



**City of Boulder**

**Finance Department · Licensing Division**

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**RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS (RMB) COLLOCATION APPLICATIONS  
WITHIN BUSINESS FOOTPRINT-  
TO BE FILED AFTER JANUARY 21, 2014**

**CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- City of Boulder Recreational Marijuana Business (RMB) Conversion or Collocation application-** fully completed and signed under oath of applicant signed by authorized representative of licensee applicant.
- City of Boulder Recreational Marijuana Business (RMB) License Application** form- answer all questions 1 to 27, complete information on top of page 5 and sign page 5 under oath of applicant section.  

Please note that because Attach A (business entity documents), Attach B (background check documents), Attach C (notes and loans), Attach E (Insurance), Attach H (lighting plan), and Attach J (bank records) are not changing, then city licensing will not require new copies of those originally submitted documents.
- Letter from Landlord allowing change to Recreational Marijuana operations-** related to Attach D (lease), landlord must confirm in writing their approval for leased premises to be changed to from medical marijuana to recreational marijuana business operations and for the structural changes necessary for collocation to be undertaken.
- Permanent Modification change form for Medical Marijuana Business (MMB) licensed premises-** form should be fully completed and a new MMB Attach F (operating plan and general diagram) and a new MMB Attach G (security narrative and security plan) for the resulting MMB licensed premise should be included.
- RMB Operating Plan and New General Diagram for collocated RMB licensed premises-** for the new RMB licensed business premises, please include a new Attach F operating plan narrative and a new general diagram for the new RMB licensed premises.
- RMB Security Narrative and New Security Diagram for collocated RMB licensed premises-** for the new RMB licensed business premises, please include a new Attach G security narrative and a new security diagram for the new RMB licensed premises.
- New Business license for sales and use tax application with zoning form attached for collocated RMB licensed premises-** complete both the new business license application and complete the 2 page zoning form that is attached. A new sales tax account will be opened for the RMB business licensed premise. The zoning form will be time/date stamped and supplied to the licensee so that building permits for collocation might be applied for with Planning and Development Services.
- Please note that MMB city original license will need to be turned in to the city at application meeting to receive RMB issued license.**
- Fees**
  - \$250 city conversion fee payable to “**City of Boulder**” received by city from State Marijuana Enforcement division (MED).
  - For cultivation facilities, operating fee of \$1 per plant over 1,000 plants payable to “**City of Boulder**”.
  - \$3,000 permanent modification change fee for MMB payable to “**City of Boulder**”.
  - \$25 sales and use tax business license fee payable to “**City of Boulder**”.
  - \$2,000 operating fee for licensing 2<sup>nd</sup> RMB licensed premise payable to “**City of Boulder**”. Please note that any resulting RMB city license will include the same license number and the same expiration date as the original MMB city license.

## RECOMMENDED APPLICATION FILING PROCESS

Based on the above process and that city conversion applications are not considered complete until the \$250 city conversion fee is received by the city from the state MED, the following application timeline is recommended for collocation applications within a business footprint:

- Boulder Licensee meets with state MED 3 to 4 days before meeting with city to file state conversion documents with state fees and to supply city conversion fee to state MED.
- Boulder licensee meets in person in pre-scheduled filing meeting with city licensing. Please note that only complete applications will be accepted by city licensing. By this time, it is hoped that city conversion fee would be received by state MED.
- City licensing receives city conversion fee from state. At that time, city licensing will: I) time/date stamp the zoning form received with the new business license for sales and use tax with the original of the zoning form to be provided to the Boulder licensee so that building permits for collocation build out might be applied for and a copy of the zoning form will be retained by city licensing, and II) time/date stamp a copy of the city conversion application to be supplied to the licensee, with the original of same retained by city licensing, and the copy can be used for state MED so that they will issue the state MED RMB license.
- The state MED has informed city licensing that there is a 45 day waiting period for the state MED to issue state conversion licenses.
- When Boulder licensee is 95% done with build out for collocation of MMB licensed premises and RMB licensed premise, licensee should contact city licensing so that they may schedule the city inspection group to inspect the collocated premises.
- Once Boulder licensee has received collocated premise inspection approval from Boulder Fire, Boulder Police Department, and Planning and Development Services, these departments will also supply a copy of these 3 approvals to city licensing.
- When city licensing has received the above 3 premise inspection approvals, city licensing will issue the city RMB license for the collocated premise. The new city license will include same city license number, but a different license type and it will also have the same license expiration date. All issued city licenses are contingent on the licensee also having a current and effective state MED license for proper operations.

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**CITY OF BOULDER MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS (MMB) LICENSE  
CONVERSION OR COLLOCATION TO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS (RMB)  
APPLICATION FORM AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF  
CHAPTER 6-16, BOULDER REVISED CODE**

This Application is for the following Premise Location License Type (please check only 1 license type and file a separate form for each existing medical marijuana business that you desire to convert or collocate:

Dispensary  Greenhouse Nursery/Grow

MMB City License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Trade Name of Establishment (doing business as) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Premise Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip Code

Business Mailing Address (if different from Premise location) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip Code

Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Plant Count \_\_\_\_\_ Lights Count \_\_\_\_\_ Lights Wattage Used \_\_\_\_\_

City Sales & Use Tax License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Sales Tax License No. \_\_\_\_\_ FEIN No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Select and Initial one of the following conversion or collocation processes:
- \_\_\_\_\_ initials: 100% conversion from MMB to RMB facility (not accepted before January 2, 2014) or
  - \_\_\_\_\_ initials: Co-locate of both MMB & RMB within existing MMB facility foot print (not accepted before January 21, 2014)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ initials: Co-locate & expand existing MMB then divide for both MMB and RMB business facilities (not accepted before February 3, 2014).

*Please note that any conversion or co-location construction must be in full compliance with all building and safety codes and future RM business operations must be operated in compliance with the attached BRC, Chapter 6-16, Recreational Marijuana Businesses law.*

*Please also note that in any conversion or collocation process, the current city license must be surrendered at the same time that the new license is issued. This application will not be considered complete until city has received the \$250 Conversion fee from the state.*

2. Please attach the following to submit a complete application for either conversions or collocations:
- i. This completed and signed Conversion Application.
  - ii. RM Business License Application fully completed and signed.
  - iii. Letter from Landlord that confirms that proposed change to RM business operations, and physical change to property (if any), by tenant is permissible.
  - iv. For cultivation facilities, Operating fee of \$1 per plant over 1,000 payable to the City of Boulder.
3. If the application is for a co-location, whether in same or expanded footprint, of MMB and RMB businesses, please also attach (items here are not required for 100% conversions):
- i. Permanent modification change form for MMB business licensed premises complete, including, MMB change form, new operating plan and general diagram for MMB licensed location, new security plan and security diagram for MMB licensed location, and \$3,000 modification fee to City of Boulder.
  - ii. New operating plan and new general diagram for RM business premise.
  - iii. New security plan and new security diagram for RM business premise.

- iv. New business license for sales and use tax application with zoning form completed and attached so building permits may be applied and reviewed with \$25 application fee to City of Boulder.
  - v. \$2,000 operating fee for licensing to City of Boulder.
4. If this application is for a co-located business within an area larger than the footprint of the existing MMB business pursuant to BRC 6-16-3(h), initial one of the following as your oath of accuracy:

This application is for a co-located dispensary and the size of both premises does not exceed 3,000 sq. ft. \_\_\_\_ Initials

This application is for co-located cultivation facility and the size of both premises does not exceed 15,000 sq. ft \_\_\_\_ Initials

5. Initial each of the following as your oath of accuracy:

- I do not have an ownership interest in another recreational business center \_\_\_\_ [initials] or in five already licensed cultivation facilities \_\_\_\_ [initials] (initial the business type that is the subject of this application) in the City of Boulder.
- I will pay the additional state and city excise and sales and use tax, as appropriate, for the RMB on a monthly basis \_\_\_\_ [initials].
- I will use an ID scanner acceptable to the city as soon as possible upon entry of every person to the business premises to determine if the person is at least 21 years old and will remove any person from the premises that is not verified by the ID scanner as being at least 21 years of age \_\_\_\_ [initials].
- No owner, financier, business manager, or other licensee shall be added to the marijuana business(es) associated with this application prior to such time as the State of Colorado makes criminal history information available to the city for the purpose of processing RMB applications \_\_\_\_ [initials].
- The license(s) associated with this application will be revoked and I can no longer operate the related business(es) if an owner, financier, business manager, or other licensee is added to the marijuana business(es) associated with this application prior to such time as the State of Colorado makes criminal history information available to the city for the purpose of processing RMB applications \_\_\_\_ [initials].

Violations of the above provisions and other associated sections of the Boulder Revised Code may subject the business to penalties, including without limitation fines and license suspension, license revocations, and criminal penalties.

**Oath of Application**

I declare under penalty of perjury in the second degree that this application and all attachments are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that it is my responsibility and the responsibility of my agents and employees to comply with the provisions of the Boulder Revised Code, Colorado Law, and all Rules and Regulations, and any other applicable law which govern this Application and any issued Medical Marijuana and Recreational Marijuana Business Licenses.

Authorized Signature	Printed Name and Title	Date



limitation, all sales and use taxes paid to the state and the city, purchase of inventory and equipment, and payment of owners and employees. This applies to the business entity submitting the Recreational Marijuana Business License Application. Please note that maintenance of complete books and records of the above business accounting is an on-going obligation of a licensee and that such records are subject to review and audit by City.

(B) In addition, all of the above named individuals, MUST ALSO BE FINGERPRINTED, MUST PROVIDE A BACKGROUND CHECK AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS RECORD FORM, MUST UNDERGO A BACKGROUND CHECK, and provide any other documentation required by Chapter 6-16, B.R.C. evidencing good moral character.

2. Who, besides the owners listed in this application (including persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies etc.) has loaned, will loan or give money, inventory, furniture or equipment to or for use in this business or who will receive money from this business. Attach a separate sheet if necessary (not required for Renewals unless there are Amendments).

Name	Birth Date	FEIN OR SSN	% Owned

Attach copies of all notes and security instruments, and any written agreement, or details of any oral agreement, by which any person (including partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, etc.) will share in profits or gross proceeds of this establishment, and any agreement relating to business which is contingent or conditional in any way by volume, profit, sales, giving of advice or consultation.

3. Has any person listed in response to questions 1 or 2 violated any law (as defined in BRC 6-16-2)?  Yes  No

4. Has any person listed in response to questions 1 or 2 ever violated any law related to driving or operating other machinery under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication, or driving while impaired or driving with excessive alcohol content in a federal, state, or other court?  Yes  No

If the answer is yes to questions 3 or 4, please provide the information on the below chart: (if necessary, provide additional information on a separate sheet)

Person's Name	Name and Location of Court	Charge alleged	Sentence or Disposition	Date of Sentencing or Disposition	Last date of incarceration /parole/probation/monitor payment of fines or fees

5. Has any individual listed in questions 1or 2 been denied an application for a medical marijuana or recreational business or had a medical marijuana or recreational business license revoked by any jurisdiction?  Yes  No  
 Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Has any individual listed in response to questions 1or 2 had a liquor license denied, suspended or revoked by any jurisdiction?  Yes  No  
 Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Has any individual listed in response to questions 1or 2 had a professional or other license denied, suspended or revoked by any jurisdiction?  Yes  No  
 Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does any individual listed in response to questions 1 or 2 hold or ever held a Medical Marijuana Business License or Recreational Marijuana in Boulder or any other jurisdiction?  Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Has any individual listed in response to questions 1 or 2 had a business temporarily or permanently closed for failure to comply with any health or safety law?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Has any individual listed in response to questions 1 or 2 had an administrative, civil, or criminal finding of delinquency for failure to pay sales or use tax, or any other tax?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Does the Applicant have legal possession of the proposed licensed premises for at least 12 months from the date that this RM license application was filed by virtue of ownership, lease or other arrangement?

Applicant must provide copy of recorded Deed, or signed Lease or other possession evidence.

Ownership  Lease  Other (explain in detail- use extra sheet) \_\_\_\_\_

If leased, list name of landlord and tenant, and date of expiration EXACTLY as they appear on the lease:

Landlord	Tenant	Expires
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**If premises are leased, attach written lease allowing a recreational marijuana business in space or landlord letter.**

12. Is this proposed premise location the only location that is affiliated with this business?  Yes  No

If there is another location associated with this business entity, please list all other premise location addresses both in and outside of Boulder (i.e. all dispensaries, grow locations and MIPs which operate in concert to form this business entity):

13. Are proposed premises within 1,000 feet of any school, university, addiction recovery center or licensed day care?  Yes  No

14. Is this proposed premise within 500 feet of any other marijuana business, in a mixed use development, or the Mall proper or in the University Hill commercial area (as defined in 6-16-2)?  Yes  No

**Applicant must know requirements of BRC Chapter 6-16 and answer the following questions on local RM laws:**

15. Does the Applicant propose to have retail sales of marijuana infused products?  Yes  No

If yes, what items will be sold? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Describe how Applicant will offset its electrical consumption with renewable energy at its Recreational Marijuana business location: \_\_\_\_\_

17. What is the ID scanner to be used and the applicant's plan for preventing those under 21 from entry into the business and for removal from the premises of any person that the ID scanner does not verify as at least 21 years of age?  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. Is Applicant aware of the additional monthly RMB state and city excise tax for Grows and MIPs and the added sales and use tax for RM dispensaries?  Yes  No

19. Has Applicant implemented Neighborhood Responsibility Plan submitted with this application?  Yes  No

20. If Applicant intends to operate as a greenhouse/ nursery or a manufacturing use, is the plan to prevent mold and wastewater discharge attached to this application?  Yes  No

21. If Applicant intends to operate a manufacturer infused product location, has an Industrial Hygienist been hired yet? Please state, yes/no and provide name of Industrial Hygienist: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Has Applicant had proper ventilation for filtration of product odor inspected and approved as required by City of Boulder?  Yes  No

23. State the location where the applicant will maintain and contact information for the city to view, the camera recordings as required by 6-16, B.R.C. \_\_\_\_\_

24. State the name and contact information for the company monitoring the alarm system for the RMB \_\_\_\_\_

25. Is Applicant familiar with Boulder's laws regarding recreational marijuana and agree to comply with all of its requirements and prohibitions?  Yes  No

**Related to City Business License and Business Operations, the Applicant should answer the Following:**

26. Does the Applicant already have or applied for a City sales and use tax license?  Yes  No

If yes, what is the Issued Date \_\_\_\_\_ OR Application filing date \_\_\_\_\_ of the City license?

Anticipated Business Opening Date: \_\_\_\_\_

27. If Applicant is a business entity, provide Registered Agent's Name, electronic mail address, and Street Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Agent's Name, Street Mailing Address and electronic mail address Included above

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trade Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Premise Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Contact Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Two (2) Application Contact Business Cell Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Two (2) Application Contact Business E-mail Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR ANNUAL RENEWAL APPLICATIONS UNLESS THERE ARE CHANGES.**

**For Renewals, are there changes to any information in Attachments A to J most recently submitted to the city?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Renewing Representative's Initials** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**For any changes, Licensee should submit new ATTACHMENTS to properly report any and all changes.**

**N/A → ATTACHMENT A:** Applicant Corporation, Partnership, or Limited Liability business formation documents, management agreements, and operation agreements as specified in B.R.C. 6-16-5 (a) (1) .

**N/A → ATTACHMENT B:** Background Check and Financial Interests Reports, Fingerprints, and Identification copies for all Owners, Officers, Directors, Partners, Managing Members, Members, Business Managers, Financiers, and Agents and individuals named in the application. Evidence of Rehabilitation or Court Documents for Disposition if applicable as specified in B.R.C.6-16-5 (a) (2) and (3) and 6-16-5 (a) (10).

**N/A → ATTACHMENT C:** Summary List of all loans, notes, and gifts, and executed and complete copies of same as specified in B.R.C. 6-16-5-(a) (2).

