

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed civil service classification of Building and Safety Inspectors for non-criminal enforcement of illegal cannabis businesses and other regulatory enforcement of commercial cannabis activity.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Harris-Dawson - Blumenfield - Buscaino):

INSTRUCT the Personnel Department, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), in consultation with the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) and the City Attorney, to report with recommendations for the establishment of a civil service classification of Building and Safety Inspectors within the LADBS responsible for, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Building inspections as it relates to the licensure of commercial cannabis businesses.
- b. Non-criminal enforcement of illegal cannabis businesses.
- c. Other duties and responsibilities as it relates to the regulatory and enforcement environment surrounding commercial cannabis activity, including any necessary amendments to the City's Building and Safety Code that would effectuate the above duties of the newly established civil service classification.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO 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 - Blumenfield - Buscaino) relative to an instruction to the Personnel Department, CAO, and LADBS, in consultation with the DCR and the City Attorney, to report with recommendations for the establishment of a civil service classification of Building and Safety Inspectors within the LADBS responsible for, but not limited to, building inspections relating to licensure of commercial cannabis businesses, non criminal enforcement of illegal cannabis businesses, and other regulatory and enforcement regarding commercial cannabis activity; and, necessary amendments to the City's Building and Safety Code to effectuate the above duties of the proposed civil service classification.

The Motion states that the City currently does not have a mechanism for verifying compliance on the premises of businesses engaging in specific types of commercial cannabis activities for which they are seeking licenses (e.g. commercial retail, distribution, manufacturing, etc.), however, the LADBS is responsible for entering business premises and inspecting buildings for overall compliance with the City's Building and Safety Code. Therefore the Motion proposes the creation of a unit within the LADBS for inspecting cannabis businesses and verifying compliance with the City's Rules and Regulations for Commercial Cannabis Activity, and creation of a civil

service classification of Building and Safety Inspectors within the LADBS to carry out the aforementioned duties.

After consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendation in the Motion. 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

REW 10/22/18 FILE NO. 14-0366-S27

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