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Marijuana Sales Licenses

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - Aug. 15, 2023

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2023 History

- Jan. 24, 2023: Discussion held at Study Session
- Apr. 4, 2023: City Council was presented with the different types of marijuana licenses
- Apr. 4, 2023: City Council approved Resolution 2023-38 directing City staff to prepare an ordinance amending the *Brighton Municipal Code* to allow for the operation of marijuana businesses

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Medical/Retail Sales Licenses Recap

- Required to track all marijuana and products from point of transfer to point of sale
- Products sold must be pre-packaged and clearly labeled
- Sale limits and verification
- Sale shall be immediately recorded in seed-to-sale inventory tracking system
- May contract/transact with medical/retail marijuana products manufacturer licensees
- Retail facilities are prohibited from accepting any retail purchased from a retail cultivation facility unless evidence of applicable taxes paid

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Location

- Areas zoned C-3 and/or I-1
 - C-3 – General Retail & Services: Provides wide range retail, service and employment uses at a scale, intensity or in a format that requires a high level of vehicle accessibility and visibility, typically along corridors or major intersections, and is not easily integrated with other land uses or development patterns.
 - I-1 – Light Industrial: Provides primarily service, employment, manufacturing and distribution uses at a scale, intensity and format that won't have significant impact on adjacent uses, and which can mix with supporting and compatible service and retail uses.
- Not permitted in existing planned developments (PDs) or planned unit developments (PUDs) unless included already as an approved use.

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Quantity

- No more than 4 stores within the City
 - 2 licenses reserved for qualified Social Equity Licensees

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Operations

- City of Brighton license required
- Hours of Operation: 9 – 9
- Marijuana Licensing Authority will need to be appointed

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Options for City Council

Brighton City Council has the following options in this matter:

- ☐ Approve the ordinance amending the *Brighton Municipal Code* allowing marijuana stores within the City.
- ☐ Deny the ordinance.
- ☐ Modify the ordinance.

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