

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed Ordinance to enable the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) to barricade, padlock, fence or secure an unlawfully operating cannabis business.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Harris-Dawson - Rodriguez - Cedillo):

1. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP) and the LADBS, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on Ordinance language that would enable the LADBS to barricade, padlock, fence or secure an unlawfully operating cannabis business that has failed to comply with an order by the City to cease operations, by whatever means the LADBS determines as reasonable and necessary.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance as outlined above.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on October 19, 2018, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered Motion (Harris-Dawson - Rodriguez - Cedillo) relative to an instruction to the DCP and LADBS, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on ordinance language that would enable the LADBS to barricade, padlock, fence, or secure an unlawfully operating cannabis business that has failed to comply with an order by the City to cease operations, by whatever means the LADBS determines as reasonable and necessary.

The Motion states that as the City continues its efforts to license legitimate cannabis businesses, it is imperative that more be done to ensure that unlawfully operating cannabis businesses are encouraged to seek a City license to operate or are shut down. The Motion further states that although the Los Angeles Police Department can arrest individuals involved in illegal cannabis activity, this may not be sufficient deterrent to keep unlawfully operating cannabis businesses from reopening. Therefore, the Motion proposes an ordinance allowing the LADBS to secure these business, in line with the authority the LADBS has under the Los Angeles Municipal Code to vacate and secure properties that fail to comply with administrative nuisance abatement decisions made by the Planning Commission.

After consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendation in the Motion as amended to also request the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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