

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Sections 104.03 and 104.06 of Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to regulate Commercial Cannabis Activity.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection (h) of Section 104.03 of Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(h) **Refiling Applications.** An Applicant may refile an Annual License Application subject to the requirements of this subsection if the Annual License Application was deemed abandoned under Section 104.03(f) after January 1, 2022. An Applicant also may refile an Annual License Application subject to the requirements of this subsection if the Applicant possessed a License that expired under Section 104.12. Applications abandoned after June 30, 2023, may not be refiled unless the Application was deemed filed pursuant to Section 104.06(a). To refile, the Applicant shall be in good standing with the requirements of this article and shall not be delinquent on any City tax, fee, fine, or fee payments previously deferred. For the purposes of this subsection only, an Applicant shall be considered in good standing and not delinquent on fees, fines or taxes, if, within 30 days of the submission of a refiled Application, the Applicant: (1) pays all delinquent taxes or enters into a payment plan with the City's Office of Finance to pay all delinquent taxes; and (2) pays all delinquent fees and fines to DCR. If, within 30 days, the Applicant: (1) does not pay all delinquent taxes or enter into a tax payment plan; or (2) does not pay all delinquent fees and fines, the refiled Application shall be deemed abandoned. The refiled Application shall be submitted by the original Applicant entity. If the Applicant has an active corresponding State provisional license, DCR may grant Temporary Approval through the Applicant's Annual License Application. The refiling process shall be initiated through the DCR Licensing Portal within five years of the date DCR notifies the Applicant by electronic mail that the original Application is abandoned or expired.

Sec. 2. Subdivision 1 of Subsection (h) of Section 104.03 of Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

1. To refile, the Applicant shall submit a new Pre-Application Record pursuant to Section 104.03(a). If DCR determines the proposed Business Premises location complies with Section 104.04(b), the Applicant shall submit an Annual License Application with all required information, forms and documents within one calendar year of the date DCR notifies the Applicant by electronic mail that the Pre-Application Record is eligible for further processing. If an Annual License Application is not filed within one calendar year, the Pre-Application shall be abandoned. If a Pre-Application Record filed pursuant to this subsection is ineligible, withdrawn, or abandoned, the Applicant may submit a new Pre-Application Record(s) identifying new Business Premises location(s), subject to

the payment of any applicable fee in Section 104.19, and provided that the new Pre-Application Record(s) is submitted within the original five year time limitation.

Sec. 3. Subsection (i) of Section 104.03 of Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(i) **Processing Timeframes.** Application and modification processing shall occur within the timeframes specified in this subsection. Processing timeframes begin upon the filing of the relevant Application or modification record pursuant to Section 104.03(g).

Sec. 4. Subdivision 2 of Subsection (b) of Section 104.06 of Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2. Within 90 days of the date DCR sends a Notice of Complete Application, DCR shall either deny the issuance of the Annual License with no hearing, or make a recommendation to the Commission to issue the Annual License. The date of the recommendation shall be the date when DCR transmits its report to the Commission for consideration. Except as otherwise permitted under Section 104.03(a)(1), or as necessary for a record not subject to Section 104.20 to effectuate a refiling, Business Premises relocation, or entity substitution, new Type 10 Licenses shall be limited to only Social Equity Applicants, as defined in Section 104.20, until December 31, 2031.

Sec. 5. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which can be implemented without the invalid provisions and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each and every provision and portion thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Sec. 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By  _____
ALLISON TOWLE
Deputy City Attorney

Date 10/30/25

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____