

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

As of early 2024, the City's regulatory framework requires cannabis businesses to obtain permits and a Department of Cannabis Enforcement (DCR) license before engaging in cannabis sales.

The current enforcement of commercial cannabis stores is ineffective, as illegally operating cannabis shops that are closed by local law enforcement often resurface elsewhere in the City, making it difficult for authorities to track and regulate these illegal operations effectively. Cannabis enforcement in the City is a reactive operation, as the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the DCR can only address unlicensed cannabis business if they receive a complaint directly. LAPD does not have the staffing or funding capacity to be proactive in the effort to enforce regulatory compliance for individual cannabis businesses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to assess and report on recommendations to improve the enforcement mechanisms of unauthorized cannabis shops with the goal of preventing them from resuming operations after having been closed down.

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