



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 7.

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: JUNE 5, 2017

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Bill No. 2017-22 - For possible action. Authorizes the issuance of limited-duration licenses by which holders of medical marijuana establishment licenses may operate as dual use marijuana businesses under NRS Chapters 453A (medical marijuana) and 453D (retail marijuana).
Sponsored by: Councilman Bob Coffin (by request)

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will authorize the issuance of limited-duration licenses by which holders of medical marijuana establishment licenses may operate as dual use marijuana businesses under NRS Chapters 453A (medical marijuana) and 453D (retail marijuana).

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2017-22

Motion made by BOB COFFIN to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BOB COFFIN, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-CAROLYN G. GOODMAN); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing open.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN disclosed he was sponsoring this bill per a request from staff.

MARY McELHONE, Business Licensing Manager, stated the bill creates a dual use license that authorizes the issuance of a limited duration license. It allows holders of a current medical marijuana establishment license to also operate a retail marijuana business. In order to obtain the dual use license, the holder for a medical marijuana license must meet certain criteria which

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includes the possession of a valid, State-issued medical marijuana establishment registration certificate and be operating in good standing with the State of Nevada; they must possess a valid, State-issued temporary license to operate a retail marijuana establishment; they must possess a valid City medical marijuana establishment license and be in good compliance with the City; and, lastly, they must be open and operating with a valid City medical marijuana license and State license as of May 31, 2017.

The dual use license will expire on April 1, 2018, as it is only temporary. The Department of Taxation's temporary regulations are only valid for 90 days after January 1, 2018. More permanent regulations are planned; however, the Department is waiting until the legislative session closes. MS. McELHONE stated that staff would come before the Committee again in the fall with a new draft bill for retail marijuana licenses.

MS. McELHONE addressed the fees which would not change and would be the same as the current fee structure for medical marijuana. A recent amendment was made to the medical marijuana annual fee of \$75,000 changing it to an origination fee. She explained that anyone who has paid the annual fee between July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017 will have a credit toward the origination fee for the dual license.

The ordinance will expire on April 1, 2018 to keep on track with the State's licenses.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN asked MS. McELHONE if this bill would affect anyone negatively who already has a medical marijuana license and would like to have a dual license. MS. McELHONE replied that this bill will allow anyone holding a medical marijuana dispensary license to be able to sell retail marijuana. Those with a Special Use Permit will have a review of condition and will be brought forward to the June 21, 2017 City Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY declared the Public Hearing closed.