

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Exemption from Neighborhood Notification and Review Requirements for Grandfathered Medical Cannabis Dispensaries Converting to Cannabis Retail]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to exempt Grandfathered Medical Cannabis Dispensaries that convert to Cannabis Retail Uses from neighborhood notification and review requirements; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

Section 190 of the Planning Code provides that Grandfathered Medical Cannabis Dispensaries applying to convert to a Cannabis Retail use are subject to the requirements of Section 311 of the Planning Code.

Section 311 of the Planning Code provides that a change of use to Cannabis Retail is subject to the notification and review requirements of Section 311.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would amend Section 190 of the Planning Code to exempt Grandfathered Medical Cannabis Dispensaries applying to convert to Retail Cannabis use from the requirements of Section 311 and from applications for discretionary review; however, the Planning Commission and Planning Department staff may still initiate discretionary review.

The ordinance would also amend Section 311 of the Planning Code to exempt Grandfathered Medical Cannabis Dispensaries applying to convert to Cannabis Retail use from the requirements of Section 311.