1	[Medical cannabis guidelines and medical cannabis dispensary zoning and permitting.]
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3	Ordinance amending the San Francisco Planning Code by amending Sections 209.3,
4	217, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726,
5	727, 728, 729, 730, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, and 818, and by adding
6	Sections 790.141, and 890.131, to: define medical cannabis dispensaries; prohibit
7	dispensaries in residential-house and residential-mixed zoning districts; permit
8	dispensaries elsewhere subject to restrictions based on a dispensary's proximity to
9	other dispensaries, schools, community centers and institutions for the treatment of
10	addictive diseases; require adequate ventilation in dispensaries; prohibit the sale or
11	distribution of alcohol at dispensaries; require Planning Department notice to
12	interested individuals and properties within 300 feet of proposed dispensaries; require
13	dispensaries operating before April 1, 2005 to obtain a permit within 18 months of the
14	effective date of this legislation or cease operation; require a notice that permits for
15	dispensaries are not intended to and do not authorize the violation of State or Federal
16	law; and make environmental findings and findings of consistency with the priority
17	policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 and the General Plan;
18	Amending the San Francisco Health Code by adding Sections 3200 through 3220, to:
19	set medical marijuana possession guidelines; require a permit, business license, and
20	business registration certificate for a medical cannabis dispensary; set out the
21	application process for a medical cannabis permit; limit the time period for submitting
22	applications for medical cannabis dispensary permits; require an annual report from
23	the Director of Public Health to the Board of Supervisors; set out operating
24	requirements for medical cannabis dispensaries; and set out the administrative
25	process for imposing penalties and/or permit suspension or revocation for violations;

1	Amending the San Francisco Traffic Code by amending Sections 53 and 132, to create
2	an infraction for double parking in front of a medical cannabis dispensary and set the
3	fine at \$100; and,
4	Amending the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code by amending
5	Section 1, and by adding Sections 1.177 and 249.17, to authorize the Department of
6	Health to issue medical cannabis dispensary permits and to set out the license fees for
7	medical cannabis dispensaries.
8 9	Note: Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman</u> ; deletions are <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman</u> . Board amendment additions are <u>double underlined</u> .
10	Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.
11	Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:
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13	Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
14	Francisco hereby finds and determines that:
15	(a) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that this
16	ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare.
17	(b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 101.1, the Board of Supervisors finds that this
18	ordinance is consistent with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code and
19	with the General Plan and hereby incorporates a report containing those findings as if fully se
20	forth herein. A copy of said report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
21	No
22	(c) This ordinance constitutes permanent controls to address the proliferation of
23	medical cannabis dispensaries and its passage terminates the efficacy of Urgency Ordinance
24	0098-05, the Interim Moratorium on Medical Cannabis Dispensaries.

- 1 Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by amending
- 2 Sections 209.3, 217, 710 through 730, and 810 through 818, and by adding Sections
- 3 790.141, and 890.131, to read as follows:

SEC. 209.3 Institutions

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5	RH-			RH-	RH-	RM-			RM-	RC-		RC-	RC-	
6	1 (D)	1	1 (S)	2	3	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	
7	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	(a) Hospital,
8														medical center or other
9														medical institution which
10														includes
11														facilities for inpatient care
12														and may also include medical
13														offices, clinics,
14														laboratories, and employee
15														or student dormitories and
16														other housing,
17														operated by and affiliated
18														with the institution,
19														which institution
20														has met the applicable
21														provisions of Section 304.5
22														of this Code
23														concerning institutional
24														master plans.

1	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	(b) Residential
2														care facility providing
3														lodging, board
4														and care for a period of 24
														hours or more
5														to six or fewer persons in need
6														of specialized
7														aid by personnel
8														licensed by the
9														State of California. Such
10														facility shall
														display nothing on or near the
11														facility which
12														gives an outward
13														indication of the
14														nature of the occupancy
15														except for a
16														sign as permitted by
														Article 6 of this
17														Code, shall not provide
18														outpatient
19														services and shall be located
20														in a structure
21														which remains residential in
22														character. Such
23														facilities shall include but not
														necessarily be
24														limited to a

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8														board and care home, family care home, long-term nursery, orphanage, rest home or home for the treatment of addictive, contagious or other diseases or psychological disorders.
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	(c) Residential care facility meeting all applicable requirements of Subsection 209.3(b) above but providing lodging, board and care as specified therein to seven or more persons.
19 20 21 22 23 24										С	С	С	С	(d) Social service or philanthropic facility providing assistance of a charitable or public service nature and not of a profitmaking or commercial

1 2														nature. (With respect to RC Districts, see also Section
3														209.9(d).)
4	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	(e) Child-care facility providing
5 6														less than 24- hour care for 12
7														or fewer
8														children by licensed
9														personnel and meeting the
10														open-space and other
11														requirements of the State of
12														California and other
13														authorities.
14	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С		(f) Child-care facility providing
15														less than 24-
16														hour care for 13 or more
17														children by licensed
18														personnel and meeting the
19														open-space and other
20														requirements of the State of
21														California and
22														other authorities.
2324														(With respect to RC Districts,
4														see also

1														Section 209.9(d).)
2	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	(g) Elementary
3														school, either public or
5														private. Such institution may
6														include employee or
7														student dormitories and
8														other housing operated by
9														and affiliated with the
10														institution. (With
11														respect to RC Districts, see
12														also Section 209.9(d).)
13	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	(h) Secondary
14														school, either public or
15														private, other than a school
16														having industrial arts
17														as its primary
18														course of study. Such institution
19 20														may include employee or
21														student dormitories and
22														other housing operated by
23														and affiliated with the
24														institution. (With
														respect to RC

1 2														Districts, see also Section 209.9(d).)
3	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	(i) Post
4														secondary educational
5														institution for the purposes of
6														academic, professional,
7														business or fine
8														arts education, which institution
9														has met the applicable
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11														of this Code
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13														master plans. Such institution
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18														with the institution. Such
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20														industrial arts
21														as its primary course of study.
22	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	(j) Church or
23														other religious institution which
24														has a tax-

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17 18					<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>(k) Medical</u> <u>cannabis</u>
19									<u>dispensary as</u> defined by
20									Section 3201(f) of the San
21									Francisco Health Code provided
22									that: (a) the medical cannabis
23									<u>dispensary has</u>
24									applied for a permit from the

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1							<u>Department of</u>
2							<u>Public Health</u> pursuant to
_							Section 3204 of
3							<u>the San</u>
4							Francisco Health
7							<u>Code; (b) if</u>
5							medical cannabis is smoked on the
6							premises, the
							medical cannabis
7							<u>dispensary is</u>
8							located not less
							<u>than 1,000 feet</u>
9							<u>from an</u> <u>elementary or</u>
10							<u>secondary</u>
							school, public or
11							<u>private, or a</u>
12							<u>community</u>
							<u>clubhouse,</u> neighborhood
13							<u>center or other</u>
14							<u>community</u>
4-							<u>cultural</u>
15							<u>center;(c) if</u>
16							medical cannabis
47							<u>is smoked on the</u> premises the
17							dispensary shall
18							provide adequate
19							<u>ventilation within</u>
19							the structure
20							such that doors and/or windows
21							are not left open
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22							resulting in odor
23							emission from the
							premises;(d) if medical cannabis
24							is not smoked on
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2							<u>dispensary is</u>
3							<u>located not less</u> <u>than 1000 feet</u>
							<u>from another</u>
4							<u>dispensary and</u>
5							not less than 500 feet from an
6							<u>elementary or</u>
7							<u>secondary</u>
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8							private, or a community
9							<u>clubhouse,</u>
							<u>neighborhood</u>
10							<u>center or other</u>
11							<u>community</u> cultural center;
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14							<u>premises the</u> medical cannabis
15							dispensary is
16							located not less
10							<u>than 500 feet</u>
17							<u>from an</u>
18							institution for the treatment of
							<u>addictive</u>
19							<u>diseases; (f) no</u>
20							alcohol is sold or
21							distributed on the premises for on
							or off-site
22							consumption; (g)
23							upon acceptance of a complete
24							application for a
							<u>building permit</u>
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4							<u>after this 30 day</u>
7							<u>period, all</u>
5							<u>requests for</u> <u>Planning</u>
6							Commission
							review of a
7							building permit
8							application for a
							medical cannabis
9							dispensary shall be processed in
10							accordance with
							Section 312(e) of
11							this Code; (j)
12							Medical cannabis
40							dispensaries that can demonstrate
13							they were in
14							operation prior
15							<u>to April 1, 2005</u>
13							have 18 months
16							<u>from the effective</u> <u>date of this</u>
17							legislation to
							obtain a permit
18							<u>or must cease</u>
19							operation and any dispensary
							operating in a
20							Residential-
21							<u>House or</u>
22							<u>Residential-</u>
22							Mixed district of the City or which
23							began operation
24							<u>after April 1,</u>
- ¬							<u>2005, must</u>

1							<u>immediately</u>
2							<u>cease operation;</u> (k) any permit
3							<u>issued for a</u> <u>medical cannabis</u>
4							dispensary shall contain the
5							<u>following</u> statement in
6							bold-face type
7							<u>"Issuance of this</u> permit by the
8							City and County of San Francisco
9							is not intended to and does not
10							<u>authorize the</u>
11							violation of State or Federal law."
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SEC. 217. INSTITUTIONS.

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C		С	С	С	С	O	С	O		(a) Hospital, medical center or other medical institution which includes facilities for inpatient care and may also include medical offices, clinics, laboratories, and employee or student dormitories and other housing, operated by and affiliated with the institution, which institution has met the applicable provisions of Section 304.5 of this Code concerning institutional master plans.
F)	Р	Р	Р	Р	С	Р	Р		(b) Residential care facility providing lodging, board and care

1 2 3 4 5 6 7										for a period of 24 hours or more to persons in need of specialized aid by personnel licensed by the State of California. Such facilities shall include but not necessarily be limited to a board and care home, family care home, long-term nursery, orphanage, rest home or home for the treatment of addictive, contagious or other diseases or psychological disorders.
8 9	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	(c) Clinic primarily providing outpatient care in medical,
10										psychiatric or other healing arts and not a part of a medical
11										institution as specified in Subsection 217(a) above.
12	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	(d) Social service or philanthropic
13										facility providing assistance of a charitable or public service nature.
14 15	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	С	Р	Р		(e) Child-care facility providing
16										less than 24-hour care for children by licensed personnel and
17										meeting the open-space and other requirements of the State of California and other authorities.
18	Р	P	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		
19		Г		Γ		Г	Γ			(f) Elementary school, either public or private. Such institution
20										may include employee or student dormitories and other housing
21										operated by and affiliated with the institution.
22	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		(g) Secondary school, either
23										public or private, other than a school having industrial arts as its
24										primary course of study. Such

1 2 3										institution may include employee or student dormitories and other housing operated by and affiliated with the institution.
	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		(h) Postsecondary educational
4										institution for the purposes of academic, professional, business
5										or fine-arts education, which
6										institution has met the applicable provisions of Section 304.5 of this
7										Code concerning institutional
8										master plans. Such institution may include employee or student
9										dormitories and other housing operated by and affiliated with the
10										institution. Such institution shall
11										not have industrial arts as its primary course of study.
12						Р	Р	Р	Р	(i) Secondary or postsecondary
13										educational institution, other than as specified in Subsection 217(g)
14										and (h) above.
15	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	(j) Church or other religious
16										institution. Such institution may include, on the same lot, the
17										housing of persons who engage in supportive activity for the
18										institution.
19	<u>P</u>	(k) Medical cannabis dispensary as								
20										<u>defined by Section 3201(f) of the San</u> Francisco Health Code provided that:
21										(a) the medical cannabis dispensary
22										<u>has applied for a permit from the</u> <u>Department of Public Health</u>
23										pursuant to Section 3204 of the San Francisco Health Code; (b) if medical
24										cannabis is smoked on the premises,
4										the medical cannabis dispensary is

