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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 20, 2023

Re: Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code to Incorporate Microbusiness Facilities into Existing Marijuana Facility Licensing Regulations.

Executive Summary

An ordinance has been prepared to amend Chapter 13 of the City Code to incorporate microbusiness facilities into existing marijuana facility licensing regulations.

Discussion

On November 8, 2022, the voters of Missouri approved Amendment 3 to the Missouri Constitution to legalize non-medical marijuana. Amendment 3 makes amendments to Section 1 of Article XIV of the Missouri Constitution relating to medical marijuana and adds a new Section 2 relating to non-medical marijuana. There are now four distinct authorized marijuana facility types: medical facilities, comprehensive facilities, microbusiness facilities, and testing facilities. Amendments to Chapter 13 of the City Code to incorporate the newly authorized marijuana facility types into the existing medical marijuana business licensing regulations are necessary. Amendments to Chapter 13 relating to this topic have been broken into two phases. The first phase, completed with the passage of Council Bill B1-23 on February 7, 2023, addressed the conversion of existing medical facilities to facility types that are classified as "comprehensive." This second phase will address two new facility types that are classified as "microbusinesses"

Microbusinesses are intended to create opportunities for marginalized or under-represented individuals and entities to participate in the legal marijuana market. Microbusiness marijuana dispensary facilities will be licensed to engage in the process of dispensing marijuana product for medical or adult use. Microbusiness wholesale facilities will be licensed to engage in the process of cultivating and manufacturing marijuana product for medical or adult use.

The Missouri Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS) will release microbusiness licenses in three rounds; the first in October, 2023; the second in 2024 and the third in 2025. In each round, six microbusiness licenses will be issued in each of Missouri's eight congressional districts (as drawn in 2018). Of those six, two will be for Microbusiness Marijuana Dispensary Facilities and the remaining four will be for Microbusiness Wholesale Facilities.

The proposed amendment provides for the regulation of business license provisions for microbusiness facilities.



City of Columbia

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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Unknown

Long-Term Impact: Unknown

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Resilient Economy, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
02/06/2023	Passage of B1-23

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance