

28.80.050 Limitations on the Permitted Location of a Storefront Collective Dispensary.

A. Permissible Zoning for Storefront Collective Dispensaries. Storefront Collective Dispensaries may only be permitted and located on parcels within the City which are zoned for commercial uses and on those street block faces listed in the exhibit to this Chapter designated as “Medical Marijuana Storefront Collective Dispensaries – Allowed Locations,” dated as of June 22, 2010.

B. Storefront Locations. Except for those locations shown as allowed within the West Pueblo Medical Area on the exhibit attached to this Chapter which have been specifically approved by the Staff Hearing Officer as nonstorefront locations pursuant to this Chapter, a Storefront Collective Dispensary shall only be located in a visible storefront type ground-floor location which provides good public views of the Dispensary entrance, its windows, and the entrance to the Storefront Collective Dispensary premises from a public street.

C. Commercial Areas and Zones Where Storefront Collective Dispensaries Not Permitted.

Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) above, a Storefront Collective Dispensary shall not be allowed or permitted on a parcel located within 1000 feet of another permitted or allowed Storefront Collective Dispensary.

D. Locational Measurements. The distance between a Storefront Collective Dispensary and above-listed restrictions shall be calculated as a straight line from any parcel line of the Property on which the Storefront Collective Dispensary is located to the parcel line the real property on which the facility, building, or structure, or portion of the building or structure, in which the above-listed use occurs or is located.

For the purposes of determining compliance with the locational restrictions imposed by this section, the permissibility of a proposed Storefront Collective Dispensary location shall be determined by City staff based on the date the permit application has been deemed complete by the City, with the earliest complete applications deemed to have priority over any subsequent Storefront Collective Dispensary application for any particular permissible location.

E. One Collective Dispensary for Each Area of the City. No more than one Storefront Collective Dispensary may open or operate in each of the areas of the City designated as allowed or permissible Collective Dispensary location areas in the exhibit attached to this Chapter, except for those areas which, at the time of the adoption of the ordinance amending this Chapter, already have more than one Storefront Collective Dispensary on a legal nonconforming basis and which are allowed to continue to operate on a legal nonconforming basis under Section Two of the Ordinance amending this Chapter--in which case a legal nonconforming Dispensary may be allowed to continue to operate in such an area.

F. Maximum Number of Medical Marijuana Storefront Collective Dispensaries Allowed Permits.

Notwithstanding the above, the City may not issue a total of more than three (3) Collective Dispensary permits at any one time and, subject to the amortization allowance period contained within the uncodified portions of the City ordinance adopting amendments to this chapter, no more than three (3) permitted or allowed Collective Dispensaries may legally operate within the City, including specifically those dispensaries which are open and operating in a legal nonconforming manner at the time of the adoption of the ordinance amending this Chapter. (Ord. 5526, 2010.)

28.80.070 Criteria for Review of Collective Dispensary Applications by the City Staff Hearing Officer.

A. Decision on Application. Upon an application for a Storefront Collective Dispensary permit being deemed complete, the Staff Hearing Officer shall either issue a Storefront Collective Dispensary permit, issue a Storefront Collective Dispensary permit with conditions in accordance with this Chapter, or deny a Storefront Collective Dispensary permit.

B. Criteria for Issuance. The Staff Hearing Officer, or the City Council on appeal, shall consider the following criteria in determining whether to grant or deny a Medical Marijuana Storefront Collective Dispensary permit:

1. That the Collective Dispensary permit and the operation of the proposed Dispensary will be consistent with the intent of the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 and the SB 420 Statutes for providing medical marijuana to qualified patients and primary caregivers, and with the provisions of this Chapter and the Municipal Code, including the application submittal and operating requirements herein.
2. That the proposed location of the Storefront Collective Dispensary is not identified by the City Chief of Police as an area of increased or high crime activity.
3. For those applicants who have operated other Storefront Collective Dispensaries within the City, that there have not been significant numbers of calls for police service, crimes or arrests in the area of the applicant's former location.
4. That issuance of a Collective Dispensary permit for the Collective Dispensary size requested is appropriate to meet needs of the community for access to medical marijuana.
5. That issuance of the Collective Dispensary permit would serve needs of City residents within a proximity to this location.
6. That the location is not prohibited by the provisions of this Chapter or any local or state law, statute, rule, or regulation, and no significant nuisance issues or problems are likely or anticipated, and that compliance with other applicable requirements of the City's Zoning Ordinance will be accomplished.
7. That the Dispensary's Operations Plan, its site plan, its floor plan, the proposed hours of operation, and a security plan have incorporated features necessary to assist in reducing potential crime-related problems and as specified in the operating requirements section. These features may include, but are not limited to, security on-site; procedure for allowing entry; openness to surveillance and control of the premises; the perimeter, and surrounding properties; reduction of opportunities for congregating and obstructing public ways and neighboring property; illumination of exterior areas; and limiting furnishings and features that encourage loitering and nuisance behavior.
8. That all reasonable measures have been incorporated into the Dispensary security plan or consistently taken to successfully control the establishment's patrons' conduct resulting in disturbances, vandalism, crowd control inside or outside the premises, traffic control problems, marijuana use in public, or creation of a public or private nuisance, or interference of the operation of another business.
9. That the Storefront Collective Dispensary is likely to have no potentially adverse affect on the health, peace, or safety of persons living or working in the surrounding area, overly burden a specific neighborhood, or contribute to a public nuisance, and that the Dispensary will generally not result in repeated nuisance activities including disturbances of the peace, illegal drug activity, marijuana use in public, harassment of passerby, excessive littering, excessive loitering, illegal parking, excessive loud noises, especially late at night or early in the morning hours, lewd conduct, or police detentions or arrests.
10. That any provision of the Municipal Code or condition imposed by a City-issued permit, or any provision of any other local or state law, regulation, or order, or any condition imposed by permits issued in compliance with those laws, will not be violated.
11. That the Applicant has not made a false statement of material fact or has omitted to state a material fact in the application for a permit.
12. That the Applicant has not engaged in unlawful, fraudulent, unfair, or deceptive business acts or practices with respect to the operation of another business within the City. (Ord. 5526, 2010.)