

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)**

**A RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE  
ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMITS**

WHEREAS, in January 2016, the Salinas City Council adopted an ordinance allowing for the establishment of a limited number of commercial cannabis businesses in Salinas (“Original Ordinance”), namely up to three permits in each of four categories (dispensary, manufacturing, cultivation, and delivery); and

WHEREAS, in August 2017, the Salinas City Council amended the Original Ordinance to allow for the issuance of an additional limited number of commercial cannabis businesses, namely two additional permits in each of three categories (dispensary, manufacturing, and cultivation) as opposed to the original three in each of those categories (“Amended Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the City’s Selection Committee received applications for those commercial cannabis business permits available under the Original Ordinance and identified the best-qualified applicants, to which commercial cannabis business permits have been issued; and

WHEREAS, under the Amended Ordinance additional commercial cannabis business permits will be available; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Ordinance authorizes City staff to issue commercial cannabis business permits administratively in some instances, as defined in the Amended Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas City Council desires to delegate authority to City staff to develop and to implement review processes for applications for a commercial cannabis business permit, consistent with this Resolution, and to develop and to implement administrative permits for commercial cannabis businesses as defined in the Amended Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF SALINAS as follows:

1. City staff are hereby delegated the authority to develop and to implement review processes for applications for commercial cannabis business permits and to develop and implement procedures for administrative permits for commercial cannabis businesses.
2. A Selection Committee comprised of City staff members shall select the best-qualified applicants to receive commercial cannabis business permits.
3. Applicants who submitted applications under the Original Ordinance shall be provided the opportunity to have their applications reconsidered under the Amended Ordinance. City staff shall perform an additional review of interested applicants who currently have applications on file with the City and who did not already receive a commercial cannabis business permit to determine if it would be appropriate to award permits to any of these businesses.
4. For subsequent application periods, in the event additional commercial cannabis business permits become available, the City Manager or his/her designee will establish the application guidelines and the application process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall supersede prior resolutions to the extent that applications reviewed after the date of this Resolution under the Amended Ordinance shall be subject to this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED

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Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk