

September 25, 2020

**RE: Medical Cannabis Dispensary Deadline Extension**

In January 2019, pursuant to Chapter 5.90.270 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC), the City Manager established a deadline of October 1, 2020, for medical cannabis dispensary applicants to obtain a business license. Notification of the deadline was originally sent to all medical cannabis dispensaries that were still pending license issuance on January 22, 2019.

On June 9, 2020, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing time-limited COVID-19 relief proposals for businesses and property owners. The proposed COVID-19 relief proposals included the extension of time for entitlements and plan review periods, to recognize the negative impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on development in the City. Consistent with the City Council action, the City Manager's Office **approved to extend the deadline for medical cannabis dispensaries to obtain a business license for an additional six-months, from October 1, 2020, to April 1, 2021.** Should any of the medical cannabis dispensary applications selected through the Priority System and Public Lottery **fail to receive a business license by this deadline, the application will be deemed null and void, and will no longer be able to obtain a medical or adult-use cannabis dispensary license at the proposed location.** The City will refer to the Public Lottery Pending/Ineligible list to determine which replacement applications will be permitted to proceed through the medical dispensary licensing process.

If you have any questions, please contact the Business License Department at (562) 570-6211 or by email at [marijuanalicense@longbeach.gov](mailto:marijuanalicense@longbeach.gov).

Sincerely,



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