

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-135

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING APPLICATION FEES FOR COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMITS

WHEREAS, Chapter 5.36 of the Corona Municipal Code (“CMC”) sets forth the development standards and permitting requirements for the operation of commercial cannabis businesses within the City’s industrial/manufacturing zones; and

WHEREAS, CMC Sections 5.36.080(B), 5.36.100(B), 5.36.120(B), 5.36.150(B), 5.36.150(C), 5.36.160(B), 5.36.170(T) and 5.36.230(A) provides that all fees and charges required for the operation of a commercial cannabis business shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish the fees required for applications for commercial cannabis permits and other related fees the operation of a commercial cannabis business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings in support of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Fee Schedule. The following fees are hereby established and adopted for the processing of applications for commercial cannabis permit and other permits required for the operation of a commercial cannabis business:

<u>Fee Name</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>
Commercial Cannabis Permit - Storefront Retailer <i>Plus pro rata share of actual cost of Independent Facilitator for Merit-Based Evaluation Process (Actual Cost / Number of Applicants)</i>	\$9,948 <i>Actual Cost</i>
Commercial Cannabis Permit – Non-storefront Retailer/ Manufacturing / Distribution / Testing Laboratory	\$8,878
Commercial Cannabis Permit – Annual Renewal	\$1,890

Commercial Cannabis Permit – Annual Renewal Late Fee	45-59 days prior to permit expiration : \$473 30-44 days prior to permit expiration : \$945 15-29 days prior to permit expiration : \$1,418 14 days or less prior to permit expiration : \$1,890
Commercial Cannabis - Request for Premises Modification	\$2,285
Commercial Cannabis – Transfer of Less than Majority Ownership	\$2,545
Commercial Cannabis – Change in Name or Form of Business Entity	\$1,032
Commercial Cannabis – Change of Premises Location	\$4,696
Commercial Cannabis – Live Scan / Background Check <i>Plus Current Department of Justice Fee</i>	\$537 <i>Current Fee</i>
Commercial Cannabis – Employee Identification Badge Replacement	\$79

The Acting Administrative Services Director is hereby authorized to update the Master Fee Recovery Schedule, last amended by Resolution No. 2019-079, to incorporate the fees set forth in this Section 2.

SECTION 3. Fee Study and Findings. The adoption of this Resolution is based on all oral and written evidence presented to the City, including the fee study dated October 28, 2020 prepared by MGT Consulting Group, with the assistance and final review by all affected departments, as well as all oral and written evidence presented to the City for this Resolution. The fee study, which documents that the fees set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost to the City of providing the services for which the fee is charged, is hereby accepted and approved by the City Council

SECTION 4. CEQA Findings. The City Council hereby finds that the adoption of this Resolution is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. In connection with the adoption of Ordinance No. 3321, an ordinance amending CMC Chapters 5.36 and 9.19 to establish development standards and permitting requirements to allow certain types of commercial cannabis businesses (storefront retail, non-storefront retail, manufacturing, distribution, testing laboratories, and microbusinesses) within the City’s industrial zones (M-1, M-2, M-3 and M-4 zones), the City Council approved a Negative Declaration, which was prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”), the State CEQA Guidelines and the City of Corona Local CEQA Guidelines. The Negative Declaration indicated that all potential environmental impacts from the adoption of Ordinance No. 3321 were less than significant. This Resolution merely establishes the fees for the permitting scheme enacted by Ordinance No. 3321. The Negative Declaration concluded that the permitting scheme, itself, would have an insignificant impact on the environment. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this Resolution will have a significant effect on the environment

SECTION 5. Effective Date of Resolution. The Mayor shall sign the Resolution and the City Clerk attest thereto, and this Resolution shall take effect and be in force on January 3, 2021.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November 2020.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Corona, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 4th day of November 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 4th day of November 2020.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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