

## MOTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Proposition M, approved by voters on March 7, 2017, allows for the recreational use, sale, and taxation of cannabis in the City of Los Angeles. Within the City, local approval to engage in commercial cannabis activity is addressed by the Department of Cannabis Regulation, which is responsible for licensing and regulating legal cannabis businesses. However, despite efforts to regulate commercial cannabis activity, there is growing concern surrounding the illegal sale of cannabis by unlicensed businesses. The proliferation of illegal cannabis businesses can impact communities and affect the operations of businesses that have been properly licensed by both the City of Los Angeles and the State of California.

In enforcing the regulatory environment surrounding commercial cannabis activity, City departments work collaboratively to verify overall compliance as it relates to licensing, documentation, and building inspections. However, the City does not have a mechanism that verifies 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.).


Currently, the Department of Building and Safety is responsible for entering business premises and inspecting buildings for overall compliance with the City's Building and Safety Code. In order to enhance the City's enforcement capabilities, an enforcement unit should be created within the Department of Building and Safety that is responsible for inspecting cannabis businesses and verifying overall compliance with the City's Rules and Regulations for Commercial Cannabis Activity within the premises of commercial cannabis businesses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Personnel Department, the City Administrative Officer, and the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the Department of Cannabis Regulation and the City Attorney, to report with recommendations for the establishment of a civil service classification of Building and Safety Inspectors within the Department of Building and Safety responsible for, but not limited to, the following: 1) building inspections as it relates to the licensure of commercial cannabis businesses, 2) non-criminal enforcement of illegal cannabis businesses, and 3) 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.

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