

Measure P

City Attorney's Impartial Analysis

The City Council of the City of Stockton is submitting to the voters the question of whether to approve an ordinance that would amend Chapters 5.100, 16.20, 16.80, and 16.240 in a manner that would overturn the existing ban on medical cannabis businesses by permitting within the City of Stockton a total of four (4) medical cannabis dispensaries and four (4) medical cannabis cultivation sites.

Currently there exists within the city two (2) legal non-conforming medical cannabis dispensary sites, and under current law no new medical cannabis dispensaries may open and no medical cannabis cultivation businesses are permitted. This measure, if approved, would allow two (2) additional medical cannabis dispensaries to open in commercial or industrial zones and four (4) new medical cannabis cultivation sites of up to 22,000 square feet to open in industrial zones. No more than two (2) dispensaries and two (2) cultivation sites would be allowed to be located in any one City Council district.

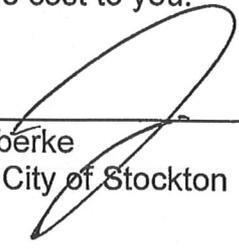
The measure would provide for the issuance of permits for the operation of medical cannabis dispensaries and cultivation sites by the Chief of Police. Operators would be required to obtain a permit and be subject to a background check and permits would not be issued to those who have been convicted of certain violent crimes, property crimes or drug-related crimes. The permit would also require an adequate security plan and the payment of all related fees and taxes. The measure also provides a process for suspension or revocation of operators permits.

The measure would require that employees of medical cannabis businesses obtain permits issued by the Chief of Police, which include a background check. Permits would not be issued to those who have been convicted of certain violent crimes, property crimes or drug-related crimes. The measure also provides a process for suspension or revocation of employee permits.

The measure amends the City of Stockton chart of allowable land uses and permit requirements to allow medical cannabis cultivation sites in certain industrial zones and medical cannabis dispensaries in certain commercial and industrial zones subject to the issuance of a conditional use permit. No medical cannabis cultivation sites or medical cannabis dispensaries would be allowed within 1000 feet of any other medical cannabis business; within 300 feet of any residential zone; within 600 feet of any child care center, religious facility or drug treatment facility; or within 1000 feet of any park or K-12 school. The measure would not permit the owner of a medical cannabis dispensary to own or operate a medical cannabis cultivation site.

The measure specifically permits future amendment by ordinance approved by the Stockton City Council.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure P. If you desire a copy of the proposed ordinance, please call the City Clerk's office at (209) 937-8459 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.



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