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Council File: 05-0872-S303	Status: Open	Date	Activity		
Expires: 04/30/2011	Received: 04/30/2009		Document(s) submitted by Connoiseurs Collection, A Nonprofit Corporation, as follows:		
Reward File: No		04/30/2009 A	Application submitted on April 30, 2009, relative to a Hardship Exemption from Interim		
Rule 16: No	Last Modified: 04/30/2009		Control Ordinance 179027 for Connoiseurs Collection, A Nonprofit Corporation, a Medical Marijuana Dispensary.		
Title: 562 South San Vicente Boulevard / M Harship Exemption Application	ledical Marijuanan Dispensary /				
Subject:					
Author: Connoisseurs Collection, A Nonprofit (Corporation				
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ICO Area: CITYWIDE	Council File No.: 05-0872-5303
nterim Control Ordinance No.: 179027	Additional Interim Control Ordinance No.:
Effective Date: Sept. 13, 2007	
Applicant (Record Owner): Connoisseurs Collection,etc A Nonprofit Corporation	Telephone: 323-272-4900
Applicant Mailing Address 562 S. San Vicente Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90048	Zip Code:90048
Applicant's Representative Stewart Richlin, Esq.	Telephone: 323-938-9644
Representative's Mailing Address: 1800 Century Park East #600 90067	Zip Code: 90067
roperty Address: 562 S. San Vicente Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90048	Lot Area (sq. ft.): \$714 Sg See attached
egal Description:	Structure/Building Construction Date:
See attached	See attached
xisting Zone (ZIMAS):	Permit History (Include Permit Numbers):
Existing Land Use Designation (From City Planning Department): See attached	N/A W. CLARK
Describe Current Use (Include size in square feet, hei	ght, etc.):
This retail location of approximately sq feet is a non-profit and serves critically and chronically licensed physician. The entity is compliant with collective is permitted, and has a retail sales lice membership documents in place. All of these do corporate charter and a declaration from legal co	the attorney general's guidelines. The ense with insurance and appropriate collective ocuments are attached including the non-profit
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Note: A Master Land Use Application is not required.

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Describe Proposed Project and Use (Include size in square feet, height, etc.):

The collective proposes to operate as a legally registered collective in full compliance with California Prop. 215, SB420, and Los Angeles ICO #179027.

Why do you believe a hardship exists for which an exemption should be granted? (Attach a statement on a separate sheet if necessary. An economic analysis may also be submitted.)

A hardship exists in that through no fault of our patient collective, the federal government has been utilizing selective enforcement and a pattern of terror and fear upon the medical marijuana patients, collectives and caregivers. Despite the 1996 passage of Proposition 215

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Do you have any ownership interest in any other parcels within 300 feet of this property? ()Yes (X) No (If yes, submit a map showing the location and boundaries of the property for which an exemption is being requested, and the location of the other ownerships.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FILING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to this form, all below items should be included with the application, unless otherwise instructed by City Staff.

- a. Attach a map showing the location and boundaries of the property for which the exemption is being requested. (May be the same map as required in No. 7)
- b. Attach a Plot Plan showing the building footprint, parking plan, landscaping, balconies, driveways, any amenities, etc.
- c. Attach an Elevation Plan, which includes dimensions for all views.
- d. Attach Building Plans. If plans have been accepted by the Department of Building and Safety, list Plan Check No. _______and Submittal Date ______.
- Submit a Project History summary that includes dates and descriptions of meetings, negotiations, expenditures, commitments, etc.
- f. Submit Photographs of the subject property and all surrounding property not over 8 ½ x 11 inches, but of adequate size to illustrate the condition and physical context of the property under discussion.
- Attach any additional information as needed.

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and subsequent clarification through SB 420, both federal and state governments have been slow to evolve and adapt. In the very recent past, within the past couple of months, some very promising developments have occurred: 1. The Attorney General has set forth guidelines here in California to finally clarify the rules for proper operation of a dispensing collective; 2. The United States Supreme Court has declined to rehear the People v. Kha case showing the unmistakable trend toward federal recognition and a new era of properly regulated and operated collectives. In addition the election of President Obama and his consistent statements in defense of medical marijuana patients and in favor of state's rights give our collective some solace, bolstered by the announcement on March 26, 2009 that the federal government would no longer conduct "raids" on medical marijuana in the state. Our management brings extensive office management skills as well as compassion and knowledge as to proper and restrained medication with cannabis pursuant to the recommendation of only a licensed physician here in California. In the mean time we have been compelled to operate on an extremely limited basis providing for the care of management and close family without full local sanction due to the federal threat. Due to this threat we were precluded by fear of harassment and selective prosecution from serving our patient base openly and with full licensure, etc, and this has constituted a hardship as the conflict between California and federal law had previously required that managing members of the collective literally confess a federal crime in order to register under the ICO in contravention of our 5th amendment constitutional rights against self-incrimination. This is the hardship we faced. Due to the recent legal developments above, we are able to file without the above threat and we respectfully submit this is the basis of the hardship for which we seek exemption from the filing date set forth in the ordinance. In addition we assert the particular hardships of our patients in that they are ill patients who have a quasi-privilege to have safe access to their and their licensed California physician's preferred medicine. In addition we assert a financial hardship in that management has entered into contractual obligations for the benefit of the patient population, all as will be shown at the hearing hereon.

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THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

51 2 Date licant (Record Owner) * Date Representative

* Proof of ownership will be required at the time of application submittal. A recorded grant deed and/or City Clerk's ownership records printout are acceptable.

Note: A Master Land Use Application is not required.



State of California Secretary of State

I, DEBRA BOWEN, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the attached transcript of _____ page(s) has been compared with the record on file in this office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that it is full, true and correct.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of

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DEBRA BOWEN Secretary of State

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In the office of the Secretary of State of the State of California

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR

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CONNOISSEURS COLLECTION, A California Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation

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The name of the corporation is

CONNOISSEURS COLLECTION, A California Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation.

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This corporation is a nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation organized under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity, other than credit union business, for which a corporation may be organized under such law.

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The specific purpose of this corporation is to facilitate herbal or natural remedies for chronically ill patron members who are California residents with HIV, AIDS, chronic pain, chronic spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, cancer, migraine, wasting syndrome, and/or such other conditions for which licensed medical physicians may recommend such herbal or natural remedies pursuant to California Law.

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The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is: PIKACHU RICHMAN 1460 S. ROBERTSON BLVD #108, LOS ANGELES, CA 90035

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Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purposes of this corporation.

Dated: MARCH 5, 2009

PIKACHU RICHMAN, Incorporator



PATIENT MEMBER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

You are advised to research marijuana as medicine, and consult with your doctor as to dosage and frequency of medication. You are responsible for following these guidelines. You are responsible to use not abuse medicine. If we have any indication you are abusing medicine we will refuse service.

AS A CONDITION OF JOINING THE COLLECTIVE AND ENTERING OUR FACILITY, AND/OR BY UTILIZING SUCH MEDICINE/HERBAL MARIJUANA AND RELATED PRODUCTS AS YOU MAY OBTAIN, YOU, YOUR HEIRS AND THOSE WITH YOU EXPRESSLY AND FOREVER DISCLAIM THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY AND THE WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Any product obtained at our facility may be inspected prior to delivery, however since medical purity so requires, all transactions are final. The marijuana and related products are offered solely on an AS IS basis with no warranty whatsoever.

Patient understands that cannabis/marijuana may impair a person's ability to drive a vehicle or operate machinery.

Patient understands that loitering on or around a dispensary is prohibited by Cal. Penal Code section 647(e).

Diversion of Marijuana for Non Medical purposes is a violation of state law.

Please leave your friends, even fellow patients, at home, and NEVER in your car waiting for you.

Any member of law enforcement who is a bona fide patient must disclose the fact that he/she is a member of law enforcement. Otherwise, by entering these premises, you promise, state and affirm, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that you are not a member of, affiliated with, nor employed by any law enforcement department, entity, or agency.

Management reserves the right to refuse service to anybody at any time for any reason or no reason whatsoever.

As a condition of entering our facility, and/or by utilizing such medicine/herbal marijuana and related products as you may obtain, you, your heirs and those with you expressly and forever waive any and all claims now known, or discovered at any time in the future due to, related to or arising from your use of marijuana or any other product/herb/food/oil/concentrate you may obtain at our facility.

As a condition of entering our facility, and/or by utilizing such medicine/herbal marijuana and related products as you may obtain, you, your heirs and those with you expressly and forever release our dispensary, its owners, landlord, operators, managers, employees, agents, attorneys, growers, providers, wholesalers, officers, directors, members, from and against any and all lawsuits, alter-ego lawsuits, demands, charges or claims with reference to the strength, potency, purity, toxicity, appropriateness for your condition of any marijuana and related products you may obtain at our facility; further, that you knowingly waive the provisions of civil code section 1542 which states in pertinent part that "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor." As a condition of entering our facility, and/or by utilizing such medicine/herbal marijuana and related products as you may obtain, you, your heirs and those with you expressly and forever waive any and all claims now known, or discovered at any time in the future due to, related to or arising from your storage or handling of marijuana or any other product/herb/food/oil/concentrate you may obtain at our facility. KEEP ALL MEDICINE FAR FAR AWAY FROM CHILDREN OR ANYONE ELSE, UNDER LOCK AND KEY. ANY DEVIATION FROM THIS RULE IS DONE AT THE SOLE RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PATIENT.

You agree not to use the medical marijuana you obtain from this center for social or casual marijuana use, but only for the medical condition for which it was recommended by your doctor.

You agree that as a Patient Member of our Collective, to abide by these rules and regulations.

I have read and agree to the above rules and regulations.

- 1. I have been diagnosed with a serious illness for which cannabis provides relief and I have received a recommendation or approval from my licensed California physician to use cannabis.
- 2. I understand my contributions for medicine I may acquire from this Collective are used to ensure continued operation and that this transaction in no way constitutes commercial promotion.
- 3. The monies I pay are to help the Collective to continue to operate, to maintain employees and a location and the associated costs and expenses of providing its members with medicinal marijuana for their medical needs.
- 4. The collective may cultivate, obtain, transport and possess cannabis on my behalf.

- 5. I designate the collective as my provider for medical marijuana.
- 6. I authorize the collective to contact my physician, and I authorize my physician to verify my recommendation to the collective.
- 7. I agree that I consistently rely upon the collective as the exclusive source of my cannabis medicine (except such medicine as I may cultivate individually.)
- 8. This designation shall remain in effect for 12 months, until the expiration of my recommendation, or until I revoke my designation in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, whichever comes first.

X	Date:	
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How did you hear about our collective?_____

Date/Dr.Office Confirmation

Can the collective send you info, specials, discounts, and the annual Patient Members ballot to your EMAIL? If so please provide your email address:

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1 Declaration of Stewart Richlin, Esq.

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I am an attorney duly licensed to practice in California since 3 1986. I make the following declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of California. All the facts I am setting 5 forth herein are true and correct of my own personal knowledge 6 7 and I could and would so competently testify, or I may make my 8 declaration on information and belief, as indicated.

The collective is insured, permitted and licensed. The founding 10 manager would have filed and operated this type of nonprofit 11 12 long ago but felt compelled to wait due to federal as well as 13 local pressure in the form of the original police chief 14 recommendations etc. The directors are patients with personal experience of the usefulness of cannabis medicine. 15 They now operate in a formal location and their pledge is to due so 16 perfectly according to the strictures of State law in general 17 18 and the City of Los Angeles Interim Control Ordinance in 19 particular. The entity is a mutual benefit non-profit 20 corporation which is consistent with the Attorney General's I am informed and believe that the board of 21 Guidelines. 22 directors of the entity brings experience in personal services 23 and expertise in the varieties and uses of medical marijuana 24 strains in the service of medical marijuana patients. I have 25 been hired to file documents to bring the entity into compliance

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with the August, 2008 Attorney General's guidelines in general, and to present this hardship.

I have interviewed the management in detail and was consistently impressed with the attention to compliance with state law demonstrated by them. I am informed and believe that each and every patient has been and/or will be screened carefully and in fact every recommendation was confirmed by phone call to the licensed physician who made the recommendation.

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As for these applicants, a hardship exists in that through no fault of the patient collective, the federal government has been utilizing selective enforcement and a pattern of terror and fear upon the medical marijuana patients, collectives and caregivers. Despite the 1996 passage of Proposition 215 and subsequent clarification through SB 420, both federal and state governments have been slow to evolve and adapt.

However, In the very recent past, within the past few months, some very promising developments have occurred: 1. The Attorney General has set forth guidelines here in California to finally clarify the rules for proper operation of a dispensing collective; 2. The United States Supreme Court has declined to rehear the People v. Kha case showing the unmistakable trend

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toward federal recognition and a new era of properly regulated and operated collectives. Furthermore, the election of President Obama in light of his pledges to defund the persecution of medical marijuana and the honoring of state law has aided us in bringing forth our application without fear of unconstitutional and irrational reprisals from the federal government. To that end, US Attorney General Holder has just within the past couple of weeks declared that there will be no more "raids" or harassment of those medical marijuana patients who rely upon and follow State laws on the topic.

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rights the members of the collective are only now able to resurface to the aid of the patients.

Now, due to the above recent legal developments applicant is able to file without the above threat and respectfully submits this is the basis of the hardship for which we seek exemption from the filing date set forth in the ordinance. I was in a trial in which Ms. Mo and Mr. Robertson testified, and I am informed and believe and thereon declare that the hardship process is available to these parties according to the word of the law and the statements of the abovementioned.

If I can be of any further assistance or arrange for further information or testimony I would be pleased to do so, just let me know.

