

County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services

Ordinance Updates Affecting the Five Existing Cannabis Facilities Dear Interested Stakeholders,

Planning and Development Services (PDS) presented ordinances to the Planning Commission (PC) on August 6, 2021, for their recommendation. The agenda for that hearing and the recommendation of the PC can be accessed using this webpage. The draft ordinances have been available on the PC's website since July 26, 2021, and may be found in the attachments to "Staff Report."

A tentative date for Board consideration of this project is October 6. These ordinance amendments would apply only to the existing five dispensaries that are currently in operation, located within the Second and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. No new dispensaries will be permitted under these amendments. Names and locations of the five existing dispensaries are as follows:

- Outliers Collective, 8157 Wing Ave, El Cajon
- Ramona Cannabis Co, 736 Montecito Way, Ramona
- Releaf Meds, 618 Pine St, Ramona
- Olive Tree Wellness Center/JAXX Cannabis, 1210 Olive St, Ramona
- San Diego Natural/OutCo, 8530 Nelson Way, Escondido

The ordinance amendments will affect several sections of the Zoning Ordinance and the Code of Regulatory Ordinances. These changes will impact the five existing dispensaries by (1) allowing them to continue to operate past the "sunset" date of April 14, 2022, (2) allowing for commercial medical and commercial adult use cannabis sales, (3) allowing for building alterations and expansions up to 10,000 square feet through a ministerial building permit process, (4) exempting building alterations and expansions from the requirements of B Designator Community Design Review and S Designator Scenic, (5) allowing the transfer of Operating Certificates from existing Operating Certificate holders to others, (6) allowing the sale of edible and drinkable cannabis products, (7) allowing the sale of branded merchandise, and (8) mandating the use of municipal water for cultivation purposes.

Information regarding the overall Socially Equitable Cannabis Program can be found at this <u>link</u> for the project website.

You will receive another notice once we have confirmed the date that we will be presenting the final ordinances to the Board. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Scott O'Dowd in your preferred language by email at PDS.AdvancePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov, or he can be reached by phone at (858) 505-6677.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.