

Chapter 50 Commercial Cannabis Retail Storefront Selection & Fee Ordinance Amendments

Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
December 17, 2019



Board Direction on Chapter 50 Changes

Issue Area	Possible Changes	County Code section to change
Retail Selection Process	1. Establish a criteria-based application and site visit review, ranking and selection process	County Code § 50-7c & d
Retail Selection Process	2. Roles in a criteria-based application review, ranking and selection process	County Code § 50-7
Criteria & Scoring Options	3. Require cannabis storefront retail applicants to submit a Business Operations Proposal and/or a Neighborhood Compatibility Proposal for evaluation and scoring by the County or third party reviewer	County Code § 50-7c2
Criteria & Scoring Options	4. Application format and submittal guidelines	County Code § 50-7c2

Other Changes to Storefront Retail Process

- Eliminated the two countywide locations
- Community Input & Priorities sessions in each community plan area will occur two months prior to applications being available. Results will be posted online.
- 30-day notice on application availability
- Criteria-based scoring sheet will be published with the notice of application
- Three Step Process:
 - Application Acceptance Determination
 - Application Scoring – 25% for general application 75% for Business Operation Proposal; Must score 85% (or more) of points to continue
 - Application Ranking – Forced ranking process with 10% based on Application Scoring & 90% on Neighborhood Compatibility Proposal

Amending the License Fee Schedule

- On May 15, 2018, the Board adopted Ordinance 5041 establishing fees for the Cannabis Business License application, renewal and compliance programs;
- The Cannabis Retail Pre-Qualification Application Fee will be amended to the Cannabis Retail Application fee of \$4,100;
- Once application is deemed accepted, the fee is non-refundable;
- The new fees were developed in consultation with staff from the Auditor-Controller's Office;
- The resulting proposed fees are directly related to the cost reasonably necessary to provide the related services and do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service or regulatory activity for which the fee will be charged.

Recommended Actions

- a. Consider the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara **amending Chapter 50** of the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Operations;
- b. Read title: “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Operations, of The Santa Barbara County Code,” and waive reading of the Ordinance in full;
- c. Set a hearing on the Administrative Agenda for January 14, 2020 to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 of the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Operations; and
- d. Consider the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara **amending Ordinance 5041**, “An Ordinance Establishing the Cannabis Business License Fee”;
- e. Read title: “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5041, An Ordinance Establishing the Cannabis Business License Fee” and waive reading of the Ordinance in full;
- f. Set a hearing on the Administrative Agenda for January 14, 2020 to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 5041, An Ordinance Establishing the Cannabis Business License Fee”;
- g. Provide direction to staff on revisions to cannabis storefront retail requirements, if desired; and
- h. Make the required CEQA findings

THANK YOU