

MOTION

NO. M-25-379

CITY HALL: July 10, 2025

BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER KING

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance does not contain regulations specific to the sale of cannabis products; and

WHEREAS, purveyors of cannabis products are currently evaluated as retail goods establishments; and

WHEREAS, these uses may create unique impacts on their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, these uses are becoming more common in the wake of state law changes over the last decade since the adoption of the revised Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance in 2015 regarding cannabis sales; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the City Planning Commission is directed to study the impacts of retail establishments which sell cannabis products and to provide recommendations regarding updated regulation of these uses, including but not limited to use standards, signage regulations, and density restrictions, as applicable.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that because this request does not constitute an amendment to the zoning ordinance, no Neighborhood Participation Program is needed.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that in conducting this study, the City Planning Commission staff is directed to

consult with other city departments and with any relevant representatives of the State of Louisiana to ensure that the recommendations align with relevant laws, regulations, and administrative processes, as well as best practices.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that the City Planning Commission is directed to conduct and complete this motion within 180 days of the passage of this motion, but may request a reasonable extension of this timeline in writing to the New Orleans City Council, through the author(s) of this motion or their successor(s) in office, as applicable.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That in the process of conducting a public hearing and study as provided herein, the City Planning Commission and staff are directed and granted the flexibility to expand the scope of the study and make any and all legal and appropriate recommendations deemed necessary in light of study, review and public testimony resulting from this motion.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
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