I make the foregoing declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California. Signed at Los Angeles, CA This April 21, 2009

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Additional Information

Airport Hazard:NoneCoastal Zone:NoneFarmland:AreaVery High Fire Hazard Severity Zone:NoFire District No. 1:NoFire District No. 2:YesFlood Zone:NoneHazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties:NoMethane Hazard Site:MethatHigh Wind Velocity Areas:NoHillside Grading:NoOll Wells:NoneAlquist-Priolo Fault Zone:NoDistance to Nearest Fault:2.608Landslide:NoLiquefaction:Yes

Economic Development Areas

Business Improvement District: Federal Empowerment Zone: Renewal Community: Revitalization Zone: State Enterprise Zone: Targeted Neighborhood Initiative: None Area not Mapped No No Yes None No Methane Zone No No None No 2.60847 (km) No Yes

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Public Safety

Police Information:

The contexts of this report are bound by the User Agreement as described in the Terms and Conditions of this website. For more details, please refer to the Terms & Conditions link located at http://zimas.lacity.org.
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Batallion:	.18
Division:	2
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CASE SUMMARIES

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 Case Number:
 CPC-1986-823-GPC

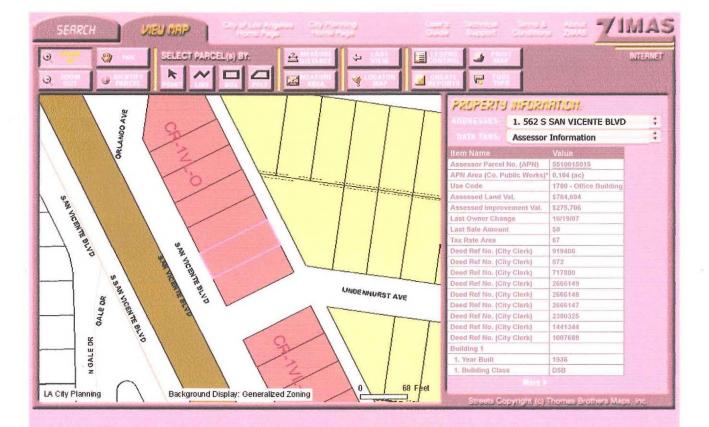
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 Project Description(s):
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Case Number:ND-82-286-HDRequired Action(s):HD-HEIGHT DISTRICTProject Description(s):Data Not Available

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ZIP CODES 90048

RECENT ACTIVITY None

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City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

04/21/2009 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

Address/Legal Information

PIN Number: Lot Area (Calculated): Thomas Brothers Grid: Assessor Parcel No. (APN): Tract: Map Reference: Block: Lot: Arb (Lot Cut Reference): Map Sheet:

Jurisdictional Information

Community Plan Area: Area Planning Commission: Neighborhood Council: Council District: Census Tract #: LADBS District Office:

Planning and Zoning Information

Special Notes: Zoning: Zoning Information (ZI): General Plan Land Use: Plan Footnote - Site Req.: Additional Plan Footnotes: Specific Plan Area: Design Review Board: Historic Preservation Review: Historic Preservation Overlay Zone: Other Historic Designations: Other Historic Survey Information: Mills Act Contract: POD - Pedestrian Oriented Districts: CDO - Community Design Overlay: NSO - Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay: Streetscape: Sign District: Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area: **CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency:** Central City Parking: Downtown Parking: Building Line: 500 Ft School Zone: 500 Ft Park Zone:

Assessor Information

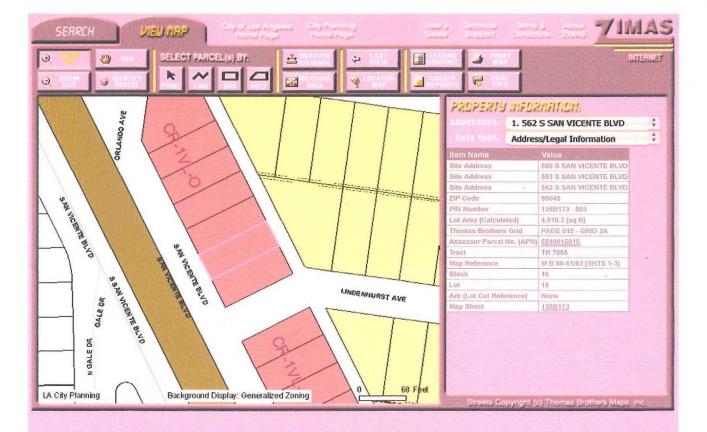
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Wilshire Central Mid City West CD 5 - Jack Weiss 2148.00 Los Angeles Metro

None CR-1VL-O None Limited Commercial See Plan Footnotes Wilshire None No No None None None None None None None No No None None No No None No No

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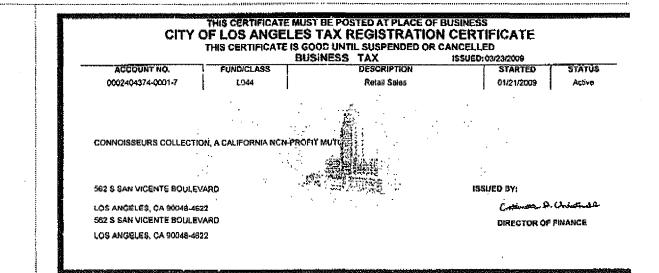
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Office of Finance P.O. Box 53200 Los Angeles CA 90053-0200

