

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE
GRANTING FIRST PRIORITY TO EXISTING CANNABIS BUSINESSES
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF STOREFRONT RETAIL CANNABIS LICENSES

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2018, the City Council of the City of Oceanside adopted Ordinance No.18-OR0199-1, adding Chapter 7, Article XIII to the Oceanside City Code and Amendments to the Oceanside Zoning Ordinance to permit and regulate specified commercial cannabis businesses, only in designated zoning districts outside of the Coastal Zone with the issuance of a local license pursuant to the Oceanside City Code and a conditional use permit as provided in the Oceanside Zoning Ordinance “the Commercial Cannabis Ordinance”; and

WHEREAS, the Commercial Cannabis Ordinance did not include storefront retail cannabis uses as an allowable use in the City of Oceanside;

WHEREAS, the City Council has introduced Ordinances to amend the Oceanside City Code and Oceanside Zoning Ordinance to allow up to four storefront retail cannabis licenses, in certain commercial and industrial districts, subject to specific regulations, on August 6, 2025;

WHEREAS, the commercial cannabis local license process will consist of various phases of review with applicants advancing to a subsequent phase of review only after satisfying the requirements of the prior phase of review, as reflected in Attachment 8 to the City Council’s August 6, 2025 staff report, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct statements of fact and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

2. The City Council hereby gives initial priority to each existing cannabis business, or to separate companies comprising the same ownership makeup of each existing cannabis business, currently operating within the City of Oceanside for a storefront retail cannabis license if they meet the following criteria:

- a. The existing business must be operating legally with an active local license,
and

b. The business must have been in operation continually from August 6, 2023 to August 6, 2025 within city limits.

3. Businesses granted priority status shall be required to submit their applications within the same designated filing period as all other applicants. In the event that a submitted application satisfies or surpasses the minimum score required for advancement to Phase III – Panel Interviews, as delineated in the Application Procedure Guidelines and Review Criteria appended to the August 6, 2025 staff report, the applicant shall be awarded a local license upon the conclusion of the application period. Upon issuance of said local license, the licensee shall be authorized to immediately apply for the requisite conditional use permit.

4. The City Council hereby declares that any storefront retail cannabis licenses reserved for priority shall be opened to the public at a time determined by staff should the priority applicants fail to submit a qualifying application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk



City Attorney