

Report to Council



Date: December 9, 2024
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Business Licence Bylaw to Include Cannabis Business Regulation
Department: Business Licensing

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Business Licence Department dated December 9, 2024, recommending that Council rescind the Medical Marihuana Production Regulation Business Bylaw No. 10920 and consider amendments to the Business Licence and Regulation Bylaw No. 12585 and Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 10475;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12727, being Amendment No. 1 to Business Licence and Regulation Bylaw, No. 12585 be forwarded for adoption;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12728, being Amendment No. 37 to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 10475 be forwarded for adoption.

Purpose:

To rescind Medical Marihuana Production Regulation Business Bylaw No. 10920 and update Business Licence and Regulation Bylaw No. 12585 and Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 10475 to reflect current cannabis regulations.

Background:

The proposed amendments to Business Licence and Regulation Bylaw No. 12585 were introduced to Council on November 18, 2024. The bylaw received the first three readings on that date. In accordance with Section 59(2) of the Community Chater, amendments of the business licence bylaw necessitates a public consultation process, which is summarized in this report.

Discussion:

Before adopting any business license bylaw, the City is required by legislation to provide notice and offer affected individuals the opportunity to provide feedback. To fulfill this requirement, Staff initiated a consultation process by notifying cannabis producers and retailers with a pending or approved business licence, and published advertisements in the Daily Courier on November 20, and November 23. Written

comments were required to be submitted to the Business Licence Supervisor no later than 4:00 PM on November 27, 2024.

Public Notice Reach:

Organization	Public Notice Reach	Comments Received
Cannabis Retailers	19	0
Cannabis Producers	18	0
Cannabis Analytical Testing Labs	7	0
Daily Courier – November 20	4,886	0
Daily Courier – November 23	4,953	0

Correspondence Received:

The public notification process was open for 10 days and asked that anyone impacted to provide written comments by 4:00 PM on November 27, 2024. The Business Licensing Supervisor did not receive any correspondence.

Conclusion:

The legislative notice requirements have been met; therefore, Staff are recommending adoption of the two bylaws.

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Community Charter Sections 15, 16, 59 and 60.

Consultation and Engagement:

Daily Courier newspaper
Cannabis related business licence holders

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Communications Comments:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Submitted by:

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