

Amendment to CB 16-291 by Councilman Espinoza

Explanation of amendment: This amendment would add a requirement that a community engagement plan be included with all applications for any type of license under the Denver Retail Marijuana Code.

Mr. President, I move to amend CB 16-291 in the following particulars:

On page 15, after line 6, add new Sections 14 and 15 after the word 2015:

Section 14. That section 6-210, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by adding the language underlined, to read as follows:

Sec. 6-210. – Licensing requirements – provisions applicable to all licenses.

(b) Application forms and supplemental materials. All applications for local licensing shall be made upon forms provided by the director and shall include such supplemental materials as required by this article V, the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code and rules adopted pursuant thereto, including by way of example: proof of possession of the licensed premises, disclosures related to ownership of the proposed business, fingerprints of the applicants, building plans, floor plans designating the proposed licensed premises outlined in red, and security plans, and a community engagement plan that includes, at minimum, the following information:

(1) The name, telephone number, and email address of the person affiliated with the applicant who is responsible for neighborhood outreach and engagement;

(2) The names of all Registered Neighborhood Organizations whose boundaries encompass the location of the proposed licensed premises, and a statement that the applicant shall contact the Registered Neighborhood Organizations prior to commencing operations;

(3) An outreach plan to contact and engage residents and businesses in the local neighborhoods where any license is located;

(4) A detailed description of any plan to create positive impacts in the neighborhoods where the licensed premises are located, which may include by way of example, participation in community service, volunteer service, and active promotion of any local neighborhood plans;

(5) Written policies and procedures to timely address any concerns or complaints expressed by residents and businesses within the neighborhood surrounding the licensed premises.

(6) Written policies and procedures designed to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement in order to positively impact those communities.

To the extent any of the foregoing supplemental materials have been included with the applicant's state license application and forwarded to the city by the state licensing authority, the director may rely upon the information forwarded from the state without requiring resubmittal of the same materials in conjunction with the local license application. The director may, at the director's discretion, require additional documentation associated with the application, including additional requirements for any community engagement plan, as may be necessary to enforce the requirements of the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code and this article V.

On page 15, line 11, add a new Section 15 to the Council Bill and renumber succeeding sections accordingly:

Section 15. That section 6-218, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by adding a new subsection (f) underlined, to read as follows:

(f) All applications for renewal of any license shall include a community engagement plan as required in section 6-210.