

Providence City Plan Commission

August 19, 2025



AGENDA ITEM 4 ■ CANNABIS REGULATION AMENDMENT

OVERVIEW

PROPONENT:	Department of Planning and Development	RECOMMENDATION:	Recommend approval of the proposed amendment
CASE NO./ PROJECT TYPE:	CPC Referral 3602 Zoning Ordinance Amendment		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Amendment of cannabis regulations in zoning ordinance to comply with state law	PROJECT PLANNER:	Choyon Manjrekar

Discussion

The amendment will apply to sections 1202.EE, JJ and KK of the ordinance pertaining to the Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator, Cannabis Retailer and Social Equity/Workers' Cooperative Licensed Cannabis Retailer uses. State law pertaining to cannabis retail uses has been changed to require that applicants obtain approval from municipalities prior to applying for state permits. This is a departure from the prior process where applicants were required to obtain state approvals before applying for municipal approvals. The amendment is intended to reflect the changes to state law. The amendment would be consistent with section 101.N of the zoning ordinance which provides for efficient review of development proposals by clarifying and expediting the zoning approval process.

Recommendation

Based on the foregoing discussion, the DPD recommends that the CPC make a positive recommendation to the City Council to approve the proposed change.