**ATTACHMENT D:** Landlord Letter and Lease or Deed to Business Premise, signed by all parties, term current, & valid for 1 year from License Issuance as specified in B.R.C. 6-16-5 (a) (4)

**N/A → ATTACHMENT E:** Insurance Certificate or compliance evidence with B.R.C. 4-1-8 as in B.R.C. 6-16-5 (a) (5)

**ATTACHMENT F:** Operating Plan with products and services description, dimensioned floor plan, neighborhood responsibility plan, ingestible items production (if any), energy conservation and electrical availability, and mold and wastewater discharge plan (if any) as specified in B.R.C. 6-16-5 (a) (6). [See Checklist of Required Documents for examples].

**ATTACHMENT G:** Security Diagram and Text Explanation with Confidential Portions Marked and Confidentiality Reason Identified as specified in B.R.C. 6-16-5 (a) (7), including the location of the off-site camera recordings and the identity of the alarm system monitoring company. [See Checklist of Required Documents for examples].

**N/A → ATTACHMENT H:** Lighting Diagram and Text Explanation for Premises as specified in B.R.C. 6-16-5 (a) (8).

**ATTACHMENT I:** Business License for Sales tax with Zoning Confirm Form; B.R.C. 6-16-5 (a) (9) & 6-16-7 et seq.

**N/A → ATTACHMENT J:** Business Entity Financial Records for the last 3 months for an existing business of all checking, savings, and other bank accounts and other financial records depicting deposits and expenditures for business-related activities, including without limitation, all sales and use taxes paid to the state and the city, purchase of inventory and equipment, and payment of owners and employees. This applies to the business entity submitting the Recreational Marijuana Business License Application. Please note that maintenance of complete books and records of the above business accounting is an on-going obligation of a licensee and that such record are subject to review and audit by City Finance department.

**THIS APPLICATION IS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNTIL PAYMENT OF ALL FEES AS REQUIRED BY B.R.C. 4-20-67, INCLUDING RECEIPT OF \$2,500 PORTION OF FEE FOR NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS DUE FROM THE STATE.**

**OATH OF APPLICANT**

I declare under penalty of perjury in the second degree that this application and all attachments are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that it is my responsibility and the responsibility of my agents and employees to comply with the provisions of the Boulder Revised Code and all Rules and Regulations which govern my Recreational Marijuana Business License Application and any issued Recreational Marijuana Business License.

Authorized Signature

Printed Name and Title

Date

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**THIS PAGE FOR INTERNAL CITY USE ONLY**

CITY ASSIGNED RM LICENSE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TRADE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PREMISE ADDRESS & UNIT/SUITE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANNING/ZONING (Date Sent: \_\_\_\_ ) AS TO BUSINESS DENSITY, DISTANCE MEASUREMENT, & ALLOWED ZONING  
RM NEW LICENSE OR ANNUAL RENEWAL IS RECOMMENDED TO BE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Staff's Name Title Date

CITY SALES TAX DEPARTMENT (Date Sent: \_\_\_\_ ) AS TO CITY SALES AND USE TAX LICENSE AND TAX REMITTANCE  
RM NEW LICENSE OR ANNUAL RENEWAL IS RECOMMENDED TO BE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

FILING DATE OF INITIAL SALES AND USE TAX LICENSE: \_\_\_\_\_

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Staff's Name Title Date

BOULDER POLICE DEPARTMENT (Date Sent: \_\_\_\_ ) AS TO BACKGROUND CHECK, OPERATING PLAN, SECURITY  
PLAN, LIGHTING PLAN AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

RM NEW LICENSE OR ANNUAL RENEWAL IS RECOMMENDED TO BE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Staff's Name Title Date

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Date Sent: \_\_\_\_ ) AS TO OPERATING PLAN, SECURITY PLAN, LIGHTING PLAN AND OPERATING  
CHARACTERISTICS FOR PREMISE AND OCCUPANCY

RM NEW LICENSE OR ANNUAL RENEWAL IS RECOMMENDED TO BE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Staff's Name Title Date

BUILDING SERVICES (Date Sent: \_\_\_\_ ) AS TO BUILDING PLANS/ PERMITS, PROPER CONSTRUCTION, AND  
LOCATION COMPLIANCE HISTORY FOR RENEWALS

RM NEW LICENSE OR ANNUAL RENEWAL IS RECOMMENDED TO BE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Staff's Name Title Date





**SECTION A - PERMANENT MODIFICATIONS TO LICENSED PREMISES**

STEP 1: Complete this change form and a zoning confirmation form (page 3 and 4) and submit to licensing. You must have a date/stamped copy of zoning form from complete application from licensing before you may proceed to step 2.

STEP 2: Apply for building permits at the City P&DS department. Bring a copy of your MMB license and your date/stamped certificate of complete application to submit to the P&DS project specialist along with your building plans.

STEP 3: Complete changes of premise in accordance with permits. When you are done, request a copy of a letter of completion from P & DS and provide a copy to Licensing, along with final operating diagram and security diagram.

STEP 4: Licensing will schedule inspection for licensing/PD/Fire. Once PD and Fire sign-off is received, approval letter issued.

Describe all changes proposed to licensed premises:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does this change add square footage to a Wellness Center so that total square footage is over 3,000 sq. ft.?:

\_\_\_\_\_

Does this change reduce a Wellness Center below 3 room minimum or eliminate a private consulting room?:

\_\_\_\_\_

Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach to this change form:

"Before" modification and "after" modification diagrams of the licensed premise

If premise is leased, acknowledgement letter from landlord to consent to modification or new lease

New zoning confirmation form to confirm compliance with zoning department (page 3 and 4 of this document)

Amended documents such as operating plan, security plan and lighting plan, if impacted by the proposed change

**SECTION F - CHANGE OF BUSINESS USE CLASSIFICATION**

*Please Note: Licensees may not begin the new type of business before the change is approved by the City and the State, and before the premise is inspected by all required City staff. Please allow proper processing and await notice of inspection and approval from the City before proceeding.*

Anticipated date of change of business use: \_\_\_\_\_

Current use (wellness center/MIP/grow): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed new use (wellness center/MIP/grow): \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning district of premise (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

New zoning confirmation & request for City map to confirm compliance with zoning attached

Amended premise diagram for new proposed use classification (if applicable) attached

Other amended documents, such as operating plan, security plan & diagram, general floor plan diagram, and lighting plan impacted by the proposed use classification change attached

**Oath of Applicant (Owner or Manager)**

I declare under penalty of perjury in the second degree that this application and all attachments are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that it is my responsibility and the responsibility of my agents and employees to comply with the provisions of the Boulder Revised Code and all Rules and Regulations which govern my medical marijuana business license application and any issued medical marijuana business license.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Printed name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>

## General Floor Plan Check Sheet

### (For use by Licensing)

Please attach a dimensioned floor plan diagram *[with color highlighter used to differentiate between licensed and non-licensed area, and differentiating patients and public areas]* with all levels and floors displayed and clearly labeled. This must be either 8 ½" x 11" or 11" x 17," depicting:

- Square Footage of proposed licensed premise [and if it is a dispensary, the total area must be under 3,000 square feet]
- The principal uses of the floor area labeled on the floor plan, including, but not limited to, the areas where non-patients will be permitted, private consulting areas, business office location, storage areas for medical marijuana, stairs, retail areas, and areas where medical marijuana or infused products will be processed or distributed
- Storage areas for toxic, flammable, or other materials and chemicals, if any
- Location of checkpoints where MMB patient cards will be checked, if applicable
- All interior walls and doors listed and marked as to if they are locked
- Ventilation capabilities and room locations
- Production areas if any, which shall not be open to any persons other than those employed by the business, if applicable
- Areas where any services other than the distribution of medical marijuana are proposed to occur on the licensed premises
- The separation of the areas that are open to persons who are not patients from those areas open to patients
- Front and back premise exterior lighting of licensed premises
- All Exterior Entrances and Exits
- All Exterior Windows and means of security

**Operating Plan summary for Recreational Marijuana Business dispensary locations:**

please answer at a minimum the below questions and include any additional information about your business operations:

\_\_\_\_\_ Total square footage of RMB dispensary location (please note that collocated MMB and RMB locations cannot exceed 3,000 sq. feet.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of separate rooms i.e. is there a foyer to ID customers, a secure and locked product dispensing room, and a locked overnight storage room with a safe for storage of product and receipts and security for DVD and books and records?

Plan for checking identification of customers at location (please attach separate sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_

Plan for ensure that no amount over allowed weight is sold to customers (please attach separate sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

Products to be sold at this dispensing location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Provide all other addresses of Colorado businesses operating under business entity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe plan for locked disposal of products that are not sold: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe plan for ventilation to prevent odor of marijuana from escaping licensed premise:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe plan for view obstruction of product from within and from outside of the location:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe plan for reducing carbon footprint through obtaining electrical services at premise:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Operating Plan summary for Recreational Marijuana Business Grow locations:**

please answer at a minimum the below questions and include any additional information about your business operations:

\_\_\_\_\_ Total square footage of RMB Grow location (please note that collocated MMB and RMB locations cannot exceed 15,000 sq. feet.

Maximum number of plants at this location: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum number of lights at this location: \_\_\_\_\_

Wattage for lights used: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan for checking identification of customers at location (please attach separate sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_

Products to be produced at this dispensing location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Provide all other addresses of Colorado businesses operating under business entity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe plan for locked disposal of products and by-product to be made unusable and unrecognizable:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe plan for ventilation to prevent odor of marijuana from escaping licensed premise:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe plan for view obstruction of product from outside of the location:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe plan for reducing carbon footprint through obtaining electrical services at premise:

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## Security Diagram Check List

### (For use by Police, Fire and Licensing)

Please attach a dimensioned security floor plan with all levels and floors, and a narrative. This must be either 8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17" and depict the following:

- The principal uses of the floor area labeled on the floor plan, including, but not limited to, the areas where non-patients will be permitted, private consulting areas, storage areas for medical marijuana, stairs, retail areas, and areas where medical marijuana or infused products will be processed or distributed
- Location of storage areas for toxic, flammable, or other materials and chemicals
- Location and means of securing ventilation apparatus that passes through to outside
- The locations of all emergency lighting that is part of the security system and areas of illumination
- The location of exterior front and back light that illuminates outside entrances and exits
- Location of security cameras, motion detectors, security system computer, recording devices, and other security system components, and the view area covered by each component
- Location of all check points where MM patient cards are checked, if applicable
- Location of business office where books and records are kept
- Location of safe used for overnight storage of receipts and product, and which lists the manner used to affix the safe to the structure of premise building (for grows and dispensaries)
- All Interior doors and walls, noted if locked
- All Exterior Entrances and Exits, noted if locked
- All windows, noted if locked and if any special film applied for security or view-obstruction

Security Plan summary for RMB business locations:

Please answer at a minimum the below questions and include any additional information about your business security operations:

30 day security recordings off-site storage location (street address): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Location of books and records of the business: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of where customers IDs are checked before entry into secure dispensing area: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Lighting control information: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of all entrances and exits: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete procedure for 24/7 monitoring of security system, including, but not limited to:

Calling sequence in the event that the system is tripped: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Procedure for verification if the system is tripped: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Names and emergency cell phone contact information for owners and managers that will be on-site: \_\_\_\_\_

Alarm monitoring company name and company emergency contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Names and emergency contact information of person responsible for notifying Boulder Police Department within 12 hours of criminal activity or attempts of criminal activity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Names and contact information for landlord if applicant rents business space: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Location of affixed safes and locked refrigerators or freezers for MIP products and the manner used to affix and attach the safe/refrigerator/freezer to the building structure: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Include any impediments to emergency responders in entering the licensed premise (note that there can be no anti-personnel devices at the location): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



CITY OF BOULDER BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION  
SALES/USE TAX-ADMISSIONS-ACCOMMODATIONS LICENSE

City of Boulder- Finance Department  
Tax and License Office, 303-441-3050  
P.O. Box 791; 1777 Broadway  
Boulder, Colorado 80302  
[licensing@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:licensing@bouldercolorado.gov)

Official Use Only:

Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning Review: Approved \_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Acct # \_\_\_\_\_ NAICS \_\_\_\_\_ GEO \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE TYPE (PLEASE SELECT ALL LICENSES THAT APPLY AND MAKE CHECK TO CITY OF BOULDER):

- Sales and Use Tax License (\$25) - For reporting purposes, please check all categories that apply:  
 Retail     Restaurant     Wholesale     Contractor     Service     Manufacturing
- Admission License (add \$25)
- Accommodation License (add \$25)

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Start of Business Operation in Boulder \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year – REQUIRED)

Was this City of Boulder business purchased?  Yes  No \* If Yes, please provide the following:

Prior License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_

Was personal property purchased from former owner?  Yes  No

Was Sales/Use tax paid on assets purchased?  Yes  No

Physical Business Address (No PO Boxes) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*If physical business location is INSIDE CITY LIMITS of City of Boulder, please complete ZONING REVIEW QUESTIONS

Type of Business (Check One):

- Sole Proprietor     Corporation     Limited Liability Company  
 Partnership     Limited Liability Partnership     Other (Explain: \_\_\_\_\_)

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Trade Name ("Doing Business As") \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Business E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Contact E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Is your business home based?  Yes  No

State Tax License # \_\_\_\_\_

(You will also need to contact Colorado Department of Revenue for a State Sales Tax License)

Federal ID# or Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Business (describe in depth): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

FILING PERIOD (Please indicate which filing period applies as dictated by our local law):

- Monthly-Taxes due of \$300 or more per month     Quarterly- Taxes due of \$299 or less per month  
 Annual- Taxes due of \$15 or less per month

OWNER/OFFICER INFORMATION

Owner/Officer Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO AND CONTACT PERSON/COMPANY INFORMATION

Contact Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

ZONING REVIEW QUESTIONS (please complete the below zoning questions section only if your physical business location is INSIDE THE CITY OF BOULDER CITY LIMITS):

Existing Use of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Business (in square feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Days & Hours of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Use Category (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

For Home Based Businesses: Is this business located in your personal residence?  Yes  No

If yes, the conditions in Boulder Revised Code (BRC) Chapter 9-6-3(e) Home Occupations must be met and abided by. Please review page 3 regarding BRC Chapter 9-6-3(e) and please confirm with your initials:

I agree to the terms in BRC Chapter 9-6-3 (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (*applicant's initials*)

For Restaurant businesses: No. of Interior Seats: \_\_\_\_ Outdoor Patio Size (sq. ft.) \_\_\_\_ No. of Patio Seats: \_\_\_\_

Location: i.e. "The Hill", "Pearl Street Mall" \_\_\_\_\_

For any encroachments into the public right of way, a revocable lease or permit from the city will be required.

Will you allow the consumption of alcohol on your business premise?  Yes  No

If yes, you must obtain a liquor license from the state and city for alcohol service prior to the sale/service of alcohol.

See: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/tax-license/liquor-licensing>

For Marijuana businesses:

New License or  Existing Premise Modification  Medical or  Recreational Number of Rooms: \_\_\_\_

Use Category (please check one):  Marijuana business, personal service  Marijuana business, Manufacturing

Marijuana business, Greenhouse/Nursery  Marijuana business, Testing

You must obtain a separate marijuana business license prior to starting operations in the City of Boulder.

See: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/finance/marijuana-businesses>

**PLEASE NOTE:** IT MAY TAKE UP TO 4 WEEKS FOR LICENSURE. Pearl Street Mall Permits, Contractor licenses or separate additional Regulatory Licenses may be required in addition to this city business license to lawfully operate. Additional licenses are required for the following business types: Auction, Circus & Carnival, Itinerant Merchant for Door-to-Door Sales, Alcohol Sales or Service, Marijuana businesses, Mobile Food Vehicles, and Secondhand Dealer/Pawnbroker. See: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/tax-license>

OATH FOR ALL APPLICANTS: I declare under penalty of perjury, that this application has been examined by me and that the statements made herein are to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete. I also understand that there may be additional reviews required to complete the planning and zoning review process.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Home Based Businesses legal requirements:

Boulder Revised Code 9-6-3 Specific Use Standards - Residential Uses.

