

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.98 CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE—WORKFORCE DIVERSITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. FINDINGS AND INTENT

The City Council of the City of Stockton finds that:

- A. The current Stockton Municipal Code requires amendments to clarify standards for the Cannabis Business Workforce Diversity Incentive Program.
- B. The proposed ordinance would also further:
 - 1. General Plan Goal LU-4: High Quality Jobs – Attract and retain companies that offer high-quality jobs with wages that are competitive with the region and state.
 - a. Policy LU-4.2 – Attract employment- and tax-generating businesses that support the economic diversity of the city.
 - 2. General Plan Goal CH-3: Skilled Workforce – Expand opportunities for local enterprise, entrepreneurship, and gainful employment.
 - a. Policy CH-3.1 Promote entrepreneurial development and small business expansion.

SECTION II: AMENDMENT OF CODE

5.98.010 Purpose and intent.

This chapter is enacted to outline the workforce diversity incentive program for commercial cannabis businesses. (Ord. 2019-07-16-1504 C.S. § 1)

5.98.020 Workforce diversity incentive program.

A. The workforce diversity program is a voluntary program for commercial cannabis businesses. Businesses will be able to apply for the program during the business license application process and annual business license renewal process.

B. Commercial cannabis businesses must meet a 50 percent diverse workforce requirement during the time of application of the business license or at the time of renewal.

C. To qualify, at least 50 percent of the business' employees must reside within the SB 535 Disadvantaged area of the City of Stockton boundaries or reside in the Kelley Drive Neighborhood area, as defined by the Cannabis Program Administrative Guidelines referenced in Chapter 5.100.300, at the time of business license application or renewal.

D. If the threshold is met, the commercial cannabis business will be provided a 50 percent reduction of the total amount due in taxes based on estimated gross receipts at the time of application for a new license, or actual gross receipts provided at time of renewal of business license.

E. Existing commercial cannabis businesses will be able to participate in the voluntary program at the time of their annual business license renewal.

F. The determination of the final percentage and final decision of program eligibility will not qualify for an appeal process. All decisions are final. (Ord. 2019-07-16-1504 C.S. § 1)

SECTION III: SEVERABILITY

If any part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after its passage.

ADOPTED: _____

EFFECTIVE: _____

MICHAEL D. TUBBS
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

ELIZA R. GARZA, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton