

**ZIP Cannabis LLC
Class A Microbusiness
801 Prospect Street**

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Dear Council Members:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to start up our Class A Microbusiness. We are working diligently towards a late summer opening timeline and are excited to contribute to the community. During our initial phases of start up, we've been encouraged about the prospects of offering additional services for our customers. To distinguish ourselves from the many competitors in the space, the opportunity to pursue a Designated Consumption Establishment (DCE) area permitted at the property would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, if there's a possibility of removing some of the restrictive ordinance language regarding signage, our company's name is ZIP Cannabis and we would really appreciate the ability to have our name as our sign. The ordinance currently prohibits the use of the word Cannabis.

The Designated Consumption Establishment license Class is available from the Cannabis Regulatory Agency and have a rule set covering all the different requirements to engage in that licensed activity. A Designated Consumption Establishment (DCE) is a permitted license for an area to allow on site responsible adult use of cannabis. It requires active monitoring from a smoke free area by employees and that only those over 21 are allowed on premise. Rule 22 covers in detail the site requirements for egress and security.

Our plan would be to accommodate a screened off fenced area roughly 15 foot by 40 feet along the right side of the building's retail floor space outdoors for permitting the area. Ideally constructing some type of pergola covered structure with seating available. This area would be out of public view and provide something of a courtyard space for our customers. There are many competing retail stores in the State and few DCE's around, this could be our opportunity to be a locally cultivated craft cannabis company that offers seed to smoke experience unique to what a Microbusiness can provide. Any consideration in amending your community ordinance to allow us to apply for a DCE license would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.