CONNOISSEURS COLLECTION, A CALIFORNIA

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SELLER'S PERMIT			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	e autor		
4/20/2009 SR AS 101-224827			
CONNOISSEURS COLLECTION Connoisseurs collection corp 562 S SAN Vicente BLVD Los Angeles, ca 90048-4622	NOTICE TO PERMITTEE: You are required to obey all Federal and State laws that regulate or control your business. This permit does not allow you to do otherwise.		
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IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO BALES AND USE TAX LAW TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE LOCATION. THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.			
THIS PERMIT IS VALID UNTIL REVOKED OR CANCELED AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE. IF YOU SELL YOUR BUSINESS Not valid at any other address OR OROP OUT OF A PARTNERSHIP, NOTIFY US OR YOU COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SALES AND USE TAXES Not valid at any other address OWED BY THE NEW OPERATOR OF THE BUSINESS. Not valid at any other address			
For general tax questions, please call our information Center at 800-400-7115. For information on your rights, contact the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office at 888-324-2798 or 916-324-2798.			
BOE-442-R REV. 15 (2-08)			

A MESSAGE TO OUR NEW PERMIT HOLDER

As a seller, you have rights and responsibilities under the Sales and Use Tax Law. In order to assist you in your endeavor and to better understand the law, we offer the following sources of help:

- Visiting our website at www.boe.ca.gov
- Visiting a district office
- Attending a Basic Sales and Use Tax Law class offered at one of our district offices
- Sending your questions in writing to any one of our offices
- Calling our toll-free Information Center at 800-400-7115

As a seller, you have the right to issue resale certificates for merchandise that you intend to resell. Conversely, you have the responsibility of not misusing resale certificates. While the sales tax is imposed upon the retailer,

- You have the right to seek reimbursement of the tax from your customer.
- You are responsible for filing and paying your sales and use tax returns timely
- You have the right to be treated in a fair and equitable manner by the employees of the Board.
- * You are responsible for following the regulations set forth by the Board

As a seller, you are expected to maintain the normal books and records of a prudent businessperson. You are required to maintain these books and records for no less than four years, and make them available for inspection by a Board representative when requested. You are also expected to notify us if you are buying, selling, adding a location, or discontinuing your business, adding or dropping a partner, officer, or member, or when you are moving any or all of your business locations. If it becomes necessary to surrender this permit, you should only do so by mailing it to a Board office, or giving it to a Board representative.

If you would like to know more about your rights as a taxpayer, or if you are unable to resolve an issue with the Board, please contact the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office for help by calling toll-free, 888-324-2798 or 916-324-2798. Their fax number is 916-323-3319.

Please post this permit at the address for which it was issued and at a location visible to your customers.

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Sales and Use Tax Department

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ACORD, CERTIFICATE OF LIABIL	04/13/09		
PRODUCER ALL VALUE AGENCY INSURANCE SERVICES 20012 VENTURA BLVD	THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.		
WOODLAND HILLS CA 91364	INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #	
INSURED CONNOISSEURS COLLECTION , A CALIFORNIA	INSURER A NORTHFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY		
NON-PROFIT MUTUAL	INSURER 8:		
562 S. SAN VICENTE BLVD.	INSURER C:		
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90048	INSURER D;		
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THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW MAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES, AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.			

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Reply

Hi Mr. Richlin,

It is still true that per policy, the Department of Building and Safety can only issue an order to comply, and cannot take the next enforcement step (criminal prosecution) unless and until the hardship hearing takes place, and the hardship request is denied. However, the Office of the City Attorney has advised us to make clear in our FAQ that just because a hardship request has been filed, does not make it legal for the dispensary to operate. The enforcement policy does not negate the land use regulation of the ICO -- which is that only approved hardships are exempt from the temporary prohibition.

I hope this answers your question. I am copying one of our Land Use Attorneys, Jeri Burge, to this e-mail, just to make sure I haven't gotten any of this wrong.

Best regards, Daisy

Daisy C. Mo Code Studies Department of City Planning City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring St., Room 763 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Tel (213) 978-1338 Fax (213) 978-1334

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Ms. Daisy Mo City of Los Angeles

Dear Ms. Mo:

I was surprised or actually shocked to see the new FAQ and its position on hardships.

I hope the reason is obvious to you: it is exactly opposite of what you testified to in the December

eviction trial to which you were subpoenaed, and the opposite of what you had represented to many of my clients' inquiries in person and by phone.

I would like your assurance, not for publication, that my reliance on your testimony was not wrong.

You testified that as long as a dispensing collective had applied for a hardship there was no

further action the dispensary could do but wait for a hearing; and that provided a hardship was filed,

that no further action would be taken by the city for lack of a license to operate

as long as the entity was otherwise compliant with the law.

