

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in connection with Cannabis land use restrictions.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 105.03 to extend limited grandfathering to all businesses pursuing operating permits, as detailed in the April 30, 2025 Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) report and attached to the Council File, to December 31, 2024.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the DCR, to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend LAMC Section 105.03 consistent with the April 30, 2025 DCR report, attached to the Council File; and, further REQUEST the City Attorney to Include an urgency clause in said Ordinance.
3. DIRECT the DCR to report in 60 days in connection with those recommendations contained in the April 30, 2025 DCR report, attached to the Council File, that were not acted on in the course of the June 17, 2025 meeting of the Government Operations Committee.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DCR. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 17, 2025, your Committee considered an April 30, 2025 DCR report relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in connection with Cannabis land use restrictions. According to the DCR, it is recommending amendments to Article 5, Chapter 10 of the LAMC concerning commercial cannabis activity. The proposed amendments address definitions, location restrictions, sensitive use sites, local permitting requirements, and align provisions relating to commercial cannabis activity and provisions governing the continuing operation of existing licenses with requirements placed on other City businesses. The proposed amendments, if enacted, would be the second amendment to the City's 2017 land use regulations for commercial cannabis activity.

Land use considerations are at the core of the City's cannabis regulations and a central part of the application and licensing process. The DCR's recommended modifications will eliminate barriers businesses face when navigating other City permitting processes, align the distance restriction with State law, authorize licensure in any Zone issued a Certificate of Occupancy from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety for the cannabis-related activities or equivalent use, allow the Zoning Administrator to issue interpretations under Section 12.21 A.2. of Chapter 1 of the LAMC, align the LAMC with annual licensing processes, expand the number of compliant business premises

Citywide, extend limited grandfathering to all commercial cannabis businesses pursuing local permits, and eliminate three types of sensitive uses. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the DCR report, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Government Operations Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

PADILLA: YES

LEE: YES

JURADO: YES

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6/17/25

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