located not less than 1,000 feet from an elementary or secondary school, public or private, or a community cultural center; (c) if medical cannabis is smoked on the premises the dispensary shall provide adequate ventilation within the structure such that doors and/or windows are not left open for such purposes resulting in odor emission from the premises; (d) if medical cannabis is not smoked on the premises; the medical cannabis is not smoked on the premises; the medical cannabis dispensary is located not less than 1000 feet from another dispensary and not less than 500 feet from an elementary or secondary school, public or private, or a community cultural center; (e) regardless of whether medical cannabis dispensary is located not less than 500 feet from an institution for the treament of addictive diseases; (f) no alcohol is sold or distributed on the premises for on or off-site consumption; (g) upon acceptance of a complete application for a building permit for a medical cannabis dispensary the Planning Department shall cause a notice to be posted on the proposed site and shall cause written notice to be sent via U.S. Mall to all properties within 300 feet of the subject lot in the same Assessor's Block and on the block face across from the subject lot as well as to all individuals or groups which have made a written request for notification of regarding specific	Ī						
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12	Section 3. Environmental Review. The Planning Department concluded
13	environmental review of this ordinance pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
14	Documentation of that review is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
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17	Section 4. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by adding Article 32,
18	Sections 3200 through 3220, to read as follows:
19	SEC. 3200. TITLE.
20	This Article may be cited as the "Medical Cannabis Act."
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22	SEC. 3201. DEFINITIONS.
23	For the purposes of this Article:
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1	(a) "Cannabis" means marijuana and all parts of the plant Cannabis, whether growing or not;
2	the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture,
3	salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin. It includes marijuana infused in
4	foodstuff. It does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake
5	made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or
6	preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted there from), fiber, oil, or cake, or the
7	sterilized seeds of the plant are incapable of germination.
8	(b) "City" means the City and County of San Francisco.
9	(c) "Convicted" means having pled guilty or having received a verdict of guilty, including a
10	verdict following a plea of nolo contendere, to a crime.
11	(d) "Director" means the Director of Public Health or any individual designated by the
12	Director to act on his or her behalf, including but not limited to inspectors.
13	(e) "Excessive profits," means the receipt of consideration of a value substantially higher than
14	the reasonable costs of operating the facility.
15	(f) "Medical cannabis dispensary" means any association, cooperative, or collective of four or
16	more qualified patients with a valid identification card, or primary caregivers with a valid
17	identification card that facilitates the lawful distribution of medical cannabis.
18	(g) "Medical Cannabis Identification Card" or "Identification Card" means a document issued
19	by the State Department of Health Services pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections
20	11362.7 et seq. or the City pursuant to Health Code Article 28 that identifies a person authorized to
21	engage in the medical use of marijuana and the person's designated primary caregiver, if any, or
22	identifies a person as a primary caregiver for a medical marijuana patient.
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1	(h) "Permittee" means the owner, proprietor, manager, or operator of a medical cannabis
2	dispensary or other individual, corporation, or partnership who obtains a permit pursuant to this
3	Article.
4	(i) "Primary caregiver" shall have the same definition as California Health and Safety Code
5	Section 11362.7 et seq., and as may be amended, and which defines "primary caregiver" as a
6	individual, designated by a qualified patient or by a person with an identification card, who has
7	consistently assumed responsibility for the housing, health, or safety of that patient or person, and may
8	include a licensed clinic, a licensed health care facility, a residential care facility, a hospice, or a home
9	health agency as allowed by California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.7(d)(1-3).
10	(j) "Qualified patient" shall have the same definition as California Health and Safety Code
11	Section 11362.7 et seq., and as may be amended, which states that a "qualified patient" means a person
12	who is entitled to the protections of California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5, but who does
13	not have a valid medical cannabis identification card. For the purposes of this Article, a "qualified
14	patient who has a valid identification card" shall mean a person who fulfills all of the requirements to
15	be a "qualified patient" under California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.7 et seq. and also has
16	a valid medical cannabis identification card.
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18	SEC. 3202. MEDICAL MARIJUANA GUIDELINES.
19	Pursuant to the authority granted under Health and Safety Code section 11362.77, the City and
20	County of San Francisco enacts the following medical marijuana guidelines:
21	(a) A qualified patient, person with a valid identification card, or primary caregiver may
22	possess no more than one pound of dried marijuana per qualified patient. In addition, a qualified
23	patient or primary caregiver may also maintain no more than twelve (12) mature or twenty-four (24)
24	immature marijuana plants per qualified patient.

1	(b) If a qualified patient, person with an identification card, or primary caregiver has a
2	doctor's recommendation that this quantity does not meet the qualified patient's medical needs, the
3	qualified patient, person with an identification card, or primary caregiver may possess an amount of
4	marijuana consistent with the patient's needs.
5	(c) Only the dried mature processed flowers of female cannabis plant or the plant conversion
6	shall be considered when determining allowable quantities of marijuana under this section.
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8	SEC. 3203. PERMIT REQUIRED FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY.
9	Except for research facilities, it is unlawful to operate or maintain, or to participate therein, or
10	to cause or to permit to be operated or maintained, any medical cannabis dispensary without first
11	obtaining a permit pursuant to this Article.
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13	SEC. 3204. APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY PERMIT.
14	(a) For a period of ninety (90) days after the effective date of this Article any person who
15	wishes to apply for a medical cannabis dispensary permit shall file an application with the Director
16	upon a form provided by the Director and pay a non-refundable permit application fee of \$7,396.00 to
17	cover the costs to all City departments of investigating and processing the application and any
18	applicable surcharges, exclusive of filing fees for appeals before the Board of Appeals. The Director
19	may not accept applications for medical cannabis dispensary permits that are submitted after 5 p.m. on
20	the ninetieth day after the effective date of this Article.
21	(b) The permit application form shall provide clear notice to applicants that the Fire Code
22	includes a requirement, among others that may apply, that an establishment obtain a place of assembly
23	permit if it will accommodate 100 or more persons based on its square footage.
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1	(c) The applicant for a medical cannabis dispensary permit shall set forth, under penalty of
2	perjury, the following on the permit application:
3	(1) The proposed location of the medical cannabis dispensary;
4	(2) The name and residence address of each person applying for the permit and any other
5	person who will be engaged in management or operation of the medical cannabis dispensary;
6	(3) A unique identifying number from at least one government-issued form of identification,
7	such as a social security card, a state driver's license or identification card, or a passport for of each
8	person applying for the permit and any other person who will be engaged in management or operation
9	of the medical cannabis dispensary;
10	(4) Written evidence that each person applying for the permit and any other person who will be
11	engaged in management or operation of the medical cannabis dispensary is at least 18 years of age;
12	(5) All felony convictions of each person applying for the permit and any other person who will
13	be engaged in management or operation of the medical cannabis dispensary;
14	(6) Whether cultivation of medical cannabis shall occur on the premises of the medical
15	<u>cannabis dispensary;</u>
16	(7) Whether smoking of medical cannabis shall occur on the premises of the medical cannabis
17	<u>dispensary;</u>
18	(8) Whether food will be prepared, dispensed or sold on the premises of the medical cannabis
19	<u>dispensary; and</u>
20	(9) Proposed security measures for the medical cannabis dispensary, including lighting and
21	alarms, to insure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.
22	(e) If the applicant is a corporation, the applicant shall set forth the name of the corporation
23	exactly as shown in its articles of incorporation, and the names and residence addresses of each of the
24	officers, directors and each stockholder owning more than 10 percent of the stock of the corporation. It
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1	the applicant is a partnership, the application shall set forth the name and residence address of each of
2	the partners, including limited partners. If one or more of the partners is a corporation, the provisions
3	of this Section pertaining to a corporation apply.
4	(f) The Director is hereby authorized to require in the permit application any other information
5	including, but not limited to, any information necessary to discover the truth of the matters set forth in
6	the application.
7	(g) Each person applying for the permit and any other person who will be engaged in
8	management or operation of the medical cannabis dispensary shall submit with the permit application
9	a signed waiver authorizing the San Francisco Police Department to perform a thorough and complete
10	criminal and employment background check.
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12	SEC. 3205. REFERRAL TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS.
13	(a) Upon receiving a completed medical cannabis dispensary permit application and permit
14	application fee, the Director shall immediately refer the permit application to the City's Planning
15	Department, Department of Building Inspections, Police Department and Fire Department.
16	(b) Said departments shall inspect the premises proposed to be operated as a medical cannabis
17	dispensary and confirm the information provided in the application and shall make separate written
18	recommendations to the Director concerning compliance with the codes that they administer.
19	Specifically, the Police Department shall perform a thorough and complete criminal and employment
20	background check on each person applying for the permit and any other person who will be engaged in
21	management or operation of the medical cannabis dispensary. The Department of Building Inspection
22	shall, in consultation with the Police Department, approve the security measures for the medical
23	cannabis dispensary, including lighting and alarms, to insure the safety of persons and to protect the
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1	premises from theft. Departments' written approval, rejection and/or recommendations regarding the
2	permit shall be delivered to the Director.
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4	SEC. 3206. NOTICE OF HEARING ON PERMIT APPLICATION.
5	(a) After receiving written approval of the permit application from other City Departments as
6	set out in Section 3205, the Director shall fix a time and place for a public hearing on the application,
7	which date shall not be more than 45 days after the Director's receipt of the written approval of the
8	permit application from other City Departments.
9	(b) No fewer than 10 days before the date of the hearing, the permit applicant shall cause to be
10	posted a notice of such hearing in a conspicuous place on the property at which the proposed medical
11	cannabis dispensary is to be operated. The applicant shall comply with any requirements regarding
12	the size and type of notice specified by the Director. The applicant shall maintain the notice as posted
13	the required number of days.
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15	SEC. 3207. ISSUANCE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY PERMIT.
16	(a) Within 14 days following a hearing, the Director shall either issue the permit or mail a
17	written statement of his or her reasons for denial thereof to the applicant.
18	(b) In recommending the granting or denying of such permit and in granting or denying the
19	same, the Director, shall give particular consideration to the capacity, capitalization, complaint history
20	of the applicant and any other factors that in their discretion he or she deems necessary to the peace
21	and order and welfare of the public.
22	(c) No medical cannabis dispensary permit shall be issued if the Director finds:
23	(1) That the applicant has provided materially false documents or testimony; or
24	(2) That the applicant has not complied fully with the provisions of this Article; or

1	(3) That the operation as proposed by the applicant, if permitted, would not have complied with
2	all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Building, Planning, Housing, Police, Fire, and
3	Health Codes of the City, including the provisions of this Article and regulations issued by the Director
4	pursuant to this Article; or
5	(4) That the permit applicant or any other person who will be engaged in management or
6	operation of the medical cannabis dispensary has been convicted of a violent felony within State of
7	California or a crime that would have constituted a violent felony if committed within the State of
8	California. However, the Director may issue a medical cannabis dispensary permit to any individual
9	convicted of such a crime if the Director finds that the conviction occurred at least five years prior to
10	the date of the permit application or more than three years have passed from the date of the
11	termination of a penalty for such conviction to the date of the permit application and, that no
12	subsequent felony convictions of any nature have occurred; or
13	(5) That a permit for the operation of a medical cannabis dispensary, which permit had been
14	issued to the applicant or to any other person who will be engaged in management or operation of the
15	medical cannabis dispensary, has been revoked, unless more than five years have passed from the date
16	of the revocation to the date of the application; or
17	(6) That the City has revoked a permit for the operation of a business in the City which permit
18	had been issued to the applicant or to any other person who will be engaged in the management or
19	operation of the medical cannabis dispensary unless more than five years have passed from the date of
20	the application to the date of the revocation.
21	(d) The Director shall notify the Police Department of all approved permit applications.
22	(e) The permit shall contain the following language, "Issuance of this permit by the City and
23	County of San Francisco is not intended to and does not authorize the violation of State or Federal
24	<u>law."</u>

1	(f) Once a year, commencing one year after the date that the Director issues or denies the last
2	of the medical cannabis dispensary permit applications received under Section 3204, the Director shall
3	make a report to the Board of Supervisors that:
4	(1) sets forth the number of medical cannabis dispensaries currently permitted and operating in
5	the City
6	(2) sets forth the number of Medical Cannabis User Identification Cards currently active in the
7	City; and
8	(3) provides an analysis of the adequacy of the currently permitted and operating medical
9	cannabis dispensaries in the City in meeting the medical needs of those persons who have been issued
10	Medical Cannabis User Identification Cards.
11	Upon receipt of this Report, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a hearing to consider whether
12	any amendments to the restrictions set forth in Section 3204 regarding the acceptance of medical
13	cannabis dispensary permit applications are warranted.
14	SEC. 3208. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY.
15	(a) Medical cannabis dispensaries shall meet all the operating criteria for the dispensing of
16	medical cannabis as is required pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.7 et seq.,
17	by this Article, and by the Director's administrative regulations for the permitting and operation of
18	medical cannabis dispensaries.
19	(b) Medical cannabis dispensaries shall be operated only as collectives or cooperatives in
20	accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 11326.7 et seq. All patients or caregivers
21	served by a medical cannabis dispensary shall be members of that medical cannabis dispensary's
22	collective or cooperative.
23	(c) The medical cannabis dispensary shall receive only compensation for actual expenses,
24	including reasonable compensation incurred for services provided to qualified patients with a valid
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1	identification card or primary caregivers with a valid identification card to enable that person to use or
2	transport marijuana pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.7 et seq., or for
3	payment for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing those services, or both. Sale of medical
4	cannabis for excessive profits is explicitly prohibited. Each medical cannabis dispensary shall
5	maintain records demonstrating that it complies with the requirements of this paragraph. Each
6	medical cannabis dispensary shall make these records available for inspection, examination, and
7	copying by the Department upon request by the Department. Such records shall not include patient
8	records or materials identifying individual patients.
9	(d) Medical cannabis dispensaries shall sell or distribute only cannabis manufactured and
10	processed in the State of California that has not left the State before arriving at the medical cannabis
11	dispensary.
12	(e) It is unlawful for any person or association operating a medical cannabis dispensary under
13	the provisions of this Article to permit any breach of peace therein or any disturbance of public order
14	or decorum by any tumultuous, riotous or disorderly conduct, or otherwise, or to permit such
15	dispensary to remain open, or patrons to remain upon the premises, between the hours of 8 p.m and 8
16	a.m. the next day.
17	(f) Medical cannabis dispensaries may not dispense more than one pound of dried marijuana
18	per qualified patient with a valid identification card or primary caregiver with a valid identification
19	card per visit to the medical cannabis dispensary. Medical cannabis dispensaries may not maintain
20	more than twelve (12) mature or twenty-four (24) immature marijuana plants per qualified patient with
21	a valid identification card or primary caregiver with a valid identification card. Medical cannabis
22	dispensaries shall use medical cannabis identification card numbers to ensure compliance with this
23	provision. If a qualified patient with a valid identification card or a primary caregiver with a valid
24	identification card has a doctor's recommendation that this quantity does not meet the qualified patient
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1	with a valid identification card's medical needs, the qualified patient with a valid identification card or
2	the primary caregiver with a valid identification card may possess and the medical cannabis
3	dispensary may dispense an amount of dried marijuana and maintain a number of mature and/or
4	immature marijuana plants consistent with those needs. Only the dried mature processed flowers of
5	female cannabis plant or the plant conversion shall be considered when determining allowable
6	quantities of marijuana under this section.
7	(g) No medical cannabis shall be smoked, ingested or otherwise consumed in the public right of
8	way within fifty (50) feet of a medical cannabis dispensary. Any person violating this provision shall be
9	deemed guilty of an infraction and upon the conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$100.
10	Medical cannabis dispensaries shall post a sign near their entrances and exits providing notice of this
11	policy.
12	(h) Any cultivation of medical cannabis on the premises of a medical cannabis dispensary must
13	be conducted indoors.
14	(i) All sales and dispensing of medical cannabis shall be conducted on the premises of the
15	medical cannabis dispensary. However, delivery of cannabis to qualified patients with valid
16	identification cards and primary caregivers with a valid identification card outside the premises of the
17	medical cannabis dispensary is permitted if the person delivering the cannabis is a qualified patient
18	with a valid identification card or a primary caregiver with a valid identification card who is a member
19	of the medical cannabis dispensary.
20	(j) The medical cannabis dispensary shall not hold or maintain a license from the State
21	Department of Alcohol Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages, or operate a business that sells
22	alcoholic beverages. Nor shall alcoholic beverages be consumed on the premises or on in the public
23	right of way within fifty feed of a medical cannabis dispensary.
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1	(k) In order to protect confidentiality, the medical cannabis dispensary shall maintain records
2	of all qualified patients with a valid identification card and primary caregivers with a valid
3	identification card using only the identification card number issued by the State or City pursuant to
4	California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.7 et seq. and City Health Code Article 28.
5	(1) The medical cannabis dispensary shall provide litter removal services twice each day of
6	operation on and in front of the premises and, if necessary, on public sidewalks within hundred (100)
7	feet of the premises.
8	(m) The medical cannabis dispensary shall provide adequate security on the premises,
9	including lighting and alarms, to insure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.
10	(n) Signage for the medical cannabis dispensary shall be limited to one wall sign not to exceed
11	ten square feet in area, and one identifying sign not to exceed two square feet in area; such signs shall
12	not be directly illuminated.
13	(o) The medical cannabis dispensary shall provide the Director, the chief of police and all
14	neighbors located within fifty (50) feet of the establishment with the name, phone number and facsimile
15	number of an on-site community relations staff person to whom one can provide notice if there are
16	operating problems associated with the establishment. The medical cannabis dispensary shall make
17	every good faith effort to encourage neighbors to call this person to try to solve operating problems, if
18	any, before any calls or complaints are made to the police department or other City officials.
19	(p) Medical cannabis dispensaries may sell or distribute cannabis only to members of the
20	medical cannabis dispensary's collective or cooperative and only to those members with a medical
21	cannabis identification card.
22	(q) It shall be unlawful for any medical cannabis dispensary to employ any person who is not at
23	least 18 years of age.
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1	(r) It shall be unlawful for any medical cannabis dispensary to allow any person who is not at
2	least 18 years of age on the premises during hours of operation unless that person is a qualified patient
3	with a valid identification card or primary caregiver with a valid identification card.
4	(s) Medical cannabis dispensaries that display or sell drug paraphernalia must do so in
5	compliance with California Health and Safety Code §§ 11364.5 and 11364.7.
6	(t) Medical cannabis dispensaries shall maintain all scales and weighing mechanisms on the
7	premises in good working order. Scales and weighing mechanisms used by medical cannabis
8	dispensaries are subject to inspection and certification by the Director.
9	(u) Medical cannabis dispensaries that prepare, dispense or sell food must comply with and are
10	subject to the provisions of all relevant State and local laws regarding the preparation, distribution and
11	sale of food.
12	(v) The medical cannabis dispensary shall meet any specific, additional operating procedures
13	and measures as may be imposed as conditions of approval by the Director in order to insure that the
14	operation of the medical cannabis dispensary is consistent with protection of the health, safety and
15	welfare of the community, qualified patients with a valid identification card and primary caregivers
16	with a valid identification card, and will not adversely affect surrounding uses.
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18	SEC. 3209. PROHIBITED OPERATIONS.
19	All medical cannabis dispensaries operating in violation of California Health and Safety Code
20	Sections 11362.5 and 11326.7 et seq., or this Article are expressly prohibited. No entity that
21	distributed medical cannabis prior to the enactment of this Article shall be deemed to have been a
22	legally established use under the provisions of this Article, and such use shall not be entitled to claim
23	legal nonconforming status for the purposes of permitting.
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1	SEC. 3210. DISPLAY OF PERMIT.
2	Every permit to operate a medical cannabis dispensary shall be displayed in a conspicuous
3	place within the establishment so that the permit may be readily seen by individuals entering the
4	premises.
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6	SEC. 3211. SALE OR TRANSFER OF PERMITS.
7	(a) Upon sale, transfer or relocation of a medical cannabis dispensary, the permit and license
8	for the establishment shall be null and void unless another permit has been issued pursuant to this
9	Article; provided, however, that upon the death or incapacity of the permittee, the medical cannabis
10	dispensary may continue in business for six months to allow for an orderly transfer of the permit.
11	(b) If the permittee is a corporation, a transfer of 25 percent of the stock ownership of the
12	permittee will be deemed to be a sale or transfer and the permit and license for the establishment shall
13	be null and void unless a permit has been issued pursuant to this Article; provided, however, that this
14	subsection shall not apply to a permittee corporation, the stock of which is listed on a stock exchange in
15	this state or in the City of New York, State of New York, or which is required by law to file periodic
16	reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
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18	SEC. 3212. RULES AND REGULATIONS.
19	(a) The Director shall issue rules and regulations regarding the conduct of hearings
20	concerning the denial, suspension or revocation of permits and the imposition of administrative
21	penalties on medical cannabis dispensaries.
22	(b) The Director may issue regulations governing the operation of medical cannabis
23	dispensaries. These regulations shall include, but need not be limited to:
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1	(1) A requirement that the operator provide patients and customers with information regarding
2	those activities that are prohibited on the premises;
3	(2) A requirement that the operator prohibit patrons from entering or remaining on the
4	premises if they are in possession of or are consuming alcoholic beverages, or are under the influence
5	<u>of alcohol;</u>
6	(3) A requirement that the operator require employees to use protective gloves when handling
7	cannabis;
8	(4) A description of the size and type of notice of hearing to be posted in a conspicuous place
9	on the property at which the proposed medical cannabis dispensary is to be operated and the number of
10	days said notice shall remain posted; and
11	(5) A description of the size and type of sign posted near the entrances and exits of medical
12	cannabis dispensaries providing notice that no medical cannabis shall be smoked, ingested or
13	otherwise consumed in the public right of way within fifty (50) feet of a medical cannabis dispensary
14	and that any person violating this policy shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and upon the
15	conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$100.
16	(c) Failure by an operator to do either of the following shall be grounds for suspension or
17	revocation of a medical cannabis dispensary permit: (1) comply with any regulation adopted by the
18	Director under this Article, or (2) give free access to areas of the establishment to which patrons have
19	access during the hours the establishment is open to the public, and at all other reasonable times, at the
20	direction of the Director, or at the direction of any City peace, fire, planning, or building official or
21	inspector for inspection with respect to the laws that they are responsible for enforcing.
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23	SEC. 3213. INSPECTION AND NOTICES OF VIOLATION.
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1	(a) The Director may inspect each medical cannabis dispensary regularly and based on
2	complaints, but in no event fewer than two times annually, for the purpose of determining compliance
3	with the provisions of this Article and/or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Article. If
4	informal attempts by the Director to obtain compliance with the provisions of this Article fail, the
5	Director may take the following steps:
6	(1) The Director may send written notice of noncompliance with the provisions of this Article to
7	the operator of the medical cannabis dispensary. The notice shall specify the steps that must be taken
8	to bring the establishment into compliance. The notice shall specify that the operator has 10 days in
9	which to bring the establishment into compliance.
10	(2) If the Director inspector determines that the operator has corrected the problem and is in
11	compliance with the provisions of this Article, the Director may so inform the operator.
12	(3) If the Director determines that the operator failed to make the necessary changes in order
13	to come into compliance with the provisions of this Article, the Director may issue a notice of violation.
14	(b) The Director may not suspend or revoke a permit issued pursuant to this Article, impose an
15	administrative penalty, or take other enforcement action against a medical cannabis dispensary until
16	the Director has issued a notice of violation and provided the operator an opportunity to be heard and
17	respond as provided in Section 3216.
18	(c) If the Director concludes that announced inspections are inadequate to ascertain
19	compliance with this Article (based on public complaints or other relevant circumstances), the Director
20	may use other appropriate means to inspect the areas of the establishment to which patrons have
21	access. If such additional inspection shows noncompliance, the Director may issue either a notice of
22	noncompliance or a notice of violation, as the Director deems appropriate.
23	(d) Every person to whom a permit shall have been granted pursuant to this Article shall post a
24	sign in a conspicuous place in the medical cannabis dispensary. The sign shall state that it is unlawful
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1	to refuse to permit an inspection by the Department of Public Health, or any City peace, fire, planning,
2	or building official or inspector, conducted during the hours the establishment is open to the public and
3	at all other reasonable times, of the areas of the establishment to which patrons have access.
4	(e) Nothing in this Section shall limit or restrict the authority of a police officer to enter
5	premises licensed or permitted under this Article (i) pursuant to a search warrant signed by a
6	magistrate and issued upon a showing of probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed or
7	attempted, (ii) without a warrant in the case of an emergency or other exigent circumstances, or (iii) as
8	part of any other lawful entry in connection with a criminal investigation or enforcement action.
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10	SEC. 3214. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.
11	(a) Any person who or dispensary that violates any provision of this Article or any rule or
12	regulation adopted pursuant to this Article may, after being provided notice and an opportunity to be
13	heard, be subject to an administrative penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for the first violation of a provision
14	or regulation in a 12-month period, \$2,500 for the second violation of the same provision or regulation
15	in a 12-month period, and \$5,000 for the third and subsequent violations of the same provision or
16	regulation in a 12-month period.
17	(b) The Director may not impose an administrative penalty or take other enforcement action
18	under this Article against a medical cannabis dispensary until the Director has issued a notice of
19	violation and provided the operator an opportunity to be heard and respond as provided in Section
20	<u>3216.</u>
21	(c) Nothing herein shall prohibit the District Attorney from exercising the sole discretion vested
22	in that officer by law to charge an operator, employee, or any other person associated with a medical
23	cannabis dispensary with violating this or any other local or state law.
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1	SEC. 3215. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF PERMIT.
2	(a) Any permit issued for a medical cannabis dispensary may be revoked, or suspended for up
3	to 30 days, by the Director if the Director determines that:
4	(1) the operator or any employee has violated any provision of this Article or any regulation
5	issued pursuant to this Article;
6	(2) the operator has violated any other local law, or any State law;
7	(3) the operator has engaged in any material misrepresentation when applying for a permit;
8	(4) the medical cannabis dispensary is being managed, conducted, or maintained without
9	regard for the public health or the health of patrons;
10	(5) the operator has refused to allow any duly authorized City official to inspect the premises
11	or the operations of the medical cannabis dispensary;
12	(6) based on a determination by another City department, including the Department of Building
13	Inspections, the Fire Department, the Police Department, and the Planning Department, that the
14	medical cannabis dispensary is not in compliance with the laws under the jurisdiction of the
15	<u>department.</u>
16	(b) The Director may not suspend or revoke a permit issued pursuant to this Article or take
17	other enforcement action against a medical cannabis dispensary until the Director has issued a notice
18	of violation and provided the operator an opportunity to be heard and respond as provided in Section
19	<u>3216.</u>
20	(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the Director may suspend summarily any medical cannabis
21	dispensary permit issued under this Article pending a noticed hearing on revocation or suspension
22	when in the opinion of the Director the public health or safety requires such summary suspension. Any
23	affected permittee shall be given notice of such summary suspension in writing delivered to said
24	permittee in person or by registered letter.

1	(d) If a permit is revoked, no application for a medical cannabis dispensary may be submitted
2	by the same person for three years.
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4	SEC. 3216. NOTICE AND HEARING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AND/OR
5	REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.
6	(a) If the Director determines that a medical cannabis dispensary is operating in violation of
7	this Article and/or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Article, he or she shall issue a
8	notice of violation to the operator of the medical cannabis dispensary.
9	(b) The notice of violation shall include a copy of this Section and the rules and regulations
10	adopted pursuant to this Article regarding the conduct of hearings concerning the denial, suspension or
11	revocation of permits and the imposition of administrative penalties on medical cannabis dispensaries.
12	The notice of violation shall include a statement of any informal attempts by the Director to obtain
13	compliance with the provisions of this Article pursuant to Section 3213(a). The notice of violation shall
14	inform the operator that:
15	(1) The Director has made an initial determination that the medical cannabis dispensary is
16	operating in violation of this Article and/or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Article;
17	<u>and</u>
18	(2) The alleged acts or failures to act that constitute the basis for the Director's initial
19	determination; and
20	(3) That the Director intends to take enforcement action against the operator, and the nature of
21	that action including the administrative penalty to be imposed, if any, and/or the suspension or
22	revocation of the operator's permit; and
23	(4) That the operator has the right to request a hearing before the Director within fifteen (15)
24	days of receipt of the notice of violation in order to allow the operator an opportunity to show that the
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1	medical cannabis dispensary is operating in compliance with this Article and/or the rules and
2	regulations adopted pursuant to this Article.
3	(c) If no request for a hearing is filed with the Director within the appropriate period, the
4	initial determination shall be deemed final and shall be effective fifteen (15) days after the notice of
5	initial determination was served on the alleged violator. The Director shall issue an Order imposing
6	the enforcement action and serve it upon the party served with the notice of initial determination.
7	Payment of any administrative penalty is due within 30 days of service of the Director's Order. Any
8	administrative penalty assessed and received in an action brought under this Article shall be paid to
9	the Treasurer of the City and County of San Francisco. The alleged violator against whom an
10	administrative penalty is imposed also shall be liable for the costs and attorney's fees incurred by the
11	City in bringing any civil action to enforce the provisions of this section, including obtaining a court
12	order requiring payment of the administrative penalty.
13	(d) If the alleged violator files a timely request for a hearing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt
14	of the request, the Director shall notify the requestor of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The
15	Director shall make available all documentary evidence against the medical cannabis dispensary no
16	later than fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing. Such hearing shall be held no later than forty-five (45)
17	days after the Director receives the request, unless time is extended by mutual agreement of the affected
18	parties.
19	(e) At the hearing, the medical cannabis dispensary shall be provided an opportunity to refute
20	all evidence against it. The Director shall conduct the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted
21	pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the Director.
22	(f) Within twenty (20) days of the conclusion of the hearing, the Director shall serve written
23	notice of the Director's decision on the alleged violator. If the Director's decision is that the alleged
24	violator must pay an administrative penalty, the notice of decision shall state that the recipient has ten
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1	(10) days in which to pay the penalty. Any administrative penalty assessed and received in an action
2	brought under this Article shall be paid to the Treasurer of the City. The alleged violator against
3	whom an administrative penalty is imposed also shall be liable for the costs and attorney's fees
4	incurred by the City in bringing any civil action to enforce the provisions of this section, including
5	obtaining a court order requiring payment of the administrative penalty.
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7	SEC. 3217. APPEALS TO BOARD OF APPEALS.
8	(a) Right of Appeal. The final decision of the Director to grant, deny, suspend, or revoke a
9	permit, or to impose administrative sanctions, as provided in this Article, may be appealed to the Board
10	of Appeals in the manner prescribed in Article I of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations
11	Code. An appeal shall stay the action of the Director.
12	(b) Hearing. The procedure and requirements governing an appeal to the Board of Appeals
13	shall be as specified in Article I of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code.
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15	SEC. 3218. BUSINESS LICENSE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.
16	(a) Every medical cannabis dispensary shall be required to obtain a business license from the
17	City in compliance with Article 2 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code.
18	(b) Every medical cannabis dispensary shall be required to obtain a business registration
19	certificate from the City in compliance with Article 12 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code.
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21	SEC. 3219. DISCLAIMERS AND LIABILITY.
22	By regulating medical cannabis dispensaries, the City and County of San Francisco is assuming
23	an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its
24	officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person
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1	who claims that such breach proximately caused injury. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the City
2	shall assume no liability whatsoever, and expressly does not waive sovereign immunity, with respect to
3	the permitting and licensing provisions of this Article, or for the activities of any medical cannabis
4	dispensary. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any actions taken by a public officer or employee
5	under the provisions of this Article shall not become a personal liability of any public officer or
6	employee of the City. This Article (the "Medical Cannabis Act") does not authorize the violation of
7	state or federal law.
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9	SEC. 3220. SEVERABILITY.
10	If any provision of this Article or the application of any such provision to any person or
11	circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Article, to the extent it can be given effect, or
12	the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
13	invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this Article are severable.
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15	Section 5. The San Francisco Traffic Code is hereby amended by amending Sections
16	53 and 132, to read as follows:
17	SEC. 53. DOUBLE PARKING.
18	A vehicle parked in violation of Section 22500 (h) of the Vehicle Code of the State of
19	California by being stopped, parked, or left standing on the roadway side of any vehicle
20	stopped, parked, or standing at the curb or edge of a highway, except for a schoolbus when
21	stopped to load or unload pupils in a business or residence district where the speed limit is 25
22	miles per hour or less, shall be cited by the appropriate authority as a violation of the statute.
23	Any person violating Section 22500(h) shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and upor
24	the conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.

