



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2020

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Mary Rose Rutikanga, City Administrator
Nubia Goldstein, Deputy City Attorney

SUBJECT: Waive second reading and adopt Ordinance 873 and Ordinance 874

RECOMMENDATION

Consideration to waive second reading and adopt ordinance 873, amending the Sonora Municipal Code Chapter 8.36: Cannabis Business Regulation, and ordinance 874, amending the Sonora Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.040.

DISCUSSION

On November 2, 2020, the City Council voted to introduce and waive the first reading of ordinance 873, amending the Sonora Municipal Code Chapter 8.36: Cannabis Business Regulation, and ordinance 874, amending the Sonora Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.040.

Staff recommends the Council waive the second reading and adopt ordinance 873, amending the Sonora Municipal Code Chapter 8.36: Cannabis Business Regulation, and ordinance 874, amending the Sonora Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.040.

Differences between the current Sonora Municipal Code and Ordinances 873 and 874 are as follows:

Business Type	Current Ordinance	New Ordinance
Cannabis Dispensary/Retail	• Pilot Program • Medicinal only • 2 business permits allowed • Businesses are prohibited from operating within 600 feet of a school, youth center, daycare, church, or park • CO, C, CG and ML Zone	• Medicinal and Recreational • 3 business permits allowed • Businesses are prohibited from operating within 600 feet of a school, youth center, daycare, church, or park • CO, C, CG and ML Zone
Cannabis Manufacturing	• Pilot Program • Medicinal and adult-use businesses allowable	• Medicinal and adult-use businesses allowable • Volatile and non-volatile businesses permissible

	• Volatile and non-volatile businesses permissible • ML Zone	• ML and C Zones
Cannabis Testing Laboratory	• Pilot Program • Medicinal and adult-use allowable • ML zone	• Medicinal and adult-use allowable ML and C zone
Cultivation	• Limit the total number of plants allowable to six per residents with property owner permission and conforming to City building codes • Outdoor Prohibited	• Limit the total number of plants allowable to six per residents with property owner permission and conforming to City building codes • Outdoor Prohibited

FISCAL IMPACT

Under state law, the City of Sonora can charge and collect sales tax on recreational retail sales of cannabis and/or cannabis products, and other products. Collection of sales tax is not allowable on medicinal cannabis sales. Increased sales tax revenue from recreational cannabis will increase revenue for the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS

- Ordinance 873 in draft and final form
- Ordinance 874 in draft and final form