

ORDINANCE NO 186029

An ordinance amending Section 104.15 of Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to authorize the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to disconnect utilities at unlawful commercial cannabis establishments.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section. 1. Subsections (e) and (f) of Section 104.15 of Article 4, Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are re-lettered (f) and (g), and a new Subsection (e) is added to read as follows:

(e) The Department of Water of Power (DWP) is authorized to disconnect utilities at a location occupied by an Unlawful Establishment if (i) the Police Department or other City Department provides written confirmation to DWP that commercial cannabis activity is occurring at the location, and (ii) DCR provides written confirmation to DWP that the City has not issued Temporary Approval or a License to engage in commercial cannabis activity at the location. The manner and form of the written confirmation shall be established and agreed to by the referenced departments.

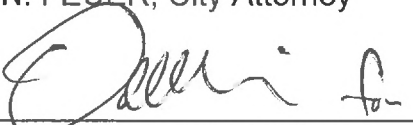
Sec. 2. **URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety for the following reasons: As documented by the Los Angeles Police Department, the City Attorney/ and City Departments, unauthorized cannabis activity in the City continues to proliferate, with the attendant crime and negative secondary impacts that pose a current and immediate threat to the public welfare. In addition, most unauthorized cannabis businesses cultivate, manufacture, and sell cannabis that has not been tested in accordance with State standards, which also creates a current and immediate threat to the public welfare. As such, City Departments immediately require greater authority to more efficiently combat the proliferation of unauthorized cannabis businesses that threaten public peace, health and safety. Authorizing the Department of Water and Power to disconnect utilities at locations at which unauthorized cannabis activity is occurring will allow the City to promptly address these threats to the public peace, health and safety. For all of these reasons, this ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Section 253 of the Los Angeles City Charter.

Sec. 3. 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 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.

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By



ALEXANDER FREEDMAN
Deputy City Attorney

Date

2/28/19

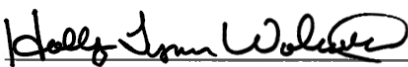
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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR





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