

Frequently Asked Questions

Adult Use Marijuana HCA Application

Questions submitted to the City related to the HCA application will be posted for public reference via this document and it will be updated on an ongoing basis.

What is the distinction between Section 1, Elements A. Plan for Positive Community Impact and D. Strength of the plan for positive community impacts?

- Plan for Positive Community Impact relates to the specific items outlined in the corresponding section of the application requirements.
- Strength of the plan for positive community impacts refers to a more comprehensive definition of community impact beyond the items required under the Plan for Positive Community Impact. Applicants should highlight any additional impacts expected beyond those referenced in the plan.

What are the overall goals of the City as they related to adult use marijuana?

- As outlined in Municipal Ordinance 854: The goal of the Ordinance is to minimize any adverse impacts marijuana establishments may have on adjacent or nearby property owners and to protect public health, safety and welfare. These items, as well as others, may be considered.

Who qualifies as a relevant stakeholder for the purpose of demonstrating local support for an applicant?

- Abutters, local business and organization leaders, and residents, among others, can all be considered relevant stakeholders.

What types of traffic information you are seeking as it relates to Section 2, Element B. Expected traffic impacts?

- Estimated peak hour traffic volumes generated by the proposed use in relation to existing volumes and projected future conditions;
- Estimated delivery volume, delivery schedules, delivery vehicle type;
- Information related to site circulation, signage, and parking for customers and staff;
- Other items may be requested based on an applicant's site plan.

What types of information and evidence are you seeking related to scoring Section 4, Element C. Quality of relationship with the community?

- Description of engagement, history, or commitment the applying entity has had with community and/or intends to initiate.

Does the City's zoning ordinance allow for "impassible barriers" when determining adherence to buffer zone requirements?

- No, the City's zoning ordinance does not have an allowance for an "impassible barrier".

How will the CAC score elements that are understood to be met or not met, such as an applicant's status as a social equity applicant?

- The CAC's scoring approach is based on a scale ranging from unacceptable (0 points) to highly advantageous (5 or 15 points). Some elements may be determined to be met or not met in which case they will be decided to be unacceptable or highly advantageous.