

# Adult-Use Marijuana Businesses

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# Long Beach Update

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- Pending medical marijuana applications
  - 32 Dispensaries
  - 43 Cultivators
  - 23 Manufacturers
  - 8 Distributors
  - 2 Testing Laboratories
  - **108 Total**

# California Marijuana Laws

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- Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA)
  - State will issue licenses beginning January 1, 2018
  - Medical and adult-use marijuana businesses
  - Grants local control to regulate or ban commercial marijuana activity

# Long Beach Marijuana Laws

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- Medical Marijuana Businesses
  - Ballot Measures MM and MA
- Adult-Use Marijuana Businesses
  - No formal position yet taken by City
  - Implicit ban through permissive zoning laws
  - Reliance on permissive zoning open to challenges
- City at risk of losing local control over the adult-use marijuana industry

# Options for Commercial Adult-Use

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➤ Option #1 - Ban commercial adult-use marijuana

OR

➤ Option #2 - Legalize and regulate commercial adult-use marijuana

# Option #2 – Legalize & Regulate

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- City Manager develop recommendations to appropriately regulate adult-use marijuana businesses in Long Beach
  - Industry changing rapidly
  - Department staff have developed policy expertise
- City Attorney draft ordinance to allow, license and regulate adult-use marijuana businesses in Long Beach
  - Laws have changed under MAUCRSA
  - State draft regulations scheduled for release end-of-year
- City Attorney draft urgency ordinance to establish temporary hold

# Key Policy Issues

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- Number of dispensaries
  - Maintain current cap of 32 total
- Co-located medical and adult use dispensaries
  - Require medical and adult use co-location on the same premises
- Where businesses may locate
  - Revisit zoning requirements

# Key Policy Issues (cont'd)

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- Non-dispensary medical businesses converting to adult-use
  - Create expedited application process for existing medical marijuana facilities to convert to adult use
- Discretionary review of applications
  - Develop process that allows for public input



# Timing

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## ➤ *December 2017*

- Option #1 – Ordinance to explicitly ban commercial adult-use
- Option #2 – Ordinance to place 180-day temporary hold on commercial adult-use

## ➤ *January 2018*

- State begins issuing licenses for adult-use marijuana businesses

## ➤ *June 2018*

- Submit draft Ordinance to legalize and regulate commercial adult-use
- Present impact report to City Council on commercial adult-use
- City Council provide further input on adult-use Ordinance

# Questions/Comments

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