



**City of Missoula, Montana  
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

**Committee:** Land Use and Planning

**Item:** Ordinance generally amending Title 5, City Business Licenses and Regulations in order to reorganize definitions, update outdated process language, and incorporate cannabis business licensing requirements as a result of legislative changes in the cannabis

**Date:** July 13, 2022

**Sponsor(s):** Cassie Tripard; Madson Matthias; Spencer Starke

**Prepared by:** Community Planning, Development and Innovation

**Ward(s) Affected:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    |

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**Action Required:**

Yes

**Recommended Motion(s):**

Staff recommend the Land Use and Planning Committee: Set a public hearing on July 25, 2022 and preliminarily adopt an ordinance generally amending Title 5, Missoula Municipal Code, the City Business Licenses and Regulations Ordinance, to incorporate additional provisions within Chapters 5.04 Definitions and 5.08 Licensing Provisions Generally and creation of a new Chapter 5.120 entitled "Cannabis" to incorporate regulations concerning legislative changes in the cannabis industry, reorganize definitions, and update outdated process language.

Staff recommend the City Council: Adopt an ordinance generally amending Title 5, Missoula Municipal Code, the City Business Licenses and Regulations Ordinance, to incorporate additional provisions within Chapters 5.04 Definitions and 5.08 Licensing Provisions Generally and creation of a new Chapter 5.120 entitled "Cannabis" to incorporate regulations concerning legislative changes in the cannabis industry, reorganize definitions, and update outdated process language. See Attachment A – Proposed Ordinance Amendments (July 2022).

**Timeline:**

Committee discussion:	July 13, 2022Click or tap here to enter text.
Council Consent Agenda	July 18, 2022
Public Hearing:	July 25, 2022
Final Consideration:	August 8, 2022
Deadline:	Click or tap here to enter text.

**Background:**

Community Planning, Development, and Innovation planning staff have drafted amendments to Title 5 City Business Licenses and Regulations Ordinance in response to necessary maintenance items and the legalization of recreational (adult-use) cannabis in 2021. In order to accommodate the resulting increase in the number of cannabis businesses and their unique nature, staff are proposing a new business license category for cannabis. The new business license type requires

the addition of new definitions, general licensing provisions, application and issuance procedures, and license content requirements. Additionally, staff are proposing air quality mitigation requirements in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community. The proposed ordinance reorganizes all Title 5 definitions for improved legibility and updates outdated process language. Staff will also present an update on cannabis cultivation energy regulation options.