



CITY OF CORONA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Corona, will conduct a public meeting in the Council Chambers, at City Hall, 400 South Vicentia Avenue, in said City on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. or thereafter to adopt a Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for a proposed Commercial Cannabis Ordinance and related rules and regulations to be established by resolution. The Initial Study prepared for the proposed ordinance and resolution concluded that the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and therefore a Negative Declaration was prepared. The Corona City Council is the decision-making body responsible for adopting the proposed Negative Declaration and considering whether to approve the proposed project.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 16, 2020 through October 5, 2020.

The Initial Study, Negative Declaration, and related documents are available for public review at the following locations:

- City's website at <https://www.coronaca.gov/government/commercial-cannabis-portal>
- Corona City Hall, Community Development Department, 400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Comments on the Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing within the 20-day review period and sent by mail, email or in person to:

City of Corona
Community Development Department
Attn: Joanne Coletta, Community Development Director
400 South Vicentia Avenue
Corona, CA 92882
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SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Corona is the Lead Agency in the preparation of a Negative Declaration for the proposed project. The proposed project is to adopt a Commercial Cannabis Ordinance that would establish development standards and permitting requirements for commercial cannabis businesses involving storefront retail, manufacturing, distribution, testing laboratories, and microbusinesses. The proposed ordinance would prohibit businesses and operations involving cannabis cultivation or industrial hemp. The commercial cannabis businesses authorized by the ordinance would be allowed by a commercial cannabis permit in the City's industrial zones, which include the M-1, M-2, M-3, and M-4 zones. Commercial cannabis would continue to be a prohibited land use in all other zones in the city. The ordinance would limit the number of storefront retailers and storefront retail microbusinesses to one such business per 15,000 city residents, with an initial limit of 12. Additionally, the ordinance would establish separation requirements between commercial cannabis business and public and private k-12

schools, youth centers, daycare centers, public or private parks and residential zones. The resolution would establish the procedures, requirements, and timing for submittal of applications and issuance of commercial cannabis permits.

If approved, the City's adoption of a commercial cannabis ordinance will amend various chapters within the Corona Municipal Code, including Title 5, Business Licenses and Regulations; Title 9, Public, Peace, Morals and Welfare; and Title 17, Zoning. Finally, because the proposed project consists of the adoption of a proposed Ordinance and related rules and regulations, and not a site-specific development, the proposed project does not involve any hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.

Please contact Joanne Coletta, Community Development Director, at (951) 736-2434 or joanne.coletta@coronaca.gov if you have questions regarding this notice.