(e) Home Occupations:

- (1) Standards: A home occupation is a permitted accessory use if the following conditions are met:
  - (A) Such use is conducted entirely within a principal or accessory building and is not carried on by any person other than the inhabitants living there.
  - (B) Such use is clearly incidental and secondary to the residential use of the dwelling and does not change the residential character thereof.
  - (C) The total area used for such purposes does not exceed one-half the first floor area of the user's dwelling unit.
  - (D) There is no change in the outside appearance of the dwelling unit or lot indicating the conduct of such home occupation, including, without limitation, advertising signs or displays.
  - (E) There is no on-site sale of materials or supplies except incidental retail sales.
  - (F) There is no exterior storage of material or equipment used as a part of the home occupation.
  - (G) No equipment or process is used in such home occupation that creates any glare, fumes, odors or other objectionable condition detectable to the normal senses at the boundary of the lot if the occupation is conducted in a detached dwelling unit, or outside the dwelling unit if conducted in an attached dwelling unit.
  - (H) No traffic is generated by such home occupation in a volume that would create a need for parking greater than that which can be accommodated on the site or which is inconsistent with the normal parking usage of the district.
- (2) Prohibitions: No person shall engage in a home occupation except in conformance with all of the requirements of paragraph (e)(1) of this section.



Council approved  
via  
emergency  
on 12/16/14

ORDINANCE NO. 8020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6-16. B.R.C. 1981, AMENDING SECTIONS 6-16-2 "DEFINITIONS," AND 6-16-3 "LICENSE REQUIRED" TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES TO CONVERT TO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES FROM DECEMBER 31, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2015 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 6-14-8 "REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES" AND 6-16-8 "REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES" TO ELIMINATE THE RESTRICTION ON SALE OF MERCHANDISE WITH THE NAME OR LOGO OF THE BUSINESS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO:

**Section 1.** Section 6-16-2 "Definitions," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

**6-16-2. Definitions.** *Recreational*

The following terms used in this chapter have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

\* \* \*

"Co-located marijuana business" means a medical marijuana wellness center or cultivation facility that held a license from the city on October 22, 2013, and applied for co-location by ~~December 31, 2014~~ March 31, 2015, that is permitted by the owner of the building and all applicable laws, to divide the licensed medical marijuana business to allow for both a medical and a recreational marijuana wellness center or cultivation facility as separate business premises with separate licenses from the city within the same footprint and owned by the same person as the medical marijuana wellness center or cultivation facility. The licensees with an ownership or financial interest of either part of a co-located marijuana business may not be changed to be different from the other.

December 31, 2015

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**Section 2.** Section 6-16-3 "License Required," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

**6-16-3. License Required.** *Recreational*

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(f) Conversion of Licenses to Different Marijuana Business. A license for a marijuana establishment may not be converted to a license for a medical marijuana business. A license for a medical marijuana business that was licensed, open, and operating on

1 October 22, 2013, or that had submitted a complete application for a medical marijuana  
2 business on October 22, 2013, may be converted to the same type of marijuana  
3 establishment by complying with the requirements of this chapter for a renewal of a  
4 marijuana license and paying the application fee specified in Section 4-20-67,  
5 "Recreational Marijuana Businesses," B.R.C. 1981, if it makes application for the  
6 conversion by ~~December 31, 2014~~ March 31, 2015. The license for the medical marijuana  
7 business must be surrendered to the city before the recreational marijuana business  
8 license will be issued. The term of the license shall be the same as the existing medical  
9 marijuana business license.

*December 31, 2015*

6 (g) Conversion to a Co-located Marijuana Business Within the Footprint of the Medical  
7 Marijuana Business. A licensee of a medical marijuana wellness center or cultivation  
8 facility may apply for a co-located marijuana business license by ~~December 31,~~  
9 ~~2014~~ March 31, 2015, by submitting an application for a co-located marijuana business on  
10 forms approved by the city. At a minimum, the application form shall include a  
11 modification of the existing medical marijuana business to conform to the new footprint  
12 of the medical marijuana portion of the co-located marijuana business and all components  
13 of the application described in Section 6-16-5, "Application," B.R.C. 1981, determined  
14 applicable by the city manager for the recreational marijuana portion of the co-located  
15 marijuana business, and paying the modification of premises fee and operating fee  
16 specified in Section 4-20-67, "Recreational Marijuana Businesses," B.R.C. 1981. The  
17 license for the medical marijuana business must be surrendered to the city before the co-  
18 located marijuana business license will be issued. The term of the co-located marijuana  
19 business license shall be the same as the existing medical marijuana business license. For  
20 purposes of separation from other marijuana businesses in Paragraph 6-16-7(e)(2) of this  
21 chapter, the co-located medical and recreational marijuana business shall be considered  
22 one marijuana business. No co-located medical and recreational marijuana business may  
23 be sold separately from the other and must maintain identical ownership at all times.

*December 31, 2015*

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17 **Section 3.** Section 6-14-8 "Requirements Related to Operation of Medical Marijuana  
18 Businesses," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

19 **6-14-8. Requirements Related to Operation of Medical Marijuana Businesses.**

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21 (p) Advertisement. A medical marijuana business may not advertise in a manner that is  
22 inconsistent with the medicinal use of medical marijuana. A medical marijuana business  
23 may not advertise in a manner that is misleading, deceptive, false or is designed to appeal  
24 to minors. Advertisement that promotes medical marijuana for recreational or any use  
25 other than for medicinal purposes shall be a violation of this code. The following  
conditions shall apply:

1 (1) Any person licensed as a medical marijuana center shall include in any  
2 advertisement for medical marijuana or any medical marijuana-infused product the  
3 following language: "For registered Colorado medical marijuana patients only."  
4 Provided, however, this language shall not be required to be displayed upon any sign  
5 identifying a medical marijuana center, as permitted by Subparagraph (2)(A) of this  
6 section.

7 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, it shall be unlawful for any  
8 person licensed under this chapter or any other person to advertise any medical  
9 marijuana or medical marijuana-infused product anywhere in the city where the  
10 advertisement is in plain view of or in a place open to the general public, including  
11 advertising utilizing any of the following media: any billboard or other outdoor  
12 general advertising device as defined by the zoning code; any sign mounted on a  
13 vehicle; any handheld or other portable sign; or any handbill, leaflet, or flier directly  
14 handed to any person in a public place, left upon a motor vehicle, or posted upon any  
15 public or private property. The prohibition set forth in this paragraph shall not apply  
16 to:

17 (A) Any sign located on the same zone lot as a medical marijuana center which  
18 exists solely for the purpose of identifying the location of the medical marijuana  
19 center and which otherwise complies with this code and any other applicable city  
20 laws and regulations, which sign includes only the name and address of the  
21 center;

22 (B) Any advertisement contained within a newspaper, magazine, or other  
23 periodical of general circulation within the city or on the internet; or

24 (C) Any products marked with the name or logo of the licensed medical  
25 marijuana center, including wearable or non-consumable usable product  
merchandise, packaging in which marijuana is sold, or on medical marijuana  
accessories sold; or

(D) Advertising which is purely incidental to sponsorship of a charitable event  
by a medical marijuana center or a medical marijuana-infused products  
manufacturer.

(3) It is an affirmative defense if a medical marijuana business employee provided  
another individual, upon request, a business card for the purpose of providing that  
person's name and business affiliation, including, without restriction, title, mailing  
address, email address, and telephone number.

(4) No medical marijuana business shall distribute or allow the distribution of any  
marijuana or products marked with its name or logo without charge within a  
marijuana business or any place open to the public for the purpose of promotion or  
advertising.

1 (5) No medical marijuana business shall distribute or allow the distribution of any  
2 coupon or similar writing, electronically or on paper, which purports to allow the  
bearer to exchange the same for any marijuana product, either free or at a discount.

3 (6) No medical marijuana business shall sell, distribute, or provide, or allow the sale,  
4 distribution, or provision of, products marked with its name or logo, in child sizes,  
5 designed for the use of minors, or which is misleading, deceptive, false, or appealing  
6 to minors, other than packaging in which medical marijuana is sold or on medical  
7 marijuana products. This prohibition shall not prevent employees of the business from  
8 wearing uniforms with the name or logo while working for the business on the  
9 business premises.

10 **Section 4.** Section 6-16-8 "Requirements Related to Operation of Recreational  
11 Marijuana Businesses," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

12 **6-16-8. Requirements Related to Operation of Recreational Marijuana Businesses.**

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14 (p) Advertisement. A recreational marijuana business may not advertise in a manner that  
15 is misleading, deceptive, false, or designed to appeal to minors.

16 The following conditions shall apply:

17 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, it shall be unlawful for any  
18 person licensed under this chapter or any other person to advertise any recreational  
19 marijuana or recreational marijuana-infused product anywhere in the city where the  
20 advertisement is in plain view of, or in, a place open to the general public, including  
21 advertising utilizing any of the following media: any billboard or other outdoor  
22 general advertising device as defined by the zoning code; any sign mounted on a  
23 vehicle; any handheld or other portable sign; or any handbill, leaflet, or flier directly  
24 handed to any person in a public place, left upon a motor vehicle, or posted upon any  
25 public or private property.

The prohibition set forth in this paragraph shall not apply to:

(A) Any sign located on the same zone lot as a recreational marijuana center  
which exists solely for the purpose of identifying the location of the recreational  
marijuana center and which otherwise complies with this code and any other  
applicable city laws and regulations, which sign includes only the name and  
address of the center;

(B) Any advertisement contained within a newspaper, magazine, or other  
periodical of general circulation within the city or on the internet;

1 (C) Any products marked with the name or logo of the licensed recreational  
2 marijuana center, including wearable or non-consumable usable product  
3 merchandise, packaging in which marijuana is sold, or on recreational marijuana  
4 accessories sold; or

5 (D) Advertising which is purely incidental to sponsorship of a charitable event  
6 by a recreational marijuana center or a recreational marijuana-infused products  
7 manufacturer.

8 (2) It is an affirmative defense if a recreational marijuana business employee  
9 provided another individual, upon request, a business card for the purpose of  
10 providing that person's name and business affiliation, including, without restriction,  
11 title, mailing address, email address, and telephone number;

12 (3) No marijuana business shall distribute or allow the distribution of any marijuana  
13 or products marked with its name or logo without charge within a marijuana business  
14 or any place open to the public for the purpose of promotion or advertising;

15 (4) No marijuana business shall distribute or allow the distribution of any coupon or  
16 similar writing, electronically or on paper, which purports to allow the bearer to  
17 exchange the same for any marijuana product either free or at a discount; and

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19 sale, distribution, or provision of, products marked with its name or logo, ~~other than~~  
20 packaging in which marijuana is sold or on recreational marijuana products in child  
21 sizes, designed for the use of minors, or which is misleading, deceptive, false, or are  
22 appealing to minors. ~~This prohibition shall not prevent employees of the business~~  
23 ~~from wearing uniforms with the name or logo while working for the business on the~~  
24 ~~business premises.~~

25 **Section 5.** This ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of  
the residents of the city, and covers matters of local concern.

**Section 6.** The city council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title  
only and orders that copies of this ordinance be made available in the office of the city clerk for  
public inspection and acquisition.

**Section 7.** The city council finds this is necessary for the immediate preservation of  
public peace, health, safety, and property justifying the adoption of this ordinance as an  
emergency measure. Emergency adoption of this ordinance is necessary to prevent an

1 interruption in the application process. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon  
2 passage at first reading.

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4 READ ON FIRST READING, PASSED, ADOPTED, AS AN EMERGENCY  
5 MEASURE BY TWO-THIRDS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT, AND ORDERED  
6 PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY this 16th day of December, 2014.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

# Chapter 6-16: Recreational Marijuana

## 6-16-1. Legislative Intent, Findings, and Purpose. [top↑](#)

(a) Legislative Intent and Findings. The city council intends to regulate the use, possession, cultivation, production, and distribution of marijuana in a manner that is consistent with Article XVIII, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution (the "Recreational Marijuana Amendment " also known as Amendment 64) and finds that the provisions of this chapter are directly and demonstrably related to the operation of marijuana establishments in a manner to minimize negative impacts on the community.

(1) The city adopts this law to apply to all recreational marijuana operations in the city under the Recreational Marijuana Amendment, or any recreational marijuana business permitted under the state law.

(2) Marijuana use, distribution, cultivation, and production can have an impact on health, safety, and community resources, and the code is intended to permit marijuana cultivation, distribution, production, and testing where it will have a minimal impact, and potential negative impacts are minimized.

(3) Use, distribution, cultivation, production, possession, and transportation of marijuana remains illegal under federal law, and marijuana remains classified as a "Level 1 Controlled Substance " by federal law.

(4) The General Assembly has adopted enabling legislation that provides for local licensing, however, the state law is not intended to, and does not, address the local impacts of marijuana operations, making it appropriate for local regulation of marijuana operations.

(5) Nothing in this chapter is intended to promote or condone the production, distribution, or possession of marijuana in violation of any applicable law.

(6) This chapter is to be construed to protect the public over marijuana business interests. Operation of a recreational marijuana business is a revocable privilege and not a right in the city. There is no property right for an individual or business to have marijuana in the city.

(7) Marijuana businesses are a heavily regulated industry in the city, and the city has a zero tolerance policy for violations of this chapter.

(8) This chapter is not intended to replace the medical marijuana law in [Chapter 6-14](#), "Medical Marijuana, " B.R.C. 1981, and any person may apply for and operate a medical marijuana business pursuant to [Chapter 6-14](#), "Medical Marijuana, " B.R.C. 1981, without complying with this chapter.

(9) This chapter is intended to specify the time, place, and manner restrictions for operating a recreational marijuana business in the city as specified in the Recreational Marijuana Amendment.

(10) The operation of a marijuana business without a license from the city as provided in this chapter is prohibited within the city.

(11) The experience of the city in processing and enforcing medical marijuana business licensing evidences that the provisions herein are capable and worthy of being carried out in practice by a reasonably prudent business person.

(12) The Colorado Administrative Procedures Act, Article 4 of Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (the "APA"), does not apply to local governments and the state has not been able to resource the process thereof in a timely manner. The procedures herein for issuance and enforcement of a recreational marijuana business license are consistent with the requirements of the APA and have been determined by the Boulder District Court to provide the level of due process required by the United States and Colorado Constitutions.

(13) A licensee is not acting in his or her capacity as an owner, employee, or agent of a licensed marijuana establishment if the licensee is operating in violation of this chapter or any other applicable law.

(14) The city council has determined to allow marijuana establishments in the city on the condition that the establishments are operated in compliance with this chapter rather than banning marijuana establishments in the city as permitted by the Recreational Marijuana Amendment.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and property in the city by prescribing the manner in which recreational marijuana businesses can be conducted in the city. Further, the purpose of this chapter is to:

(1) Provide for a means of cultivation, production, and distribution of marijuana to persons permitted to obtain, possess, and use marijuana for recreational purposes under the Recreational Marijuana Amendment;

(2) Protect public health and safety through reasonable limitations on business operations as they relate to noise, air, and water quality, food safety, neighborhood and public safety, security for the business and its personnel, and other health and safety concerns;

(3) Promote lively street life and high quality neighborhoods by limiting the concentration of any one type of business in specific areas;

(4) Impose fees for licensing recreational marijuana businesses in an amount sufficient for the city to recover its costs of the licensing program;

(5) Adopt a mechanism for monitoring compliance with the provisions of this chapter;

(6) Create regulations that address the particular needs of the residents and businesses of the city and coordinate with laws that may be enacted by the State of Colorado regarding recreational marijuana;

(7) Facilitate the implementation of the Recreational Marijuana Amendment without going beyond the authority granted by it;

(8) Support Boulder's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan goals by requiring renewable sources for energy use to grow recreational marijuana;

(9) Issue recreational marijuana business licenses only to individuals and entities that have demonstrated an intent and ability to comply with this chapter without monitoring by city officials;

(10) Protect public safety and residential areas by limiting the areas of the city where more than six marijuana plants may be grown;

(11) Exclude from the definition of a "recreational marijuana business" the private possession, production, and recreational use of marijuana by an individual or the private possession, production, distribution, and recreational use of marijuana by an individual, in the person's residence, to the extent permitted by Article XVIII, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution; and

(12) Designate the city manager as the recreational marijuana licensing authority responsible for licensing recreational marijuana for the city.