Mr. Robertson testified that the city *could* still take action, but so far hadn't as to the over 100 centers

operating and open on the basis of a hardship. You stated that your superior had expressly and

explicitly stated to you in your official capacity that the city would not take action to close such a center,

and on that basis you testified as above.

You may recall that the judge ruled that my client was compliant and refused the eviction on the basis of your testimony in part.

Since then I have represented the essence of what you and Mr. Robertson said was the policy of

the city in handling these hardships to my affected clients here in the city.

Will you please reassure me that my understanding is correct in that TECHNICALLY the centers should have

waited for the granting of the hardships prior to opening, but as a matter of policy, as long as a hardship is

filed, the centers won't be sent a cease and desist or other demand they close until and unless they

are granted a hearing, or until an actual ordinance becomes effective under which they may be fairly given

the opportunity to apply. If you are not able to so reassure me, then please direct this letter to management

who can.

Very truly yours,

Stewart

Stewart E Richlin, Esq

City of Los Angeles Planning Department March 2009 City of Los Angeles Medical Marijuana Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Medical Marijuana ICO?

The Medical Marijuana Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) is the City of Los Angeles' temporary

moratorium on new medical marijuana dispensaries. It became law on September 14, 2007 under

Ordinance # 179027. Under the ICO, no new dispensaries are allowed to open in the City, and only

previously existing dispensaries are allowed to operate. The previously existing dispensaries were

required to register with the City Clerk before a deadline of 5 p.m. on November 13, 2007, by submitting

copies of the dispensary's City business tax registration certificate. State seller's permit, business

insurance, property lease, dispensary membership form and, if needed, County health permit. The ICO

is intended to control the proliferation of dispensaries while the City develops permanent regulations for

medical marijuana uses.

2. If I registered my dispensary before the deadline, am I allowed to operate? Yes; the ICO allows dispensaries that registered before the deadline to continue to operate.

3. If I did not register my dispensary before the deadline, am I allowed to operate?

No; unless you are approved for a hardship exemption (see #5 below), you are not allowed to operate a

medical marijuana dispensary.

4. If I registered my dispensary before the deadline, can I move to a new

location?

No; unless you are approved for a hardship exemption (see #5 below), you are not allowed to operate at

a new location. As a land use moratorium, the ICO does not allow changes of use that introduce the

prohibited use to a new location.

5. What is a hardship exemption, and how can I apply for one?

Hardship exemptions allow exceptions from the ICO "in cases of hardship duly established to the

satisfaction of the City Council." Requests for hardship exemptions can be approved, denied, or not

acted upon by the City Council. If the City Council decides to consider the request, there will be a public

hearing on the matter. Applications for hardship exemptions may be filed with the City Clerk in Room

395 of City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. It is also recommended that you give a copy

of your hardship exemption application to your City Council District office.

6. Can I continue to operate my dispensary while I am waiting for the City Council to act

on my request for a hardship exemption?

No, the mere filing of a request for a hardship exemption does not authorize the operation of a

dispensary that had not registered with the City Clerk by November 13, 2007.

7. If I registered my dispensary, can I sell or transfer it to someone else? As long as the dispensary's location is not changing, the ICO does not prohibit ownership changes for

registered dispensaries, and there is no filing required with the City Clerk or with the Department of City

Planning to accomplish an ownership change. However, it is recommended that you check with the

City's Office of Finance ahead of time, to determine whether the existing business tax registration

certificate can be transferred to the new business owner(s).

8. When will the ICO expire, and what will the new regulations entail?

The ICO will expire on September 14, 2009. Before this date, the City intends to have new permanent

regulations in place to govern medical marijuana. The Office of the City Attorney has proposed new

permanent regulations, which are attached (ref. Council File 08-0923). The City Council has not yet

adopted any permanent regulations governing medical marijuana, and will review and discuss the matter

in public hearing(s) prior to adopting any new regulations.

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9. A dispensary just opened down the street and I don't think it's legal. Can I report it?

Yes. Call 1-888-LA4-BUILD.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Dated February 6, 2009

Following this cover page is a proposed ordinance submitted to the City Council

by the Office of the City Attorney. The City Council has not yet adopted any permanent ordinance regulating medical marijuana, as of the date of this document (March 23, 2009).

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO CITY ATTORNEY

REPORT NO. R 09-0048

fEB (J n& 2009 REPORT RE: SECOND REVISED DRAFT ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVES The Honorable City Council of the City of Los Angeles Room 395, City Hall 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012 Council File No. 08-0923 Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the request of your Honorable Body, this office prepared and transmitted for your action a draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality, that would establish regulations regarding medical marijuana collectives (City Attorney Report No. R08-0115). We subsequently transmitted a revised draft ordinance which included introductory recitals and several non-substantive wording changes (City Attorney Report No. R09-0031).