(a) No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle such that any portion of
the vehicle is within a Municipal Railway bus route on restricted streets. The restricted streets
are Chestnut Street, Union Street, Clay Street, Stockton Street, Mission Street, Geary Street,
Polk Street, Sacramento Street, Clement Street, Fillmore Street, Haight Street, Irving Street,
9th Avenue, 16th Street, and 24th Street. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing in any
portion of a Municipal Railway bus route on such street his or her vehicle between the hours
of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Any person violating this Section
shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00. The Department of Parking and Traffic shall install signs
and otherwise alert motorists where and when this prohibition shall take effect and the
applicable fine. This section shall not apply to vehicles engaged in emergency services
including, but not limited to, fire engines, police vehicles, ambulances, or public utility vehicles
while such vehicles are operating, maintaining, or repairing facilities of the public utility or are
being used in connection with providing public utility service.

(b) No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle such that any portion of the vehicle is stopped, parked, or standing in front of a legally permitted medical cannabis dispensary in violation of California Vehicle Code section 22500(h). Any person violating this sub-section shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00. The Department of Parking and Traffic shall install signs and otherwise alert motorists where and when this prohibition shall take effect and the applicable fine. This subsection shall not apply to vehicles engaged in emergency services including, but not limited to, fire engines, police vehicles, ambulances, or public utility vehicles while such vehicles are operating, maintaining, or repairing facilities of the public utility or are being used in connection with providing public utility service.

SEC. 132. PENALTY SCHEDULE.

Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 40203.5, violation of any of the following subsections of the San Francisco Traffic Code (TC), Police Code (PC) or the California Vehicle Code (VC) shall be punishable by the fines set forth below.

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5	PC97A	Occupy Camper etc.	\$100.00
6	PC710.2	For Sale Sign	\$50.00
7	PC3703A	Car Alarm / Emerg	\$65.00
8	PC3703B	Car Alarm 15 Min	\$65.00
	PC3704A	Alarm Time 15 Min	\$50.00
9	TC21.1	Remove Chalk 1st	\$50.00
10	TC21.2	Remove Chalk 2nd	\$75.00
11	TC21.3	Remove Chalk 3rd	\$100.00
12	TC27	MC Parking Zone	\$75.00
13	TC31.2	Cable Car Lanes	\$50.00
14	TC32A.1	Towaway ZoneDowntown	\$60.00
15	TC32A.2	Towaway ZoneOther areas	\$60.00
16	TC32B	Prohib Parking	\$60.00
17	TC32C.1	Overtime ParkingDowntown	\$50.00
18	TC32C.2	Overtime ParkingOther Areas	\$40.00
19	TC32.1	City Hall Permit	\$40.00
20	TC32.1.1	Main Library	\$40.00
21	TC32.1.2	Libraries	\$40.00
22	TC32.1.3	Social Services	\$40.00
23	TC32.1.4	Housing Authority	\$40.00
24	TC32.1.5	Muni Rwy Terminals	\$40.00
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1	TC32.1.6	Prk Ctrl / Castro	\$40.00
2	TC32.1.7	Prk Ctrl / SFUSD Prop	\$40.00
3	TC32.1.8	Prk Ctrl / Plum Street	\$40.00
4	TC32.1.9	Prk Ctrl / PUC Prop	\$40.00
5	TC32.1.10	Prk Ctrl / Wash / Jack	\$40.00
	TC32.1.11	Prk Ctrl / DPW Prop	\$40.00
6	TC32.2	Prk Ctrl / SF General	\$40.00
7	TC32.2.1	Health Center No. 1	\$40.00
8	TC32.2.2	Sunset / Richmnd HC	\$40.00
9	TC32.2.3	NE Dist Health Center	\$40.00
10	TC32.3	Laguna Honda Hospital	\$40.00
11	TC32.3.1	Prk Ctrl / DPH Grove St	\$40.00
12	TC32.4	Candlestick Access Rd	\$40.00
13	TC32.4.2A	Fire Lane / Candlestick	\$40.00
14	TC32.4.2B	Pkg / Candlestick	\$40.00
15	TC32.5	Youth Guid Center	\$40.00
16	TC32.6	Prk Regs / Various	\$40.00
17	TC32.10	Off Street Parking	\$40.00
18	TC32.12	Off St Overtime	\$40.00
19	TC32.13	Off St Parallel / Diag	\$35.00
20	TC32.14	Off St / Marked Space	\$35.00
21	TC32.21A	Block Charging Bay	\$100.00
22	TC33C	Temp Park Restriction	\$40.00
23	TC33.1	Temp Constr Zone	\$40.00
24	TC33.3	Spec Truck Zone	\$60.00

