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In November 2016, California voters approved recreational cannabis, and allowed for the taxation and regulation of the cannabis industry. In March 2017, the City's voters approved Proposition M, which enables the City Council to replace the current regulatory framework for cannabis with a new, comprehensive system. Since then, various committees have met to discuss aspects of cannabis regulation, and the Council, through its Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee, has held multiple meetings throughout the City to solicit input from residents and stakeholders on appropriate ways to regulate this new industry in Los Angeles. Recently, the Council released draft regulations on cannabis activity, including zoning and permit requirements.

As the City continues to work towards finalizing regulations for cannabis-related businesses, it is vital that the permitting process ensure that businesses are operating in a legal and respectful manner. Currently, the Police Commission issues a number of permits for businesses engaged in activities that can affect residents, such as dance halls, adult entertainment, pool halls and other places. The Police Permit process is well established and easily understood by business owners, and it may be appropriate for cannabis businesses to be required to obtain a Police Permit for their business.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, report on the feasibility of establishing a Police Permit for cannabis-related businesses.

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