


Date: March 17, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **Medical Cannabis Dispensary Deadline Extension**

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On January 22, 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. On June 9, 2020, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing time-limited COVID-19 relief proposals for businesses and property owners. The relief proposals included extensions for various City Department reviews, including Development Services and Financial Management, recognizing the 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 an extension of the deadline for medical cannabis dispensaries to obtain a business license to April 1, 2021.

To date, all but one medical cannabis dispensary business has been issued a business license. The remaining business is currently in the building construction phase and anticipates receiving a license within the next few months. The business currently holds a provisional license issued by the State and has shown a good faith effort to move forward in the licensing process.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated delays, the City Manager proposes to further extend the medical cannabis dispensary deadline by six months, to October 1, 2021, to allow the remaining business to complete the licensing process. If the business fails to receive a business license by the deadline, staff will report back to the City Council with options of potential actions regarding the remaining dispensary license.

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