obscure public visibility, security personnel
- Time intensive process
 - Identifying a viable location is very challenging
- **Overall, State regulations favor large, outdoor events**
 - These events have both the space and funding required

OEWD Working with OOC to Identify Potential Sites

- Cannabis events as a potential economic recovery tool
 - Benefits for local cannabis businesses, cannabis tourism, and arts/culture/entertainment sector
- Working with OOC to identify potential locations that could meet state and local requirements
- Exploring approaches to stakeholder engagement to source locations/event types that are of interest to industry leaders

Thank You!

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