1	TC33.3.1	Heavy Truck Zone	\$60.00
2	TC33.3.2	Market / Bay Truck Zone	\$60.00
3	TC33.5	School Bus Zone	\$75.00
	TC37A	Parking Over 72 Hr	\$75.00
4	TC37C	Street Cleaning	\$40.00
5	TC38A	Red Zone	\$75.00
6	TC38B	Yel Zone / Metro Dist.	\$60.00
7	TC38B.1	Yel Zn Outside Metro	\$60.00
8	TC38C	White Zone	\$75.00
9	TC38D	Green Zone	\$50.00
10	TC38K	Blue Zone	\$275.00
11	TC38N	Block Bike Lane	\$100.00
12	TC39B	Taxicab Zone	\$60.00
13	TC50	Interference / Sign	\$35.00
14	TC53A	Dbl Prking Rstrict St	\$100.00
15	<u>TC53B</u>	Dbl Prking Med. Cann. Dispens.	<i>\$100.00</i>
16	TC55	Angled Parking	\$35.00
17	TC56	Median Dividers	\$50.00
18	TC58A	Block Wheels	\$35.00
19	TC58C	Not Within Space	\$35.00
20	TC60	Bus / Close to Curb	\$35.00
21	TC60.5	Engine Idle Parked	\$100.00
22	TC61	100 Feet Oversize	\$50.00
23	TC63	Com Veh / Prk Limited	\$100.00
24	TC63A	Com Veh / Prk Restricted	\$100.00

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1	TC63.2	Veh Hire / Prk Restricted	\$100.00
2	TC64	Shift Parked Vehicle	\$50.00
3	TC65	Repairing Vehicle	\$55.00
4	TC66	Tour Bus Loading	\$100.00
5	TC69	Key in Unattend Veh	\$35.00
	TC70	Improperly Parked	\$35.00
6	TC71	Parked Near RR Track	\$35.00
7	TC71B	Obst Flow of Traffic	\$35.00
8	TC202	Prk Meter	\$40.00
9	TC202.1	Prk Meter Downtown	\$50.00
10	TC219	Parking Meter M/C	\$75.00
11	TC315A	Residential Permit Area	\$50.00
12	TC315C	Unauth Permit	\$50.00
13	VC4462B	Imp Regis. / Plates	\$50.00
14	VC4464	Altered Plates	\$50.00
15	VC5201	Plates / Mounting	\$50.00
16	VC5201E	Plate Cover	\$50.00
17	VC5202	Period of Display	\$50.00
18	VC5204A	Tabs	\$50.00
19	VC21113A	School / Pub Ground	\$45.00
20	VC21211A	Bicycle Path / Lanes	\$50.00
21	VC22500A	Parking in Intersection	\$75.00
22	VC22500B	Parking / Crosswalk	\$75.00
23	VC22500C	Safety Zone	\$75.00
24	VC22500D	15 ft Fire Station	\$75.00

1	VC22500E	Driveway	\$75.00
2	VC22500F	On Sidewalk	\$100.00
3	VC22500G	Excavation	\$35.00
4	VC22500H	Double Parking	\$65.00
5	VC22500I	Bus Zone	\$250.00
6	VC22500J	Tube or Tunnel	\$35.00
	VC22500K	Bridge	\$35.00
7	VC22500L	Wheelchair Access	\$250.00
8	VC22500.1	Parking in Fire Lane	\$50.00
9	VC22502A	Over 18 in from Curb	\$35.00
10	VC22502B	Wrong Way Parking	\$35.00
11	VC22502E	One-Way Road / Pkg	\$35.00
12	VC22504A	Unincorp. Area Prkg	\$35.00
13	VC22505B	Signs	\$35.00
14	VC22507.8A	Disabled Parking	\$250.00
15	VC22507.8B	Disabled Parking	\$250.00
16	VC22507.8C	Disabled Parking	\$250.00
17	VC22511.56B	Misuse of Placard	\$500.00
18	VC22511.56C	Confiscation of Placard	\$500.00
19	VC22511.57	Lost, Stolen Placard	\$500.00
20	VC22514	Fire Hydrant	\$75.00
21	VC22515A	Unattended Motor Vehicle	\$60.00
22	VC22515B	Unattended Vehicle	\$60.00
23	VC22516	Locked Vehicle	\$45.00
24	VC21718	Stop / Freeway	\$35.00

1	VC22521	RR Tracks	\$65.00
2	VC22522	W/3 ft Handicap Ramp	\$275.00
3	VC22523A	Abandoned Vehicle / Highway	\$200.00
4	VC22523B	Abandoned Vehicle / Public or Priv. Prop	\$200.00
5	VC22526A	Blocking Intersection	\$75.00
6	VC22526B	Blocking Intersection While Turning	\$100.00
7 8	VC23333	Park / Veh Crossing	\$60.00

Section 6. The San Francisco Business and Tax Regulation Code is hereby amended by amending Section 1, and by adding Sections 1.177 and 249.17, to read as follows:

SEC. 1. DESIGNATING DEPARTMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.

Permits shall be issued for the location and conduct of the businesses, enterprises or activities, enumerated hereinafter in Sections 1.1 to 1.76 1.77, inclusive, by the department or office authorized by Sections 1.1 to 1.76 1.77, inclusive, and Section 2 of this Article to issue each such class of permit, and subject to the approval of other departments and offices of the City and County, where specifically designated in any such case; provided that permit or license fees as required by ordinance shall be collected by the Tax Collector as provided in Section 3 of this Article.

SEC. 1.77. MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES.

For the establishment, maintenance and operation of medical cannabis dispensaries - by the Department of Public Health.

SEC. 249.17. MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY LICENSE FEE.

Every person, firm or corporation engaged in operating a medical cannabis dispensary shall
pay an annual license fee of \$2,182.00 to the Tax Collector to cover the costs of annual inspections,
enforcement and other costs to the City

Section 7. **Promotion of the General Welfare.** By regulating medical cannabis dispensaries, the City and County of San Francisco is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the City shall assume no liability whatsoever, and expressly does not waive sovereign immunity, with respect to the permitting and licensing provisions of this Article, or for the activities of any medical cannabis dispensary. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any actions taken by a public officer or employee under the provisions of this Article shall not become a personal liability of any public officer or employee of the City. This ordinance does not authorize the violation of state or federal law.

1	Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to
2	any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or
3	unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications or this ordinance which can
4	be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application. To this end, the
5	provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable.
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