(c) Relationship to State Law. The provisions in this chapter that are different from the applicable state law are consistent with the city's responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare as authorized by applicable law, and by the home rule authority granted to the city by Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the Charter of the city. The city intends that both state law and this chapter apply within the city. Where this chapter conflicts with the state law, this chapter shall apply.

(d) Adoption of this chapter is not intended to waive or otherwise impair any portion of the local option available under the Recreational Marijuana Amendment.

Ordinance No. 7930 (2013)

#### 6-16-2. Definitions. [top](#)

The following words and phrases used in this chapter have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Addiction recovery facility" shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section [9-16-1](#), "General Definitions," B.R.C. 1981.

"Advertise" means the act of drawing the public's attention, whether on print, signs, or electronic means, to a recreational marijuana business in order to promote the sale of marijuana by the business.

"Business manager" means the individual designated by the owner of the recreational marijuana business as the person responsible for all operations of the business in the absence of the owner from the business premises. "Business manager" shall include any person with managerial authority in the business, and any person that has access to lock or unlock the safe, to lock or unlock the business, or set or disarm the alarm.

"Co-located marijuana business" means a medical marijuana wellness center or cultivation facility that held a license from the city on October 22, 2013, and applied for co-location by December 31, 2014, that is permitted by the owner of the building and all applicable laws, to divide the licensed

medical marijuana business to allow for both a medical and a recreational marijuana wellness center or cultivation facility as separate business premises with separate licenses from the city within the same footprint and owned by the same person as the medical marijuana wellness center or cultivation facility. The licensees with an ownership or financial interest of either part of a co-located marijuana business may not be changed to be different from the other.

"Cultivation" or "cultivate" means (i) all phases of growth of marijuana from seed to harvest; or (ii) preparing, packaging, or repackaging, labeling, or relabeling of marijuana prior to consumption, or incorporation into a recreational marijuana-infused product.

"Cultivation facility" means a licensed recreational marijuana business that produces and harvests marijuana plants for distribution by a licensed recreational marijuana center or a licensed recreational marijuana-infused product manufacturer. Except as included in this definition, a cultivation facility may not operate any production on its premises.

"Distribute" or "distribution" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer, delivery, sale, or dispensing of marijuana to another, with or without remuneration.

"Fermented malt beverage" has the same meaning as its meaning under the Colorado Beer Code, § 12-46-103, C.R.S.

"Financier" means any person who lends money or otherwise provides assets to any person applying for a license or who has been issued a license under this chapter. If a financier is an entity rather than an individual, the same disclosure shall be required for each entity with an ownership interest until a managing member that is a natural person is identified. "Financier" shall not include a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or industrial bank supervised and regulated by an agency of the state or federal government.

"Licensee" means the recreational marijuana business named on the recreational marijuana business license, and all individuals named in the recreational marijuana business license application or later reported to the city, including, without limitation, owners, business managers, financiers, and individuals owning any part of an entity that holds a financial or ownership interest in a recreational marijuana business.

"Mall" means the downtown Boulder Business Improvement District boundaries set forth in Appendix 8-B of Title 8 of this code, including the downtown pedestrian mall established by Ordinance No. 4022 adopted February 18, 1975.

"Malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor" has the same meaning as its meaning under the Colorado Liquor Code, § 12-47-108, C.R.S.

"Marijuana" for this Chapter 6-16 means:

- (1) The same as set forth in the Recreational Marijuana Amendment; or
- (2) As may be more fully defined in any applicable state law or regulation.

"Marijuana accessories" shall have the same meaning as in the Recreational Marijuana Amendment.

"Marijuana business" means any medical marijuana business as defined in Chapter 6-14, "Medical Marijuana," B.R.C. 1981, or recreational marijuana business as defined in this chapter.

"Marijuana establishment" means a recreational marijuana business that has a license from the State of Colorado and the city to operate.

"Marijuana-infused product manufacturer" means a licensed marijuana business that produces marijuana-infused products.

"Marijuana testing facility" means a recreational marijuana business that has been licensed as a marijuana testing facility by the state that is in good standing, and has a license in good standing with the city.

"Marijuana warehouse" means a marijuana establishment that is not licensed by the city as a medical marijuana business or a licensed recreational marijuana business. No marijuana warehouses are allowed in the city.

"Minor" means a person under twenty-one years of age.

"Mixed use development" means a building or a project or a development that contains dwelling units in any zone district.

"Place open to the general public" means any property owned, leased, or used by a public entity, and any place on private property open to the public, common areas of buildings, private club, vehicles, those portions of any private property upon which the public has an express or implied license to enter or remain, and any place visible from such places. "Place open to the general public" shall not include any fenced area of a private residence regardless of whether it can be seen from a place open to the public.

"Possess" or "possession" means having physical control of an object, or control of the premises in which an object is located, or having the power and intent to control an object, without regard to whether the one in possession has ownership of the object. Possession may be held by more than one person at a time. Use of the object is not required for possession. The owner of a recreational marijuana business shall be considered in possession of the recreational marijuana business at all times. The business manager of a recreational marijuana business shall be considered in possession of the recreational marijuana business at all times that the business manager is on the premises of the business or has been designated by the owner as the business manager in the absence of the owner in accordance with this chapter.

"Premises" means a distinct and definite location, which may include a building, a part of a building, a room, or any other defined contiguous area.

"Private club" means any location, other than a residence of a person at the residence, or a marijuana establishment.

"Produce" or "production" means: (i) combining marijuana with any other substance for distribution, including storage and packaging for resale; or (ii) preparing, compounding, processing, encapsulating, packaging or repackaging, labeling or relabeling of marijuana or its derivatives, whether alone or mixed with any amount of any other substance. "Production" shall not include

packaging or repackaging, labeling, or relabeling of marijuana if no production has occurred and such packaging and labeling qualify as cultivation.

"Recreational marijuana" means any marijuana intended for recreational use which meets all requirements for recreational marijuana contained in this chapter, the Recreational Marijuana Amendment, and any other applicable law.

"Recreational marijuana amendment" means Article XVIII, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution.

"Recreational marijuana business" means (a) any person that cultivates, produces, distributes, possesses, transports, or makes available more than six marijuana plants or one ounce of marijuana, or (b) any person that sells any amount of marijuana, or (c) any person who possesses marijuana openly or publicly. The term "recreational marijuana business" shall not include the private cultivation, possession, production, or use within a person's residence of no more than (a) six plants in an enclosed, locked space, or (b) one ounce of marijuana, or (c) the marijuana produced by no more than six plants on the premises where the plants were grown if the plants were grown in an enclosed locked space.

"Recreational marijuana center" means a licensed recreational marijuana business that distributes marijuana to any person or to recreational marijuana-infused product manufacturers or to another recreational marijuana center.

"Recreational marijuana-infused product" means a product infused with marijuana that is processed for use or consumption, including, without limitation, edible products, concentrates, ointments, tinctures, and any item defined as a "marijuana product" in the Recreational Marijuana Amendment.

"Recreational marijuana local licensing authority" means the city manager. The city manager shall be the local licensing authority responsible for processing applications under this chapter for the purpose of the Recreational Marijuana Amendment and any state law that requires the city to designate a local licensing authority.

"Recreational marijuana plant" means a marijuana seed and all parts of the growth therefrom, including, without limitation, roots, stalks, and leaves, so long as the flowers, roots, stalks, and leaves are all connected and in a growing medium. For purposes of this chapter, any part of the plant removed is considered harvested and no longer part of a recreational marijuana plant, but marijuana.

"Restricted area" means the portion of a recreational marijuana business premises within which the licensee defines on its application it intends to cultivate, distribute, possess, or produce recreational marijuana and which area is clearly identified as the restricted area on the floor plan submitted with the recreational marijuana business license application for the business.

"University Hill commercial area" means the area described as the University Hill General Improvement District in Appendix 8-A of Title 8 of this code.

"Violation of any law" or "violated any law" means a plea or finding of a violation of any law in a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, whether part of a plea agreement, settlement agreement, or determination by an arbitrator, hearing officer, court, or jury.

6-16-3. License Required. [top↑](#)

(a) License Required. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a recreational marijuana business without obtaining a license to operate pursuant to the requirements of this chapter and holding a license in good standing from the state.

(b) Additional Licenses and Permits May be Required. The license requirement set forth in this chapter shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other licensing and permitting requirements imposed by any other federal, state, or local law, including, by way of example, a retail sales and use tax license, a retail food establishment license, or any applicable zoning or building permit.

(c) License Does Not Provide any Exception, Defense, or Immunity from Other Laws. The issuance of any license pursuant to this chapter does not create an exception, defense, or immunity to any person in regard to any potential criminal liability the person may have for the production, distribution, or possession of marijuana.

(d) Separate License Required for Each Location. A separate license shall be required for each premise from which a recreational marijuana business is operated. No two or more different businesses, including recreational marijuana businesses, may be treated as one premise. Unless higher performance is required by applicable law, there must be a minimum of a one-hour fire separation wall between a recreational marijuana business and any adjacent business.

(e) License Non-Transferable. A recreational marijuana business license is not transferable or assignable, including, without limitation, not transferable or assignable to a different premise, to a different type of business (including another marijuana business), or to a different owner or licensee. A recreational marijuana business license is valid only for the owner named thereon, the type of business disclosed on the application for the license, and the location for which the license is issued. The licensees of a recreational marijuana business license are only those persons disclosed in the application or subsequently disclosed to the city in accordance with this chapter.

(f) Conversion of Licenses to Different Marijuana Business. A license for a marijuana establishment may not be converted to a license for a medical marijuana business. A license for a medical marijuana business that was licensed, open, and operating on October 22, 2013, or that had submitted a complete application for a medical marijuana business on October 22, 2013, may be converted to the same type of marijuana establishment by complying with the requirements of this chapter for a renewal of a marijuana license and paying the application fee specified in [Section 4-20-67](#), "Recreational Marijuana Businesses," B.R.C. 1981, if it makes application for the conversion by December 31, 2014. The license for the medical marijuana business must be surrendered to the city before the recreational marijuana business license will be issued. The term of the license shall be the same as the existing medical marijuana business license.

(g) Conversion to a Co-located Marijuana Business Within the Footprint of the Medical Marijuana Business. A licensee of a medical marijuana wellness center or cultivation facility may apply for a co-located marijuana business license by December 31, 2014, by submitting an application for a co-located marijuana business on forms approved by the city. At a minimum, the application form shall include a modification of the existing medical marijuana business to conform to the new footprint of the medical marijuana portion of the co-located marijuana business and all components of the application described in [Section 6-16-5](#), "Application," B.R.C. 1981, determined applicable by the city manager for the recreational marijuana portion of the co-located marijuana business, and paying the

modification of premises fee and operating fee specified in Section 4-20-67, "Recreational Marijuana Businesses, " B.R.C. 1981. The license for the medical marijuana business must be surrendered to the city before the co-located marijuana business license will be issued. The term of the co-located marijuana business license shall be the same as the existing medical marijuana business license. For purposes of separation from other marijuana businesses in Paragraph 6-16-7(e)(2) of this chapter, the co-located medical and recreational marijuana business shall be considered one marijuana business. No co-located medical and recreational marijuana business may be sold separately from the other and must maintain identical ownership at all times.

(h) Conversion to a Co-located Marijuana Business in an Expansion of the Existing Footprint of the Medical Marijuana Business. A licensee of a medical marijuana wellness center or cultivation facility may apply for a co-located marijuana business license within a footprint that is an expansion of its existing medical marijuana business, by submitting an application for modification of the existing medical marijuana business, and an application for co-location of a medical and recreational business within the modified premises on forms approved by the city by March 1, 2014. At a minimum, the application shall include (i) the same owners and financiers of the existing medical marijuana businesses, (ii) the proposed modification of the existing and expanded area of the existing medical marijuana business to depict the two new businesses separated as required by this code, (iii) all components of the application described in Section 6-16-5, "Application, " B.R.C. 1981, determined applicable by the city manager for the recreational marijuana portion of the co-located marijuana business, and (iv) the modification of premises fee, conversion fee, and operating fee specified in Section 6-16-5, "Application, " B.R.C. 1981. The license for the medical marijuana business must be surrendered to the city before the co-located marijuana business license will be issued. The term of the co-located marijuana business license shall be the same as the existing medical marijuana business license. For purposes of separation from other marijuana businesses in Paragraph 6-16-7(e)(2) of this chapter, the co-located medical and recreational marijuana business shall be considered one marijuana business. No co-located medical and recreational marijuana business may be sold separately from the other and must maintain identical ownership at all times.

(i) Until such time as the State of Colorado provides the city with access to criminal history information for the purpose of issuing marijuana business licenses, no conversion under Subsection (f) or co-location under Subsection (g) of this section shall be approved if there is any change in the identity of the individuals required to be listed on the application as reported to the city by October 22, 2013 pursuant to this chapter.

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#### **6-16-4. General Provisions. [top](#)**

(a) General Licensing Provisions. The general procedures and requirements of licenses, as more fully set forth in [Chapter 4-1](#), "General Licensing Provisions, " B.R.C. 1981, shall apply to recreational marijuana business licenses. To the extent there is any conflict between the provisions of this chapter and [Chapter 4-1](#), "General Licensing Provisions, " B.R.C. 1981, the provisions of this chapter shall control for recreational marijuana business licenses.

(b) Defense to Criminal Prosecutions. Compliance with the requirements of this chapter shall not provide an exception, immunity, or defense to criminal prosecution under any applicable law, except in the Boulder Municipal Court for a violation of this chapter as specifically provided herein.

(c) Insurance Required. The insurance specified in Section 4-1-8, "Insurance Required," B.R.C. 1981, is required for a license under this chapter.

(d) Costs of Inspection and Clean-Up. In the event the city incurs costs in the inspection, clean-up, surrender of plants, or any other requirements to remove marijuana of any recreational marijuana business, or any person cultivating, producing, distributing, or possessing marijuana, the business and responsible person shall reimburse the city all actual costs incurred by the city for such inspection or clean-up.

(e) Decisions on Application or Revocation Final. The decision of the city manager on an application for a recreational marijuana business license or revocation thereof pursuant to this chapter shall be the final decision of the city subject only to judicial review pursuant to Colorado Rule of Civil Procedure 106(a)(4), unless the notice of the decision includes an opportunity for a hearing as provided in Section 1-3-3, "Notice of Agency Action, B.R.C. 1981. No defense or objection may be presented for judicial review unless it is first presented to the city manager prior to the effective date of the decision.

(f) Forfeiture of License. In the event that a recreational marijuana business does not commence operations within thirty days of issuance of a license from the city, the license shall be deemed forfeited, and the business may not commence operations.

(g) Landlord Duty. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a building to lease space or allow the use of any portion of the building by a recreational marijuana business unless the tenant has a valid recreational marijuana business license or has applied for and not been denied a recreational marijuana business license or no marijuana is located on the premises until a license has been issued by the city. In the event that the city has an articulable reason to believe that a recreational marijuana business is being operated in a building, it shall be unlawful for the owner of the building to refuse to allow the city access to the portion of the building in which the suspected recreational marijuana business is located to determine whether any marijuana is on the premises.

(h) Time Periods for Accepting Applications for Recreational Marijuana Businesses.

(1) No applications for conversion of a medical marijuana business to a recreational marijuana business pursuant to Subsection 6-13-3(f) of this chapter shall be accepted before January 2, 2014. As a condition of the city accepting an application for conversion of a medical marijuana business, the applicant and all licensees shall be the same as those identified for the medical marijuana license and affirm that there will be no changes in licensees for the recreational marijuana business. If a license is issued, and the business makes any changes in licensees prior to such time as the State of Colorado makes criminal history information available for the purpose of processing recreational marijuana business licenses, the license may be revoked.

(2) No applications for conversion to a co-located medical and recreational marijuana business pursuant to Subsection 6-13-3(g) of this chapter of a medical marijuana business shall be accepted before January 21, 2014. As a condition of the city accepting an application for conversion to a co-located marijuana business, the applicant and all licensees shall be the same as those identified for the medical marijuana license and affirm that there will be no changes in licensees for the recreational marijuana business. If a license is issued, and the business makes any changes in licensees prior to such time as the State of Colorado makes criminal history

information available for the purpose of processing recreational marijuana business licenses, the license may be revoked.

(3) No applications for conversion to a co-located medical and recreational marijuana business pursuant to Subsection 6-13-3(h) of this chapter of a medical marijuana business within a footprint that is larger than the existing medical marijuana business shall be accepted before February 3, 2014. As a condition of the city accepting an application for conversion to a co-located marijuana business, the applicant and all licensees shall be the same as those identified for the medical marijuana license and affirm that there will be no changes in licensees for the recreational marijuana business. If a license is issued, and the business makes any changes in licensees prior to such time as the State of Colorado makes criminal history information available for the purpose of processing recreational marijuana business licenses, the license may be revoked.

(4) No applications for a new recreational marijuana business (that is not a conversion from a medical marijuana business pursuant to Subsection 6-16-3(f) of this chapter or a co-located marijuana business pursuant to Subsection 6-16-3(g) of this chapter or a co-located marijuana business pursuant to Subsection 6-16-3(h) of this chapter shall be accepted before June 1, 2014.

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**6-16-5. Application.** [top↑](#)

(a) Application Requirements. An application for a recreational marijuana business license shall be made to the city on forms provided by the city manager for that purpose. The applicant shall use the application to demonstrate its compliance with this chapter and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation. In addition to the information required by Chapter 4-1, "General Licensing Provisions," B.R.C. 1981, the application shall include the following information:

(1) Name and address of the owner or owners of the recreational marijuana business in whose name the license is proposed to be issued.

(A) If an owner is a corporation, the name and address of any officer or director of the corporation and of any person holding issued and outstanding capital stock of the corporation.

(B) If an owner is a partnership, association, or company, the name and address of any person holding an interest therein and the managing members. If a managing member is an entity rather than an individual, the same disclosure shall be required for each entity with an ownership interest until a managing member that is a natural person is identified.

(C) If an owner is not a natural person, the organizational documents for all entities identified in the application, identification of the natural person that is authorized to speak for the entity and contact information for that person.

(2) Name and address of:

(A) Any business managers of the recreational marijuana business, if the business manager is proposed to be someone other than the owner;

(B) All financiers of the recreational marijuana business; and

(C) All agents of the recreational marijuana business who either (I) act with managerial authority, (II) provide advice to the recreational marijuana business for compensation, or (III) receive periodic compensation totaling \$1,000 or more in a single year for services related to the recreational marijuana business. It shall be an affirmative defense that the undisclosed person was an attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, mail delivery person, or other contractor performing services for the business that are unrelated to the cultivation, production, or distribution of recreational marijuana.

(3) A statement of whether or not any of the named owners, members, business managers, financiers, or persons named on the application have been:

(A) Denied an application for a marijuana business license pursuant to this chapter, Chapter 6-14, "Medical Marijuana, " B.R.C. 1981, or any similar state or local licensing law, rule, or regulation, or had such a license suspended or revoked.

(B) Denied an application for a liquor license pursuant to Title 12, Article 47 or Article 46, C.R.S., or any similar state or local licensing law, or had such a license suspended or revoked.

(C) Violated any law, other than a traffic offense, or completed any portion of a sentence due to a violation of any law.

(D) Convicted of driving or operating other machinery under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication, driving while impaired, or driving with excessive alcohol content in violation of § 42-4-1301, C.R.S., or any comparable law, or a misdemeanor related to abuse of alcohol or a controlled substance.

(4) Proof of ownership or legal possession of the restricted area for a recreational marijuana business for the term of the proposed license. If the recreational marijuana business is not the owner of the premises of the business, the applicant shall provide written authorization to the city from the owner to enter the property for inspection of the premises on a form approved by the city.

(5) Proof of insurance as provided in Section 4-1-8, "Insurance Required, " B.R.C. 1981.

(6) An operating plan for the proposed recreational marijuana business, including the following information:

(A) A description of the products and services to be provided by the recreational marijuana business.

(B) A dimensioned floor plan, clearly labeled, showing:

(i) The layout of the structure and the floor plan in which the recreational marijuana business is to be located;

(ii) The principal uses of the floor area depicted on the floor plan, including but not limited to the areas where underage persons will be permitted, storage areas, retail areas, and restricted areas where recreational marijuana will be located;

(iii) Areas where any services other than the distribution of recreational marijuana are proposed to occur in the premises; and

(iv) The separation of the areas that are open to persons who are underage from those areas open to persons qualified to use marijuana.

(C) A neighborhood responsibility plan that demonstrates how the business will fulfill its responsibilities to the neighborhood, including neighborhood outreach, methods for future communication, and dispute resolution.

(D) For cultivation facilities and marijuana-infused product manufacturers, a plan that specifies the methods to be used to prevent the growth of harmful mold and compliance with limitations on discharge into the wastewater system of the city as set forth in Chapter 11-3, "Industrial and Prohibited Discharges," B.R.C. 1981.

(E) For a marijuana-infused product manufacturer or a marijuana testing facility, a plan that specifies all means to be used for extraction, heating, washing, or otherwise changing the form of the marijuana plant, or testing any marijuana, and verification of compliance with all applicable laws for ventilation and safety measures for each process. The city shall require the manufacturer or testing facility to obtain a report from an industrial hygienist to verify that the plan submitted, and the improvements to be constructed, adequately protect the business and adjacent properties and persons, and comply with all applicable laws.

(F) The maximum amount of marijuana or marijuana-infused products that may be on the business premises.

(7) A security plan indicating how the applicant will comply with the requirements of this chapter and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation. The security plan includes specialized details of security arrangements and will be protected from disclosure as provided under the Colorado Open Records Act, § 24-72-203(2)(a)(VIII), C.R.S. If the city finds that such documents are subject to inspection, it will attempt to provide at least twenty-four-hour notice to the applicant prior to such disclosure.

(8) A lighting plan showing the lighting outside of the marijuana business for security purposes and compliance with applicable city requirements.

(9) A zoning confirmation form from the city, to ascertain within a radius of one-quarter mile from the boundaries of the property upon which the recreational marijuana business is located, the proximity of the property to any school or other facility identified in this chapter, or state licensed child care center, to any other marijuana business or to any residential zone district or a mixed-use development containing one or more residences.

(10) Fingerprints and personal histories as may be specified on forms provided by the city manager. This requirement shall apply to all owners, business managers, and financiers employed by or under contract to provide services to the recreational marijuana business,

including all individuals who have an interest as described herein of any portion of the recreational marijuana business, directly or as an agent, or a member, partner, or officer of a corporation, partnership, association, or company, and the reports from the Colorado and Federal Bureau of Investigation for each person.

(11) A plan for disposal of any recreational marijuana or marijuana-infused product that is not sold in a manner that protects any portion thereof from being possessed or ingested by any person or animal.

(12) A plan for ventilation of the marijuana business that describes the ventilation systems that will be used to prevent any odor of marijuana off the premises of the business. For cultivation facilities, such plan shall also include all ventilation systems used to control the environment for the plants and describe how such systems operate with the systems preventing any odor leaving the premises. For marijuana-infused product manufacturers and marijuana testing facilities, such plan shall also include all ventilation systems used to mitigate noxious gases or other fumes used or created as part of the production process.

(13) A description of all toxic, flammable, or other materials regulated by a federal, state, or local government that would have authority over the business if it was not a marijuana business, that will be used, kept, or created at the marijuana business, the location of such materials and how such materials will be stored.

(14) A description of the processes used to extract or distill marijuana from its source and the process used to incorporate marijuana into all products produced, including verifying compliance of all processes regulated by a federal, state, or local government that would have authority over the business if it was not a marijuana business.

(15) A statement of the amount of the projected daily average and peak electric load anticipated to be used by the business and certification from the landlord and utility provider that the premises are equipped to provide the required electric load, or necessary upgrades will be performed prior to final inspection of the premises.

(16) For applications for a marijuana-infused product manufacturer, the location of the cultivation facilities which will supply the marijuana for processing in the city owned by the licensee.

(b) Evidence of Rehabilitation May Be Submitted. In the event the history of an owner, member, business manager, financier, or other person named on the application contains information regarding violations of any law, or previous denial or revocation of a license, that person may include with the license application any information regarding such violation, denial, or revocation. Such information may include, but is not limited to, evidence of rehabilitation, character references, and educational achievements, and other regulatory licenses held without compliance violations, especially those items pertaining to the period of time between the applicant's last violation of any law and the date of the application.

(c) Fee Required. Any application for a license for a marijuana business under this chapter shall be accompanied by the operating fee, criminal background fee, annual license fee, and any other applicable fees, as required by Section 4-20-67, "Recreational Marijuana Businesses," B.R.C. 1981. Unless the State of Colorado has forwarded the application fee pursuant to Colorado Constitution Art.

XVIII, § 16(5)(g)(II) to the city, the applicant shall submit the application fee set forth in Section 4-20-67, "Recreational Marijuana Businesses, " B.R.C., 1981 to the city with the application.

(d) Inspection. An inspection of the proposed recreational marijuana business by the city shall be required prior to issuance of a license. Such inspection shall occur after the premises are ready for operation, but prior to the stocking of the business with any recreational marijuana, and prior to the opening of the business to the public. The inspection is to verify that the business facilities are constructed and can be operated in accordance with the application submitted and the applicable requirements of this code and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation.

(e) Complete Application. For purposes of this chapter an application shall not be considered complete until the city manager has (i) determined that all requirements of the application have been provided to the city, (ii) received the reports from the fingerprint cards of each person required to submit such cards from the Colorado and Federal Bureau of Investigation, (iii) received the local share of \$2,500 for the application fee from the State of Colorado, and (iv) obtained all other information the city manager determines necessary to make a decision whether to approve or deny the license application, or approve it with conditions.

(f) Approval Requirements. The city manager may issue a recreational marijuana business license if the inspection, background checks, and all other information available to the city verify that the applicant has submitted a full and complete application, has made improvements to the business location consistent with the application, is prepared to operate the business with other owners and managers as set forth in the application, and has submitted the annual operating fee, all in compliance with this code and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation. The city manager will deny any application that does not meet the requirements of this chapter or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation or that contains any false or incomplete information. The conditions of an approval of a recreational marijuana business license shall include, at a minimum, operation of the business in compliance with all of the plans and information made part of the application.

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**6-16-6. Persons Prohibited as Licensees and Business Managers.** [top](#)

(a) It shall be unlawful for any of the following persons to have an ownership or a financial interest in a recreational marijuana business, and no license provided by this chapter shall be issued to or held by, and no recreational marijuana business shall be managed by:

(1) Any person until the annual fee for the license has been paid;

(2) Any person not of good moral character;

(3) Any corporation, any of whose officers, directors, or stockholders are not of good moral character;

(4) Any partnership, association, or company, any of whose officers or members holding an interest therein, or a managing member, is not of good moral character;

(5) Any person employing, assisted by, or financed in whole or in part by any other person who is not of good moral character;

(6) Any person, unless such person's character, record, and reputation are satisfactory to the city manager;

(7) Any natural person who is under twenty-one years of age;

(8) Any person who operates or manages a recreational marijuana business contrary to the provisions of this chapter, any other applicable law, rule, or regulation, or conditions imposed on land use or license approvals, or contrary to the terms of the plans submitted with the license application, as such plans may be amended as provided in this chapter, or has operated a business in violation of any law;

(9) Any person applying for a license to operate a recreational marijuana center who has been licensed to operate another recreational marijuana center in the city pursuant to this chapter;

(10) Any person applying for a license to operate a marijuana-infused product manufacturer facility who has been licensed to operate another marijuana-infused product manufacturer facility in the city pursuant to this chapter;

(11) A person licensed pursuant to this article who, during a period of licensure, or who, at the time of application, has failed to remedy an outstanding delinquency for taxes owed, or an outstanding delinquency for judgments owed to a government;

(12) A sheriff, deputy, police officer, or prosecuting officer, or an officer or employee of the state licensing authority or a local licensing authority;

(13) A person whose authority to be a primary caregiver as defined in § 25-1.5-106(2), C.R.S. has been revoked by the state health agency; or

(14) A person that is a licensee for the application location that is currently licensed as a retail food establishment or a wholesale food registrant.

(b) In making the evaluation of the good moral character of an individual identified on an application or amendment thereof, the city manager shall consider the following:

(1) An applicant's violation of a law shall not, by itself, be grounds for denying an application;

(2) Verification of, or lack of ability to verify, items disclosed by the individual;

(3) When an individual has a history of violation of any law, or a history including denial, revocation, or suspension of a license, the types and dates of violations; the evidence of rehabilitation, if any, submitted by the individual; whether the violations of any laws are related to moral turpitude, substance abuse, or other violations of any laws that may directly affect the individual's ability to operate a recreational marijuana business; or whether the violations of any law are unrelated to the individual's ability to operate such a business;

(4) The evidence or lack of evidence regarding the ability of the individual to refrain from being under the influence of intoxicating or controlled substances while performing regular tasks and operating a recreational marijuana business;

(5) Rules adopted by the city manager to implement this chapter;

(6) Law, rules, and regulations applicable to evaluation of other types of licenses issued by governments that consider the good moral character of the applicants; and

(7) Any additional information the city manager may request of the individual if the individual has a violation of any laws, evidence of substance abuse issue, or items disclosed by the individual which require additional information in order for the city manager to make a determination regarding issuance of the license.

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6-16-7. Locations of Recreational Marijuana Businesses. [top](#)

(a) Fixed Location Required. It shall be unlawful to operate a recreational marijuana business or to grow recreational marijuana outside of a locked enclosed space within a building. All recreational marijuana business licenses shall be issued for a specific fixed location within an enclosed building. The portion of such premises upon which the floor plan shows recreational marijuana may be produced, dispensed, or possessed shall be considered the "restricted area" portion of the business premises.

(b) Location – Permitted Use in Zoning District. A recreational marijuana business license may be issued only if the business qualifies as a use permitted as a matter of right in the zone district where it is proposed to be located as follows:

(1) as "personal service" for a recreational marijuana center;

(2) as "greenhouse/nursery" for a recreational marijuana cultivation facility; or

(3) as "manufacturing ≤ 15,000 square feet" for a recreational marijuana cultivation facility, for a marijuana-infused product manufacturer, or for a marijuana testing facility.

(c) No Recreational Marijuana Business in Building With Residences or Residential Zone Districts. It shall be unlawful to operate a recreational marijuana business in a building which contains a residence, or within a dwelling unit within any zone district, or within a residential zone district or within a mixed-use development that includes a residence.

(d) No Retail Sales in Cultivation Facilities or Manufacturing. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit retail sales within a recreational marijuana business that is not a licensed recreational marijuana center.

(e) Separation From Schools and Other Facilities.

(1) No recreational marijuana business license shall be issued for a recreational marijuana center at a location within one thousand feet of any public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school, or a college, university, or a state licensed day care center, or an addiction recovery facility. Distances shall be measured by the city on official maps as the radius from the closest points on the perimeter of the applicant's property to the closest point of the property of the school or named facility.

(2) No license for a recreational marijuana cultivation facility, a marijuana-infused product manufacturer, or a marijuana testing facility, shall be issued for a location within 500 feet of the real property comprising an elementary, vocational, or secondary school, or a public or private college, junior college, or university, or a state licensed day care, or an addiction recovery facility. This restriction shall not apply to a medical marijuana cultivation facility that had submitted an application or held a license by the city on October 22, 2013.

(3) No recreational marijuana business license shall be issued for a recreational marijuana business at a location within 500 feet of three other marijuana businesses.

(4) No recreational marijuana business license shall be issued for a recreational marijuana center at a location on the street level of the mall or the University Hill commercial area.

(5) Distances shall be measured by the city on official maps as the radius from the closest points on the perimeter of the applicant's property to the closest point of the property of any other recreational marijuana business.

(6) To determine the proximity to other recreational marijuana businesses and the priority of applications, businesses shall have priority in the following order:

(A) Licensed medical marijuana businesses;

(B) Marijuana establishment;

(C) Businesses for either medical or recreational business whose applications have been approved but licenses not yet issued;

(D) Applications for medical or recreational marijuana business licenses that have been submitted by the applicant and declared complete by the city; and

(E) No other applications shall be considered "businesses" for this determination.

(7) Businesses that convert all or part of a medical marijuana business pursuant to Subsection 6-16-3(f) of this code are not subject to Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection. This exception is not transferrable.

(8) For purposes of this paragraph, "school", "college", or "university" shall include properties owned by such entities only if they are used to provide services, teaching facilities, or living facilities to students. No distance is required between a marijuana business and properties owned by a "school", "college", or "university" that are not used to provide teaching facilities, living facilities, or services to students.

(f) Limitations on Dual Licenses. A recreational marijuana business license may not be issued for any location which also is a part of the restricted area of a business holding a beverages license pursuant to Section 4-2-3, "Authority to Issue City Licenses," B.R.C. 1981 or a marijuana business license under this chapter or Chapter 6-14 "Medical Marijuana," B.R.C. 1981.

(g) Limitations on Recreational Marijuana Centers and Co-Located Marijuana Center. The following shall be the minimum requirements for a recreational marijuana center and a co-located marijuana center:

- (1) The area of the business is  $\leq$  3,000 square feet, and the restricted area components of the required security and all paper and electronic records are 1,000 square feet or less;
- (2) The business does not sell or distribute anything other than marijuana and marijuana products or marijuana accessories; and
- (3) There is a separate reception area for verification of age.

(h) Limitations on Recreational Marijuana-Infused Product Manufacturers. No marijuana-infused product manufacturer shall be allowed in the city unless the same licensee has a medical or recreational marijuana cultivation facility that provides at least seventy percent of the marijuana used by the manufacturer located in the city. The area of the premises may not be more than fifteen thousand square feet.

(i) Limitation on Cultivation Facility Licenses. No licensee shall hold licenses for more than five marijuana cultivation facilities. This limitation limits the total number of cultivation facility licenses, including both licenses for medical and recreational marijuana cultivation facilities. The area of the premises of a cultivation facility may not be more than fifteen thousand square feet.

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(a) Onsite Use Prohibited. No marijuana shall be smoked, eaten, or otherwise consumed or ingested within the recreational marijuana business.

(b) Restriction on Access to Business. No person under twenty-one years of age shall be in the business premises. No person shall be allowed entry into the business premises area without showing a valid picture identification. The business shall have an electronic scanner able to verify the legitimacy of the identification and maintain records for enforcement, as approved by the city manager. If a person does not have a valid picture identification that the electronic scanner recognizes as legitimate as verification that the person is at least twenty-one years of age, the owner or business manager on the premises shall require that the person leave the business and any surrounding area possessed or controlled by the business.

(c) Display of Licenses Required. The name and contact information for the owner or owners and any business manager of the recreational marijuana business, the recreational marijuana business license, and the sales tax business license shall be conspicuously posted in the business.

(d) Business Conducted Within Building. Any and all cultivation, production, distribution, possession, storage, display, sales, or other distribution of marijuana shall occur only within the restricted area of a recreational marijuana business and shall not be visible from the exterior of the business.

(e) Owner or Business Manager Required on Premises. No recreational marijuana business shall be managed by any person other than the licensee or the business manager listed on the application for

the license or a renewal thereof. Such licensee or business manager shall be on the premises and responsible for all activities within the licensed business during all times when the business is open or in the possession of another person. In the event the licensee intends to employ a business manager that was not identified on the license or renewal application, the licensee shall report the name of such business manager to the city, and such business manager shall submit to the city, at least thirty days prior to commencing serving as the business manager, an application containing all of the information required by this chapter and on the license application. Such licensee shall report to the city any change in business managers at least thirty days prior to employing an additional business manager, and no more than five days after a business manager is released from such position.

(f) Hours of Operation. A recreational marijuana center shall be closed to the public, and no sale or other distribution of marijuana shall occur upon the premises or via delivery from the premises, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.

(g) Use of Pesticides. No pesticides or insecticides which are prohibited by applicable law for fertilization or production of edible produce shall be used on any marijuana cultivated, produced, or distributed by a recreational marijuana business. A recreational marijuana business shall comply with all applicable law regarding use of pesticides including, without limitation, Chapter 6-10, "Pesticide Use," B.R.C. 1981.

(h) Ventilation Required. A recreational marijuana business shall be ventilated so that the odor of marijuana cannot be detected by a person with a normal sense of smell at the exterior of the recreational marijuana business or at any adjoining use or property.

(i) Renewable Energy Usage Required. A marijuana business shall directly offset one hundred percent of its electricity consumption through the purchase of renewable energy in the form of Windsource, a verified subscription in a Community Solar Garden or renewable energy generated onsite, or an equivalent that is subject to approval by the city. For a recreational marijuana center that has converted pursuant to Subsection 6-16-3(f) or co-located pursuant to Subsection 6-16-3(g), or a marijuana-infused product manufacturer licensed by the city on October 22, 2013, this requirement shall apply at the time of renewal of the marijuana business license following October 22, 2013.

(j) Limitations on Inventory. The recreational marijuana business shall not maintain any more marijuana within the premises than the amount stated on the business' license application to the State of Colorado and city. No plants shall be located in a recreational marijuana center or a marijuana-infused product manufacturer. In addition, the establishment shall not maintain any more marijuana within the restricted area than:

(1) Cultivation facility: one thousand plants, provided however a cultivation facility may have more than one thousand plants if the licensee provides an additional enforcement fee in an amount of \$1 per plant over one thousand plants. Such fee shall be payable annually at the time of licensing and renewal; or

(2) MIP: six hundred pounds of marijuana that has not been incorporated into a product and one hundred fifty pounds of marijuana-infused products; or

(3) Testing facility: one hundred pounds of raw marijuana and one hundred pounds of marijuana-infused product.

(k) Reporting Requirements. A recreational marijuana business shall report to the recreational marijuana licensing authority each of the following within the time specified. If no time is specified, the report shall be provided within seventy-two hours of the event.

- (1) Transfer or change of financial interest, business manager, or financier in the license to the city at least thirty days before the transfer or change;
- (2) Sales and taxable transactions and file sales and use tax reports to the city monthly;
- (3) A violation of any law by any licensee or applicant of a recreational marijuana business;
- (4) A notice of potential violation of any law related to the licensee;
- (5) Any report that the recreational marijuana business is required to provide to the State of Colorado; or
- (6) Reports of all criminal activities or attempts of violation of any law at the recreational marijuana business or related thereto shall be reported to the Boulder Police Department within twelve hours of occurrence.

(l) No Sales Except Directly to User; No Deliveries. All sales of recreational marijuana shall be made in person in the restricted area of a recreational marijuana center. All sales shall be in person, directly to the purchaser. No sales shall be made via telephone, internet, or other means of remote purchase. Deliveries shall occur only in person to the purchaser at the time of purchase in the restricted area of a recreational marijuana center.

(m) Delivery Between Recreational Marijuana Businesses. It shall be unlawful for any person to transport recreational marijuana, except as specifically allowed by applicable law, unless the recreational marijuana being transported meets the following requirements:

- (1) All marijuana-infused products are hand-packaged, sealed, and labeled as provided in this chapter and the products stored in closed containers that are labeled as provided in this section;
- (2) All recreational marijuana in a usable form is packaged and stored in closed containers that are labeled as provided in this section;
- (3) Each container used to transport recreational marijuana is labeled with the amount of recreational marijuana or marijuana-infused products, or the number and size of the plants, in the container. The label shall include the name and address of the recreational marijuana business that the recreational marijuana is being transported from, and the name and address of the recreational marijuana business that the recreational marijuana is being transported to. The label shall be shown to any law enforcement officer that requests to see the label;
- (4) Unless otherwise specifically allowed by applicable law, recreational marijuana may be transported with proper bill of sale completed before transport only:
  - (A) From a cultivation facility to a recreational marijuana center or marijuana-infused product manufacturer, and which recreational marijuana business is owned by the same person as owns the cultivation facility;

(B) Between one recreational marijuana center to another center; or

(C) Between a marijuana-infused product manufacturer and a medical or recreational marijuana center.

(5) The recreational marijuana must be accompanied by the manifest and confirmation e-mail from the State of Colorado in accordance with state requirements for transportation of recreational marijuana;

(6) The recreational marijuana must be accompanied by the e-mail receipt confirmation from the Boulder Police Department in accordance with the rules therefore established by the police department;

(7) When determining and reporting the route for delivery, licensees should select the most direct route that provides efficiency and safety; and

(8) Transport may occur only during the hours allowed for operation of the center.

(n) Disposal of Recreational Marijuana and Marijuana Byproducts. All recreational marijuana and any product containing a usable form of marijuana must be made unusable and unrecognizable prior to removal from the business in compliance with all applicable laws. This provision shall not apply to licensed law enforcement, including, without limitation, the Boulder Police Department, and the Boulder Fire Department.

(o) Possession of Mature Flowering Plants. No more than one-half of the recreational marijuana plants within a recreational marijuana business may be mature, flowering plants.

(p) Advertisement. A recreational marijuana business may not advertise in a manner that is misleading, deceptive, false, or is designed to appeal to minors. The following conditions shall apply:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, it shall be unlawful for any person licensed under this article or any other person to advertise any recreational marijuana or recreational marijuana-infused product anywhere in the city where the advertisement is in plain view of, or in, a place open to the general public, including advertising utilizing any of the following media: any billboard or other outdoor general advertising device as defined by the zoning code; any sign mounted on a vehicle; any hand-held or other portable sign; or any handbill, leaflet or flier directly handed to any person in a public place, left upon a motor vehicle, or posted upon any public or private property. The prohibition set forth in this paragraph shall not apply to:

(A) Any sign located on the same zone lot as a recreational marijuana center which exists solely for the purpose of identifying the location of the recreational marijuana center and which otherwise complies with this code and any other applicable city laws and regulations, which sign includes only the name and address of the center;

(B) Any advertisement contained within a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical of general circulation within the city or on the internet; or

(C) Advertising which is purely incidental to sponsorship of a charitable event by a recreational marijuana center or a recreational marijuana-infused products manufacturer.

(2) It is an affirmative defense if a recreational marijuana business employee provided another individual, upon request, a business card for the purpose of providing that person's name and business affiliation, including, without restriction, title, mailing address, email address, and telephone number;

(3) No marijuana business shall distribute or allow the distribution of any marijuana without charge within a marijuana business or any place open to the public for the purpose of promotion or advertising;

(4) No marijuana business shall distribute or allow the distribution of any coupon or similar writing, electronically or on paper, which purports to allow the bearer to exchange the same for any marijuana product either free or at a discount; and

(5) No recreational marijuana business shall sell, distribute, or provide, or allow the sale, distribution, or provision of products marked with its name or logo, other than packaging in which marijuana is sold or on recreational marijuana products. This prohibition shall not prevent employees of the business from wearing uniforms with the name or logo while working for the business on the business premises.

(q) The owner or a business manager of a recreational marijuana business is required to respond by phone or email within twenty-four hours of contact by a city official concerning its recreational marijuana business at the phone number or e-mail address provided to the city as the contact for the business. Each twenty-four-hour period during which an owner or manager does not respond to the city official shall be considered a separate violation.

(r) Separation of Marijuana Businesses. A cultivation facility and manufacturer are separate marijuana businesses requiring separate licenses and separate premises. A medical marijuana center or cultivation facility and a recreational marijuana center or cultivation facility are separate marijuana businesses requiring separate licenses and separate premises. In addition to all other application requirements for separate premises, each business shall:

(1) Have separate operations, ventilation, security, and fire suppression systems, and separate access from a public area;

(2) Be divided within a building from floor to roof. Unless higher performance is required by applicable law, there must be a minimum of a one-hour fire separation between a recreational marijuana business and any adjacent business; and

(3) Obtain delivery documents and manifests for movement of any marijuana between the cultivation facility and the manufacturer.

(s) Additional Requirements for Testing or Production of Recreational Marijuana.

(1) No recreational marijuana business may use metals, butane, propane, or other solvent or flammable product, or produce flammable vapors to process or test marijuana unless the process used and the premises are verified as safe and in compliance with all applicable codes by a qualified industrial hygienist; and

(2) The city shall require the business to obtain verification from a qualified industrial hygienist that the manner in which the business producing or testing marijuana complies with all applicable laws and does not produce noxious or dangerous gases or odors or otherwise create a danger to any person or entity in or near the businesses.

(t) Packaging at a Recreational Marijuana Center. Provided that recreational marijuana has been delivered to a recreational marijuana center from a cultivation facility packaged and labeled as provided in this chapter, employees at a recreational marijuana center may package and label any marijuana that results from the sale of recreational marijuana in amounts less than as packaged for delivery to the center.

(u) Packaging of Marijuana-Infused Product. Unless the actual amount of marijuana in a marijuana-infused product is contained on the label of the packaged product, any product over one ounce shall be presumed to have more than one ounce of marijuana in the product.

(v) Scanner for Proof of Age. The marijuana business shall verify the proof of age of every person entering the business with an electronic ID scanner. An "electronic ID scanner" is a device that is capable of quickly and reliably confirming the validity of an identification using computer processes that contains all of the components approved by the city manager.

(w) Organization of Cultivation Facilities. All cultivation facilities shall be organized in orderly rows with aisles at least three feet wide, and no more than eight feet between an aisle and the next aisle or the aisle and a wall, and clear access to all exits, unless the city manager determines that the business has provided a dimensioned floor plan that provides equivalent access and separation between plants and to exits.

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**6-16-9. Right of Entry – Records to Be Maintained.** [top↑](#)

(a) Records to Be Maintained. Each licensee shall keep a complete set of books of account, invoices, copies of orders and sales, shipping instructions, bills of lading, weigh bills, correspondence, bank statements, including cancelled checks and deposit slips, and all other records necessary to show fully the business transactions of such licensee. Receipts shall be maintained in a computer program or by pre-numbered receipts and use for each sale. The records of the business shall clearly track recreational marijuana product inventory purchased and sales and disposal thereof to clearly track revenue from sales of any recreational marijuana from other paraphernalia or services offered by the recreational marijuana business. The licensee shall also maintain inventory records evidencing that no more recreational marijuana was within the recreational marijuana business than allowed by applicable law. All such records shall be open at all times during business hours for the inspection and examination of the city or its duly authorized representatives. The city may require any licensee to furnish such information as it considers necessary for the proper administration of this chapter. The records shall clearly show the source, amount, price, and dates of all marijuana received or purchased, and the amount, price, and dates for all recreational marijuana sold.

(b) Separate Bank Accounts. The revenues and expenses of the recreational marijuana business shall not be commingled in a checking account or any other bank account with any other business or individual person's deposits or disbursements.

(c) Disclosure of Records. By applying for a recreational marijuana business license, the licensee is providing consent to disclose the information required by this chapter. Any document that the applicant considers eligible for protection under the Colorado Open Records Act shall be clearly marked as confidential, and the reasons for such confidentiality shall be stated on the document. In the event that the licensee does appropriately submit documents so as not to be disclosed under the Colorado Open Records Act, the city shall not disclose it to other parties who are not agents of the city, except law enforcement agencies. If the city finds that such documents are subject to inspection as public records of the city, it will attempt to provide at least twenty-four-hour notice to the applicant prior to such disclosure.

(d) Audits. The city may require an audit to be made of the books of account and records of a recreational marijuana business on such occasions as it may consider necessary. Such audit may be made by an auditor to be selected by the city that shall likewise have access to all books and records of the recreational marijuana business. The expense of any audit determined necessary by the city shall be paid by the recreational marijuana business.

(e) Consent to Inspection. Application for a recreational marijuana business license or operation of a recreational marijuana business, or leasing property to a recreational marijuana business constitutes consent by the applicant, and all owners, managers, and employees of the business, and the owner of the property, to permit the city manager to conduct routine inspections of the recreational marijuana business to ensure compliance with this chapter or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation. The owner or business manager on duty shall retrieve and provide the records of the business pertaining to the inspection, including the security tapes from the cameras required by the security plan. For purposes of Rule 241 of the Colorado Rules of Municipal Procedure and Subsection 2-6-3(e) of this code, inspections of recreational marijuana businesses and recordings from security cameras in such businesses are part of the routine policy of inspection and enforcement of this chapter for the purpose of protecting the public safety, individuals operating and using the services of the recreational marijuana business, and the adjoining properties and neighborhood, as provided in Section 6-14-1, "Legislative Intent and Purpose," B.R.C. 1981. Application for a recreational marijuana business license constitutes consent to inspection of the business as a public premise without a search warrant, and consent to seizure of any surveillance records, camera recordings, reports, or other materials required as a condition of a recreational marijuana license without a search warrant.

(f) Reporting of Source, Quantity, and Sales. The records to be maintained by each recreational marijuana business shall include the source and quantity of any marijuana distributed, produced, or possessed within the premises. Such reports shall include, without limitation, for both acquisitions from wholesalers and retail sales transactions, the following:

- (1) Date, weight, type of marijuana, and dollar amount or other consideration of transaction;
- (2) For wholesale transactions, the State of Colorado, and city if any, sales and use tax license number of the seller; and
- (3) The amount of marijuana within the restricted area.

(g) Reporting of Energy Use and Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Purchases. The records to be maintained by each recreational marijuana business shall include, without limitation, records showing on a monthly basis the use and source of energy and the number of certified Renewable Energy

Credits (RECs) purchased, or the subscription level for another renewable energy acquisition program approved by the city manager. A statement of the projected daily average peak electric load anticipated to be used by the business and certification from the building owner or landlord and utility provider that the premises are equipped to provide the required electric load, or necessary upgrades will be performed. Such records shall include all statements, reports, or receipts to verify the items included in the report of the business. By application for a recreational marijuana business license from the city, the recreational marijuana business grants permission to providers of the energy or point of origin of the RECs or other renewable energy acquisition program to disclose the records of the business to the city. For recreational marijuana businesses that cultivate recreational marijuana the report shall include the number of certified RECs purchased, or the subscription level for another renewable energy acquisition program approved by the city manager.

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#### **6-16-10. Requirements Related to Monitoring and Security of Restricted Areas and Inventory.**

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All components of the security plan submitted with the application, as it may be amended, shall be in good working order, monitored, and secured twenty-four hours per day. A separate security system is required for each business. The security plan must include, at a minimum, the following security measures:

- (1) **Cameras.** The recreational marijuana business shall install and use security cameras to monitor and record all areas of the premises (except in restrooms), and where persons may gain or attempt to gain access to marijuana or cash maintained by the recreational marijuana business. Cameras shall record operations of the business to the off-site location, as well as all potential areas of ingress or egress to the business with sufficient detail to identify facial features and clothing. Recordings from security cameras shall be maintained for a minimum of forty days in a secure off-site location in the city or through a service over a network that provides on-demand access, commonly referred to as a "cloud. " The off-site location shall be included in the security plan submitted to the city and provided to the Boulder Police Department upon request, and updated within seventy-two hours of any change of such location.
- (2) **Use of Safe for Storage.** The recreational marijuana business shall install and use a safe for storage of any processed marijuana and cash on the premises when the business is closed to the public. The safe shall be incorporated into the building structure or securely attached thereto. For marijuana-infused products that must be kept refrigerated or frozen, the business may lock the refrigerated container or freezer in a manner authorized by the city in place of use of a safe so long as the container is affixed to the building structure.
- (3) **Alarm System.** The recreational marijuana business shall install and use an alarm system that is monitored by a company that is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The security plan submitted to the city shall identify the company monitoring the alarm, including contact information, and updated within seventy-two hours of any change of monitoring company.

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#### **6-16-11. Requirements for Public Health and Labeling.** [top↑](#)

(a) Recreational Marijuana-Infused Products. The production of any marijuana-infused product shall be at a marijuana-infused product manufacturer that meets all requirements of a retail food establishment as set forth in § 25-4-1601, et seq., C.R.S., the Food Protection Act. The production of any product containing marijuana shall comply with all health and safety standards thereof. The licensee shall comply with all applicable state and local health regulations related to the production, preparation, labeling, and sale of prepared food items as if the recreational marijuana-infused products were food items.

(b) Labeling and Packaging Requirements. All recreational marijuana sold or otherwise distributed by the licensee shall be packaged and labeled in a manner that advises the purchaser that it contains marijuana and specifies the amount of marijuana in the product, and that the marijuana is intended for use solely by a person lawfully possessing recreational marijuana. The label shall be in compliance with all applicable requirements of the State of Colorado.

(c) The product shall be packaged in a sealed container that cannot be opened without obvious damage to the packaging.

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**6-16-12. Compliance With Other Applicable Law.** [top↑](#)

(a) Application of State Law. Except as may be provided otherwise in this chapter, or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or interpretations by the city, any law or regulation adopted by the state governing the cultivation, production, possession, or distribution of marijuana for recreational use shall also apply to recreational marijuana businesses in the city. Provided, however, that if a state law or regulation permits what this chapter prohibits, this chapter shall prevail. Compliance with any applicable state law or regulation that does not permit what this chapter prohibits shall be deemed an additional requirement for issuance or denial of any license under this chapter, and noncompliance with any applicable state law or regulation is unlawful and shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of any license issued under this chapter. No recreational marijuana business shall continue operations in violation of an additional state law or regulation, which does not permit what this chapter prohibits, applicable within the city after the effective date of the state law or regulation.

(b) Revocation of License Upon Denial or Revocation of State License or Applicable Federal Prohibition. If the state prohibits the cultivation, production, possession, or other distribution of marijuana through recreational marijuana businesses, or if a recreational marijuana business is denied a recreational marijuana business license or has such license revoked pursuant to § 12-43.3-101, et seq., C.R.S., or if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the federal government's prohibition of the cultivation, production, possession, or other distribution of marijuana through recreational marijuana businesses supersedes state law, any license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed to be immediately revoked by operation of law, with no ground for appeal or other redress on behalf of the licensee.

(c) Revocable Privilege. A recreational marijuana business license is a revocable privilege, and no applicant therefore or holder thereof shall be deemed to have acquired any property interest therein.

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**6-16-13. Prohibited Acts.** [top↑](#)

(a) Prohibited Acts. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Cultivate, distribute, produce, smoke, use, or ingest marijuana openly or publicly in a place open to the general public;
- (2) Smoke, use, or ingest on the premises of the recreational marijuana business (1) marijuana, (2) fermented malt beverage, (3) malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor, or (4) a controlled substance, except in compliance with the directions on a legal prescription for the person from a doctor with prescription writing privileges;
- (3) Operate or be in physical control of any recreational marijuana business, liquor establishment, vehicle, aircraft, or motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or marijuana or other intoxicant;
- (4) Possess more than six marijuana plants without a recreational marijuana business license for a cultivation facility;
- (5) Possess more than one ounce of a usable form of marijuana without a recreational marijuana business license for a center or a marijuana-infused product manufacturer;
- (6) Obtain marijuana for remuneration from a person who is not licensed as a recreational marijuana business;
- (7) Possess or operate a recreational marijuana business in violation of this chapter;
- (8) Produce, distribute, or possess more marijuana than allowed in this chapter, or than disclosed in the application to the State of Colorado for a recreational marijuana business license, or other applicable law;
- (9) Distribute marijuana for remuneration without a recreational marijuana business license or outside of the restricted area of the recreational marijuana business;
- (10) Possess recreational marijuana, or own or manage a recreational marijuana business, or own or manage a building with a recreational marijuana business, where there is possession of recreational marijuana, by a person who is not lawfully permitted to possess recreational marijuana;
- (11) Possess or operate a recreational marijuana business in a location or in a manner for which a recreational marijuana business license is prohibited by the terms of this chapter;
- (12) Operate a recreational marijuana business without a recreational marijuana business license from the city;
- (13) Operate a recreational marijuana business in a manner that is not consistent with the items disclosed in the application for the recreational marijuana business, or is in violation of any plan made part of the license application;
- (14) Operate a recreational marijuana business without disclosing, in the application for a recreational marijuana business license or an amendment thereto, an agent who either (1) acts

with managerial authority, (2) provides advice to the recreational marijuana business for compensation, or (3) receives periodic compensation totaling \$1,000 or more in a single year for services related to the recreational marijuana business. It shall be an affirmative defense that the undisclosed person was an attorney, accountant, bookkeeper, or mail delivery person;

(15) Own or manage a recreational marijuana business where distribution occurs of a marijuana-infused product that was produced in a manner that is not in compliance with this chapter;

(16) Operate a recreational marijuana business without a recreational marijuana business license prior to passing the inspection required by this chapter;

(17) Make any changes, or for the licensee to allow any changes, to the items included in the plans submitted with the license application and approved by the city, or the individuals identified in the application, without prior approval of the city;

(18) Attempt to use or display a recreational marijuana business license at a different location or for a different business entity than the location and business entity disclosed on the application for the issued license;

(19) Own or manage a recreational marijuana business in which another person cultivates, produces, distributes, or possesses marijuana, in violation of this chapter or any other applicable law;

(20) Allow an owner or business manager that has not been disclosed to the city as required by this chapter to operate the business;

(21) Own, manage, or possess a recreational marijuana business where marijuana is outside of the restricted area portion of such business;

(22) Possess a number of flowering plants that is more than one-half of the recreational marijuana plants that are lawfully possessed by a person;

(23) Dispose of marijuana or any byproduct of marijuana containing marijuana in a manner contrary to this chapter;

(24) Distribute a marijuana plant to any person;

(25) Deliver or transport marijuana to a person or between recreational marijuana businesses in a manner contrary to this chapter or other law;

(26) Refuse to allow inspection of a recreational marijuana business upon request of a city employee or consultant of the city. Any licensee, owner, business manager, or operator of a recreational marijuana business, or the owner of the property where a recreational marijuana business is located, may be charged with this violation;

(27) Advertise or publish materials, honor coupons, sell or give away products, or display signs that are in violation of this code;

(28) Violate any provision of this code or any condition of an approval granted pursuant to this code, or any law, rule, or regulation applicable to the use of recreational marijuana or the operation of a recreational marijuana business;

(29) Permit any other person to violate any provision of this code or any condition of an approval granted pursuant to this code, or any law, rule, or regulation applicable to the use of recreational marijuana or the operation of a recreational marijuana business;

(30) Lease any property to a recreational marijuana business that has marijuana on the property without a recreational marijuana business license from the city;

(31) Operate a private club where marijuana is possessed or used by any person at the private club;

(32) Remove marijuana harvested from a plant from the enclosed locked space where the plant was grown, except as provided in this chapter;

(33) Distribute marijuana within a recreational marijuana center to any person who shows visible signs of intoxication from alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs; or

(34) Permit a minor on the premises of the business;

(35) Fail to respond by phone or e-mail as required by Subsection 6-16-8(q) of this chapter.

(b) Prima Facie Evidence. Prima facie indicia of impairment or being under the influence of marijuana includes bloodshot eyes, watery eyes, eyelid tremors, green particulate on tongue, dilated pupils, mental confusion, slowed responses, rigid muscles, body tremors, or dry mouth, or any other indicators of impairment.

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6-16-14. Suspension or Revocation of License; Imposition of Fines. [top](#)

(a) A recreational marijuana business license may be suspended or revoked for any of the following violations:

(1) Conviction of the business, a licensee, or any owner, business manager, or financier of any violation of this chapter or any other law, rule, or regulation applicable to the use of recreational marijuana or operation of a recreational marijuana business;

(2) Misrepresentation or omission of any material fact, or false or misleading information, on the application or any amendment thereto, or any other information provided to the city related to the recreational marijuana business;

(3) Violation of any law by which, if occurring prior to submittal of the application, could have been cause for denial of the license application;

- (4) Distribution of recreational marijuana, including, without limitation, delivery or transporting marijuana, in violation of this chapter or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation;
- (5) Operation of a recreational marijuana business in violation of the specifications of the license application, any conditions of approval by the city, or any violation of this chapter or any other law, rule, or regulation applicable to the use of recreational marijuana or operation of a recreational marijuana business;
- (6) Failure to maintain, or provide to the city upon request, any books, recordings, reports, or other records required by this chapter;
- (7) Failure to timely notify the city and to complete necessary city forms for changes in financial interest, business managers, financier, or agent;
- (8) Temporary or permanent closure, or other sanction of the business, by the city, or by the county or Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, or other governmental entity with jurisdiction, for failure to comply with health and safety provisions of this chapter or otherwise applicable to the business or any other applicable law;
- (9) Revocation or suspension of another recreational marijuana business license or any other license issued by the city, the State of Colorado, or any other jurisdiction held by any licensee of the recreational marijuana business; or
- (10) Failure to timely correct any violation of any law, or comply with any order to correct a violation of any law within the time stated in the notice or order.

(b) In the event a business or licensee is charged with violation of any law, upon which a final judgment would be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license, the city may suspend the license pending the resolution of the alleged violation.

(c) Civil penalties for violations of this chapter may be imposed by the city against the person or any licensee up to \$5,000 per person and any licensee per occurrence.

(d) If the city revokes or suspends a license, the business may not move any marijuana from the premise except under the supervision of the Boulder Police Department.

Ordinance Nos. 7930 (2013); 7970 (2014)

**6-16-15. Term of License – Renewals – Expiration of License.** [top](#)

(a) Term of License. A recreational marijuana business license shall be valid for one year. The license shall expire on the date stated on the license, but no more than twenty-four months, to facilitate the administration by the city of renewals and coordinate with the date for renewal of the state license of such licenses.

(b) Renewal of License. The licensee shall apply for renewal of the recreational marijuana business license at least forty-five days before the expiration of the license. The licensee shall apply for renewal using forms provided by the city. If the applicant fails to apply for renewal at least forty-five days before the expiration of the license, but does apply for renewal prior to expiration of the license,

the city may process the renewal application if the applicant submits a late filing fee of \$5,000 at the time of submittal of the renewal application.

(1) The renewal license fee, and late fee if applicable, shall accompany the renewal application. Such fee is nonrefundable.

(2) In the event there has been a change to any of the plans identified in the license application which were submitted to and approved by the city with the application or an earlier renewal, the renewal application shall include specifics of the changes or proposed changes in any of such plans.

(3) In the event any person who has an interest as described in the disclosures made to the city pursuant to this chapter, or any business manager, financier, agent as defined herein, or employee, has been charged with or accused of violations of any law since such disclosure, the renewal application shall include the name of the violator, the date of the violation, the court and case number where the violation was filed, and the disposition of the violation with the renewal application.

(4) In the event the business license has been suspended or revoked or a licensee has received any notice of violation of any law, the renewal application shall include a copy of the notice, suspension, or revocation.

(5) The renewal application shall include verification that the business has a valid state license and the state license is in good standing.

(6) The renewal application shall include a summary report for the previous twelve months showing the amount of marijuana purchased; the amount of marijuana sold, the forms in which marijuana was sold; the police report numbers or case numbers of all police calls to the recreational marijuana business; and, for calls resulting in a charge of a violation of any law, the charge, case number, and disposition of any of the charges.

(7) The city shall not accept renewal applications after the expiration of the license, but instead shall require the applicant to file a new license application.

