



Frequently Asked Questions About Commercial Cannabis Businesses Operations in the City of Hollister

What is the Cannabis Affairs Department?

An extension of the Development Services Division that focuses on licensing commercial cannabis businesses.

Are retail cannabis sales allowed in Hollister?

Yes. Both, medical and recreational. The City Council has permitted two retail businesses and both licenses have been awarded.

How Must Commercial Cannabis Businesses Operate?

They are subject to inspection by the City and other authorities at any time. They must comply with all security requirements and requirements for cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution and delivering medical marijuana, as well as state and local laws.

Where are Commercial Cannabis Businesses Allowed to Operate?

Hollister's Zoning Ordinance allows cannabis businesses to locate in the following zoning districts: Light Industrial, Airport Support, Industrial Business Park, North Gateway and West Gateway Zoning Districts.

A medical cannabis dispensary may not be located within the West Gateway Zoning District.

To protect sensitive uses, cannabis facilities are not allowed to locate within:

- 600 feet from a school (public or private school providing instruction in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive, but does not include any private school in which education is primarily conducted in private homes).
- 150 feet from a conforming residential use, a conforming religious institution or a licensed rehabilitation facility of substance abuse rehabilitation centers or emergency residential shelters

Is the City of Hollister still accepting applications?

Yes. Except for retail/dispensaries.

Is there a limit on the number of licenses being issued?

Currently, there is no limit, except for retail/dispensaries.

How long does it take to obtain a license?

It depends on various factors; please contact us directly at (831) 636-4356 Ext.1253

Can I plant cannabis in my residence?

In compliance with Proposition 64, no more than 6 living cannabis plants may be planted, cultivated, harvested, dried, or processed by a person over the age of 21 inside a private residence, or inside an accessory building to a private residence that is fully enclosed and secure, and located upon the same parcel, cultivation under this part must be stored in a locked space on the grounds of the private residence not visible from the public right-of-way.

The City does not license residential cannabis

Where can I use cannabis?

You can consume cannabis on private property but you cannot consume, smoke, eat, or vape cannabis in public places. Property owners and landlords may ban the use and possession of cannabis on their properties.

Can I sell or transfer my Regulatory Permit?

No. Any attempt to assign or transfer such permits shall render the permit null and void.

Can I operate if I have a permit in other City?

You can hold multiples licenses within different jurisdictions but in order to operate in the City of Hollister you must first apply with us as well. Please note that each license type requires a separate application.

What do I do if I have a complaint about a Commercial Cannabis Business?

Please contact the Hollister Police Department (if criminal activity is suspected) the Code Enforcement Division and/or Cannabis Affairs Department for violations such as odors, noise, excessive parking, site maintenance, etc.

What if I have other questions?

If the webpage does not address your concerns, please contact Cannabis Affairs Department at: 831.636.4356 Ext.1253.