We have prepared and transmit with this Report a second revised draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality, that includes a few additional non-substantive wording changes, mainly in Section 45.19.6.7 ("Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries"). Copies of the second revised draft ordinance were sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Los Angeles Police Department, the Department of Building and Safety, and the Office of the City Clerk with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to your Honorable Body at the time this matter is considered. AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER 200 NORTH MAIN STREET: LOS ANGELES, CA 90012~4131" 218.978.8100 • 213.978.8310 TDD The Honorable City Council

of the City of Los Angeles

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If you have any questions, please contact Deputy City Attorney Heather Aubry at (213) 978-8393. She, or another member of this office, will be available when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have. Sincerely, 8380

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attomey

By

DAVID MICHAELSON Chief Assistant City Attorney DM:HA:lee

Transmittal

M: PGEN: PGEN: HEATHER AUBRY: Council Report re Medical Marijuana Collectives. Revised u.doc ORDINANCE NO. _

An ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to implement the Compassionate Use Act and the Medical Marijuana Program Act.

WHEREAS, in 1996, California voters approved the Compassionate Use Act in

order to exempt seriously ill patients and their primary caregivers from criminal liability for possession and cultivation of marijuana;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a compelling interest in ensuring that marijuana is not distributed in an illicit manner;

WHEREAS, the Medical Marijuana Program Act of 2003 provides for the association of primary caregivers and qualified patients to cultivate marijuana; WHEREAS, the regulation of these associations is essential to preserve the peace and quiet of the neighborhoods in which these associations are established and operate;

NOW. THEREFORE.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Article 5.1 is added to Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

Article 5.1. MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION

Sec. 45.19.6. Purposes and Intent.

The ordinance codified in this article, in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.5, *et seq.*, does not interfere with a patient's right to medical marijuana, nor does it criminalize the possession or cultivation of medical marijuana by specifically defined classifications of persons, pursuant to state law. Under state law, only qualified patients, persons with identification cards and primary caregivers may cultivate medical marijuana collectively. Medical marijuana collectives shall otherwise comply with all provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including the zoning ordinance, and *the* California Health and Safety Code. Nothing in this ordinance purports to permit activities that are otherwise illegal under federal or state law.

Sec. 45.19.6.1. Definitions.

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The following phrases, when used in this chapter, shall be construed as defined in California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.5 and 11362.7:

"Person with an identification card;"

"Identification card;"

"Attending physician;"

"Primary caregiver;" and

"Qualified patient."

The following phrases, when used in this chapter, shall be construed as defined below:

"Medical marijuana collective." Qualified patients, persons with identification cards and designated primary caregivers of qualified patients and persons with identification cards who associate, as an incorporated or unincorporated association, at a particular location within the City of Los Angeles in order to collectively or cooperatively cultivate marijuana for medical purposes, in strict accordance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.5, *et seg.*

Sec. 45.19.6.2. Registration. All medical marijuana collectives shall register with the City Clerk by completing a registration form. Each member of the collective must sign the form under penalty of perjury. The form shall, at a minimum, contain the following information: the names of all members of the medical marijuana collective. the location of the medical marijuana collective, a telephone number, the name and address of a person authorized to accept service of process, and any other information reasonably required on the form provided by the City Clerk to show that the medical marijuana collective meets the requirements of this article. The collective shall also provide proof that the owner of the property was given notice that the collective is filing the registration form and also that the owner has received a copy of the information contained in and with the form. The collective shall file a new registration form within fifteen days of any changes in the information provided in the original form or any change in status of compliance with the regulations set forth in Section 45.19.6.3. The new form shall include the names of any new members and their signatures under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct. The City Clerk shall provide proof of registration to the person authorized to accept service of process. Sec. 45.19.6.3. Regulations.

The location at which a medical marijuana collective cultivates and distributes medical marijuana must meet the following requirements:

(1) The location shall comply with the provisions of Chapters I and IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code;

(2) Exterior signage shall be limited to site addressing only;

(3) The location shall be monitored at all times by web-based closed circuit television for security purposes. The camera and recording system must 2

be of adequate quality, color rendition and resolution to allow the ready identification of any individual committing a crime anywhere on the site; (4) The location shall have a centrally-monitored alarm system;

(5) Interior building lighting, exterior building lighting and parking area lighting must be in compliance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 93.0104, 93.0107 and 93.0117 and must be of sufficient foot-candles and color rendition, so as to allow the ready identification of any individual committing a crime on site at a distance of no less than forty feet (a distance that should allow a person reasonable reaction time upon recognition of a viable threat);

(6) Windows and roof hatches shall be secured with bars on the windows so as to prevent unauthorized entry, and be equipped with latches that may be released quickly from the inside to allow exit in the event of emergency;
(7) Absolutely no cultivated marijuana or dried marijuana product may be visible from the building exterior:

(8) No refinement of marijuana, or the preparation of marijuana products,

such as but not limited to hashish, "hash oil" or marijuana butter shall be allowed; (9) No sale of marijuana or marijuana-enhanced or edible products shall be allowed, nor shall the manufacturing of these products for sale be permitted; (10) No persons under the age of eighteen shall be allowed on site, unless the individual is a qualified patient or person with an identification card and accompanied by his or her licensed attending physician, parent or documented legal quardian;

(11) At any given time, no medical marijuana collective may possess more than five pounds of dried marijuana or more than 100 plants. No medical marijuana collective may possess marijuana that was not cultivated either on-site or at a previous location, registered in accordance with Section 45.19.6.2, by that medical marijuana collective;

(12) A sign shall be posted in a conspicuous location inside the structure advising: "The diversion of marijuana for non-medical purposes is a violation of State law. The use of marijuana may impair a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle or operate heavy machinery. Loitering at the location of a medical marijuana collective for an illegal purpose is prohibited by California Penal Code Section 647(h)";

(13) No medical marijuana collective may provide medical marijuana to any persons other than qualified patients or persons with identification cards and designated primary caregivers who participate in the collective cultivation of 3

marijuana at that medical marijuana collective. No medical marijuana provided to a primary caregiver may be supplied to any person(s) other than the primary caregiver's qualified patient(s) or person(s) with an identification card; (14) No cultivation of medical marijuana shall be visible with the naked eve from any public or other private property. No outdoor cultivation shall occur at a location unless it is secured from public access by means of a locked gate and any other security measures necessary to prevent unauthorized entry; (15) No medical marijuana collective shall be located within a 1,000-foot radius of schools, playgrounds, parks, libraries, places of religious worship, licensed child care facilities, licensed youth facilities, including youth hostels, youth camps, and youth clubs, or other medical marijuana collective(s); (16) No medical marijuana collective shall cause or permit the establishment or maintenance of the sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises or off-site of the premises; (17) No dried medical marijuana shall be stored in structures without at least four walls and a roof, or stored in an unlocked vault or safe, or other unsecured storage structure; nor shall any dried medical marijuana be stored in a safe or vault that is not bolted to the floor or structure of the facility; and (18) Medical marijuana cultivated at registered medical marijuana collectives may not be consumed on-site, in the parking areas, or in those areas already restricted by the California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.79. Sec. 45.19.6.4. Exemptions.

(1) The prohibition in Section 45.19.6.3 (8) shall not apply to a qualified patient or a person with an identification card who resides at the location of the medical marijuana collective with respect to cooking, refining or otherwise preparing dried marijuana cultivated at the location for his or her own medical use, in accordance with the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5, et seq;
(2) The prohibition in Section 45.19.6.3 (8) shall not apply to a primary caregiver who resides at the medical marijuana collective with respect to cooking, refining or otherwise preparing dried marijuana collective with respect to cooking, refining or otherwise preparing dried marijuana collective with respect to cooking, refining or otherwise preparing dried marijuana cultivated at the location for delivery to and medical use by the qualified patient(s) or person(s) with an identification card for whom he or

she serves as primary caregiver;

(3) The prohibition in Section 45.19.6.3 (18) shall not apply to a qualified patient or a person with an identification card who resides at the location of the medical marijuana collective with respect to use of marijuana for his or her own medical purposes;

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(4) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize the chemical extraction of marijuana resin or production of concentrated cannabis in violation of California Health and Safety Code section 11379.6.

Sec. 45.19.6.5 Maintenance of Records.

Medical marijuana collectives shall maintain records reflecting: (1) the full name, address, and telephone number(s) of the owner or lessee of the property; (2) the full name, address, and telephone number(s) of all qualified patients and persons with identification cards and/or primary caregivers who participate in the collective cultivation; (3) the full name, address, and telephone number(s) of all qualified patients and persons with identification cards to whom the collective provides medical marijuana; (4) the designation, by qualified patient(s) and person(s) with identification cards, of any and all primary caregivers who participate in the collective cultivation; (5) the amount of compensation, if any, for specified cultivation-related services received by any primary caregiver in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 11362.765, and; (6) proof of registration with the City Clerk in conformance with section 45.19.6.2.

The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and the Los Angeles Police Department may inspect every medical marijuana collective location at any reasonable time to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article and both Departments, within their respective jurisdictions, are authorized to enforce the provisions of this article.

Sec. 45.19.6.7. Existing "Medical Marijuana Dispensaries". Any marijuana cultivation operation or dispensary, including any "Medical Marijuana Dispensary," as that term is defined in Interim Control Ordinance No. 179,027, that does not comply with the requirements of this Article must cease operation until it complies fully with the requirements of this Article.

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Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records. I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _

KAREN E. KALFAYAN, City Clerk By

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Deputy Approved ______ Mayor Approved as to Form and Legality ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney BY~~_____ RICHARD H. LLEWELLYN, JR. Chief Deputy City Attorney

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