(8) In the event there have been allegations of violations of this code by any of the licensees or the business submitting a renewal application, the city may hold a hearing pursuant to Chapter 1-3, "Quasi-Judicial Hearings," B.R.C. 1981, prior to approving the renewal application. The hearing shall be to determine whether the application and proposed licensees comply with this chapter and whether the operation of the business has been in compliance with this code. If the city does not hold a hearing and the application and the licensees do not meet the requirements of this chapter, or the business has been operated in the past in violation of this code, the renewal application may be denied or issued with conditions, and the decision shall be final subject to judicial review as provided in Subsection 6-16-4(e) of this chapter.

(c) Nonpayment of Tax. In the event a recreational marijuana business that has been open and operating and submitting monthly sales and use tax returns to the city ceases providing sales and use tax returns to the city for a period of three months or longer, the recreational marijuana business license shall be deemed to have expired and a new license shall be required prior to reopening at the location of the business.

(d) Expiration of License. Expiration of a recreational marijuana business license for any reason, including, without limitation, pursuant to Subsection (c) of this section, shall be considered an inactive local license as described in § 12-43.3.312, C.R.S.

Ordinance No. 7930 (2013)

**6-16-16. City Manager Authorized to Issue Rules.** [top↑](#)

The city manager may adopt rules and regulations that the city manager determines are reasonably necessary to implement the requirements of this chapter.

Ordinance No. 7930 (2013)





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ORDINANCE NO.7916

(Recreational Marijuana Excise and Sales Tax)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BOULDER AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013, THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE CITY OF BOULDER TAXES SHOULD BE INCREASED BY AN EXCISE TAX OF UP TO 10 PERCENT AND A SALES AND USE TAX ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA OF UP TO 10 PERCENT AND SETTING FORTH RELATED DETAILS.

WHEREAS the City Council finds that:

- A. Section 16 of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution authorizes a system of state and local licensing for businesses engaged in the cultivation, testing, manufacturing and retail sale of marijuana.
- B. City Council has determined to allow recreational marijuana businesses within the city.
- C. There are indirect costs to the city of the use of marijuana that are not covered by the license and application fees paid by the marijuana businesses. Many of those costs are related to the fact that marijuana is illegal at the federal level and the state has not been able to fully fund enforcement of laws adopted at the state level, leaving enforcement of marijuana laws to the city. Further, there are not comprehensive substance abuse programs related to the legal use of marijuana.
- D. Imposing the tax contemplated by the constitutional amendment legalizing recreational marijuana would provide the resources necessary for the city to be able to pay the indirect costs, including education and programs, related to the use of marijuana.
- E. It is appropriate for voters to approve collection, retention, and expenditure of the full amount collected from the tax proposed by the ballot issue described below.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
2 OF BOULDER, COLORADO:

3 Section 1. A general municipal coordinated election will be held in the City of Boulder,  
4 County of Boulder and State of Colorado, on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, between the hours of  
5 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

6 Section 2. At that election, there shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Boulder  
7 entitled by law to vote the issue of an excise and a sales tax on recreational marijuana.  
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9 Section 3. The official ballot shall contain the following ballot title, which shall also be  
10 the designation and submission clause for the issue:  
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12 BALLOT ISSUE NO. \_\_\_\_

13 **RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TAX**

14 SHALL CITY OF BOULDER TAXES BE INCREASED BY  
15 (\$3,360,000 first full fiscal year dollar increase) ANNUALLY  
16 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY  
17 THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN EXCISE TAX  
18 OF 5 PERCENT IN 2014 AND UP TO 10 PERCENT  
19 THEREAFTER ON THE CULTIVATION FACILITY AT THE  
20 AVERAGE MARKET RATE AT THE POINT OF TRANSFER  
21 FROM THE CULTIVATION FACILITY AND AN  
22 ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF 3.5 PERCENT IN  
23 2014 AND UP TO 10 PERCENT THEREAFTER ON  
24 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA AS PROVIDED IN  
25 ORDINANCE NO. 7916 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014  
26 **WITH SUFFICIENT REVENUES FROM THE EXCISE AND  
27 SALES AND USE TAX TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC  
28 SAFETY, ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
PURPOSES AND FOR COMPREHENSIVE SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE PROGRAMS INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION  
PREVENTION, TREATMENT, EDUCATION, RESPON-  
SIBLE USE, INTERVENTION, AND MONITORING, WITH  
AN EMPHASIS ON YOUTH, AND WITH THE REMAINDER  
USED BY THE GENERAL FUND;**

AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,

1 SHALL THE FULL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AT  
2 SUCH RATES AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON BE  
3 COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT, AS A VOTER-  
4 APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION  
5 OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE  
6 COLLECTION, RETENTION, OR SPENDING OF ANY  
7 OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY OF  
8 BOULDER UNDER ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE  
9 COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

10 FOR THE MEASURE \_\_\_\_ AGAINST THE MEASURE \_\_\_\_

11 Section 4. If a majority of all the votes cast at the election on the measure submitted are  
12 for the measure, the measure shall be deemed to have passed, and the City Council authorized to  
13 make amendments to the Boulder Revised Code as provided below, effective January 1, 2014,  
14 and City Council may adopt amendments to these provisions and adopt other amendments to the  
15 Boulder Revised Code to implement these excise and sales and use taxes as may be necessary to  
16 implement the intent and purpose of this ordinance.

17 Section 5. If approved by the voters, effective January 1, 2014, the Boulder Revised  
18 Code is amended as follows:

19 Chapter 3-14 Recreational Marijuana Taxes

20 3-14-1 Legislative Intent.

21 The City Council intends that an additional excise tax be imposed on the first sale  
22 or transfer of recreational marijuana by a retail cultivation facility within the city  
23 and an additional sales tax imposed on every retail sale of recreational marijuana  
24 or recreational marijuana-infused product. The purpose of this tax is to increase  
25 the revenue base for the city to provide municipal improvements and services  
26 related to the introduction of a new marijuana industry to the city. Revenues from  
27 the tax shall be deposited in the general fund and shall be available to pay for the  
28 general expenses of government. However, although the City Council recognizes  
that it cannot bind future City Councils, it nonetheless declares its intention that  
sufficient revenues generated by this tax be appropriated by future City Councils  
for public safety, enforcement and administrative purposes and for  
comprehensive substance abuse programs including without limitation prevention,  
treatment, education, responsible use, intervention and monitoring, with an  
emphasis on youth with the remainder used to fund other governmental expenses

1 including police, fire, libraries transportation and general government. Each  
2 council shall decide what constitutes sufficient funds. As used here, "sufficient"  
3 shall mean an amount determined by council to balance the revenue received with  
4 the established need in the community for programs to address the subjects  
5 identified above.

#### 6 3-14-2 Imposition and Rate of Tax.

- 7 (a) Excise Tax. There is levied and shall be paid and collected an excise tax  
8 of five percent on the average market rate of unprocessed recreational  
9 marijuana that is sold or transferred from a recreational marijuana  
10 cultivation facility.
- 11 (b) Sales and Use Tax. There is hereby levied and there shall be collected and  
12 paid a sales and use tax, in addition to the sales and use tax levied in  
13 Chapter 3-2, "Sales and Use Tax," B.R.C. 1981, of 3.5 percent on the full  
14 purchase price paid or charged for tangible personal property and taxable  
15 services purchased or sold at retail by every recreational marijuana  
16 business exercising a taxable privilege in the city by the sale or use of such  
17 property or services. The sales tax is levied on all sales of tangible  
18 personal property or taxable services, except those specifically exempted  
19 and is collected by the vendor and remitted to the city. The use tax is  
20 levied upon the privilege of using in the city, personally or as part of  
21 rendering a service, tangible personal property or taxable services upon  
22 which a municipal sales and use tax has not been paid and is paid by either  
23 the recreational marijuana business in the city or the consumer.

#### 24 3-14-3 Vendor Liable for Tax.

- 25 (a) Excise Tax. Each recreational marijuana cultivation facility shall pay the  
26 tax imposed in Section 3-14-2(a) on every sale or transfer of recreational  
27 marijuana from the cultivation facility.
- 28 (b) Sales and Use Tax. Each recreational marijuana center shall pay the tax  
imposed in Section 3-14-2(b) on every sale or transfer of recreational  
marijuana or a recreational marijuana product from the recreational  
marijuana center.
- (c) The burden of proving that any transaction is not subject to the tax  
imposed by this Chapter is upon the person upon whom the duty to collect  
the tax is imposed.

#### 3-14-4 Taxes Collected are Held in Trust.

All sums of money paid by a person as the additional excise or sales and use tax  
on recreational marijuana tax imposed by this Chapter are public monies that are  
the property of the city. The person required to collect and remit the additional  
recreational marijuana excise or sales and use tax shall hold such monies in trust  
for the sole use and benefit of the city until paying them to the city manager.

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3-14-5 Definition.

As used in this Chapter, "average market rate" means the amount determined by the State of Colorado pursuant to § 39-28.8-101(1) C.R.S. or such alternate amount as may be determined by the city manager as the average price of unprocessed recreational marijuana that is sold or transferred from a cultivation facility to a retail marijuana center or manufacturer.

3-14-6 Licensing and Reporting Procedure.

- (a) Every person with a duty to collect the excise or the sales and use tax imposed by this Chapter shall obtain the license required by Section 3-2-11, "Sales and Use Tax License," B.R.C., 1981 to collect the tax and shall report such taxes collected on forms prescribed by the city manager and remit such taxes to the city on or before the twentieth day of the month for the preceding month or months under report.
- (b) Each recreational business is required to obtain a license pursuant to Section 3-2-11 "Sales and Use Tax License," B.R.C., 1981. Such license is valid so long as:
  - (1) the business remains in continuous operation, and
  - (2) the sales and use tax license is not canceled by the licensee or revoked by the city, and
  - (3) so long as the business holds a valid recreational marijuana business license from the city.
- (c) Whenever a business entity that is required to be licensed under this Chapter is sold, purchased, or transferred, so that the ownership interest of the purchaser or seller changes in any respect, the purchaser shall obtain a new sales tax license.
- (d) The sales tax license may be revoked as provided in Section 3-2-13, "Revocation of License," B.R.C. 1981.

3-14-7 Maintenance and Preservation of Tax Returns, Reports, and Records.

- (a) The city manager may require any person to make such return, render such statement, or keep and furnish such records as the manager may deem sufficient and reasonable to demonstrate whether or not the person is liable under this Chapter for payment or collection of the tax imposed hereby.
- (b) Any person required to make a return or file a report under this Chapter shall preserve those reports as provided in Section 3-2-18, "Taxpayer Duty to Keep Records, Provide Information and File Returns," B.R.C. 1981.
- (c) The city manager shall maintain all reports and returns of taxes required under the Chapter as provided in Section 3-2-20, "Preservation of Tax Returns and Reports," B.R.C. 1981.

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3-14-8 Interest and Penalties for Failure to File Tax Return or Pay Tax.

- (a) Penalties for failure of a person to collect the additional recreational marijuana excise or sales and use tax or to make a return and remit the correct amount of tax required by this Chapter and procedures for enforcing such penalties are as prescribed in Section 3-2-22, "Penalties for Failure to File Tax Return or Pay Tax (Applies to Entire Title)," B.R.C. 1981.
- (b) Interest on overpayments and refunds is as prescribed in Section 3-2-24, "No Interest on Overpayments and Refunds (Applies to Entire Title)," B.R.C. 1981.

3-14-9 Refunds.

Refunds of taxes paid under this Chapter are as prescribed in Section 3-2-23, "Refunds (Applies to Entire Title)," B.R.C. 1981.

3-14-10 Enforcement of Tax Liability.

- (a) The additional recreational marijuana excise and sales and use tax imposed by this Chapter, together with all interest and penalties pertaining thereto, is a first and prior lien on tangible personal property in which the person responsible to collect and remit the tax has an ownership interest, subject only to valid mortgages or other liens of record at the time of and prior to the recording of a notice of lien, as provided in Subsection 3-2-27(c), "Tax Constitutes Lien," B.R.C. 1981.
- (b) The provisions of Sections 3-2-27, "Tax Constitutes Lien," 3-2-29, "Sale of Business Subject to Lien," 3-2-30, "Certificate of Discharge of Lien," 3-2-31, "Jeopardy Assessment," 3-2-32, "Enforcing the Collection of Taxes Due (Applies to Entire Title)," 3-2-33, "Recovery of Unpaid Tax by Action at Law," 3-2-34, "City May be a Party Defendant," 3-2-35, "Injunctive Relief," 3-2-36, "Obligations of Fiduciaries and Others," 3-2-37, "Violations of Tax Chapter," and 3-2-38, "Limitations," B.R.C. 1981, govern the authority of the city manager to collect the taxes, penalties and interest imposed by this Chapter.

3-14-11 Duties and Powers of City Manager.

The city manager is authorized to administer the provisions of this Chapter and has all other duties and powers prescribed in Section 3-2-17, "Duties and Powers of City Manager," B.R.C. 1981.

3-14-12 City Employee Conflicts of Interest Prohibited.

No deputy, agent, clerk or other officer or employee of the city engaged in any activity governed by this Chapter shall engage in the business or profession of tax accounting or accept employment with or without compensation from any person holding a sales tax license from the city for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of preparing tax returns or reports required by the city, the State of Colorado, its

1 political subdivisions, any other state or the United States, or accept any  
2 employment for the purpose of advising, preparing materials or data or auditing  
3 books or records to be used in an effort to defeat or cancel any tax or part thereof  
4 that has been assessed by the city, the State of Colorado, its political subdivisions,  
5 any other state, its political subdivisions or the United States.

6 3-14-13 Prohibited Acts.

7 It is unlawful for any recreational marijuana business to sell or transfer retail  
8 marijuana without the sales tax license required by Section 3-2-11, "Sales and  
9 Use Tax License," B.R.C. 1981, and the recreational marijuana business license  
10 required by Chapter 6-14, "Medical Marijuana," B.R.C. 1981, and any other  
11 license required by law, or to willfully make any false or fraudulent return or false  
12 statement on any return, or to willfully evade the payment of the tax, or any part  
13 thereof, as imposed by this Chapter.

14 Section 6. The election shall be conducted under the provisions of the Colorado  
15 Constitution, the Charter and ordinances of the City, the Boulder Revised Code, 1981, and this  
16 ordinance, and all contrary provisions of the statutes of the State of Colorado are hereby  
17 superseded.

18 Section 7. The officers of the City are authorized to take all action necessary or  
19 appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance and to contract with the county clerk to  
20 conduct the election for the City.

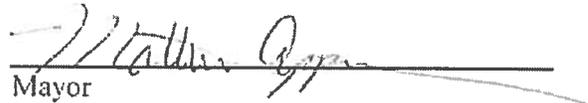
21 Section 8. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall for any  
22 reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect any of the remaining  
23 provisions of this ordinance. The tax established by this measure is intended to be authorized  
24 under any lawful means of taxation, including license taxation pursuant to city of Boulder  
25 Charter Section 122.

26 Section 9. This ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of  
27 the residents of the City, and covers matters of local concern.  
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1            Section 10. The City Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by  
2 title only and orders that copies of this ordinance be made available in the office of the city clerk  
3 for public inspection and acquisition.  
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5            Section 11. The City Council finds that this ordinance is necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public peace, health, or property. The City Council amended the ordinance on third  
7 reading. This ordinance includes a ballot measure. Emergency passage is necessary to allow  
8 time for this matter to be placed on the November 5, 2013 ballot.  
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10           INTRODUCTION, READ ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY  
11 TITLE ONLY this 16th day of July 2013.

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Mayor

15 Attest:

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19           READ ON SECOND READING, AMENDED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY  
20 TITLE ONLY this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

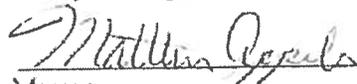
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EMERGENCY MEASURE BY TWO-THIRDS COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT, AND  
ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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