



# **PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2023

ITEM NUMBER: PH-2

**SUBJECT: POTENTIAL ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13 (PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE AND REQUISITE MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED IN TITLE 9 (BUSINESS LICENSES) FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY'S RETAIL CANNABIS PROVISIONS**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Planning Commission:

1. Receive the staff presentation, take public comments, and provide direction to staff regarding the eight topics/issues identified by the City Council for potential modifications to the City's retail cannabis storefront program, which would potentially amend Costa Mesa Municipal Code (CMMC) Title 9 (Chapter VI – Cannabis Business Permits) and Title 13 (Chapter IX, Article 21 – Location of Cannabis Distributing, Manufacturing, Research and Development, Testing Laboratories, Retail Storefronts and Retail Nonstorefront Uses); and
2. Continue the item to a date certain for staff to return with a Draft Ordinance for recommendation to the City Council.

## **APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT**

The subject Ordinance review is a City Council initiated effort.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the Planning Commission meeting on November 27, 2023, the Planning Commission received the staff presentation, public comments, and discussed several potential amendments to the City's retail cannabis provisions per City Council direction. The item was continued to the December 11, 2023 Planning Commission meeting to allow additional time to complete review of the remaining areas of potential modification.

For a comprehensive review of the potential amendment topics, please refer to the November 27, 2023 Planning Commission staff report and attachments available at the link below:

<https://costamesa.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6430260&GUID=090DEB19-B248-42BE-83E0-41EB6003490B>

Public comments received during the November 27, 2023 Planning Commission meeting (item number PH-2) can be found at the link below:

<https://costamesa.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=E3&ID=1140539&GUID=8E7DDAD3-212C-4ADA-BD75-859EA1736B77>

Video of the November 27, 2023 Planning Commission meeting can be viewed via the following link:

[https://costamesa.granicus.com/player/clip/4065?view\\_id=14&redirect=true&h=73613c84a6f01a923ffea75485cf99ab](https://costamesa.granicus.com/player/clip/4065?view_id=14&redirect=true&h=73613c84a6f01a923ffea75485cf99ab)