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**COMMERCIAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY DEVELOPMENT  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AND  
CANNABIS EXPRESS, INC.**

**THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT** (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of June, 2023, (the "Execution Date"), by and between the **CITY OF PORTERVILLE**, a California municipal corporation ("City") and **CANNABIS EXPRESS, INC.** ("Owner"). City and Owner are sometimes referenced together herein as the "Parties." In instances when a provision hereof applies to each of the Parties individually, either may be referenced as a "Party." The Parties hereby jointly render the following statement as to the background facts and circumstances underlying this Agreement:

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California enacted California Government Code Sections 65864 et seq. ("Development Agreement Statutes") to authorize municipalities to enter into development agreements with those having legal or equitable interests in real property to strengthen the public planning process, encourage private participation in comprehensive planning, and reduce the economic risk of development in connection with the development of real property within their jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Development Agreement Statutes is to authorize municipalities, in their discretion, to establish certain development rights in real property for a period of years regardless of intervening changes in land use regulations, to vest certain rights in the Owner, and to meet certain public purposes of the local government;

**WHEREAS**, the City has adopted Municipal Code Article 609, establishing the procedures and requirements for the consideration of development agreements with the City;

**WHEREAS**, Owners currently hold legal or equitable interest in real property considered in this Agreement which has a development area approximately **3,850** square feet located at 200 North Main Street, City of Porterville, State of California (the "Site"). The Site includes Assessor's Parcel Number: 253-182-001, and is more fully

described in Exhibit A and shown on the map in Exhibit B. Both exhibits being attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference;

**WHEREAS**, presently, the owner and CEO of Cannabis Express, Inc., Darin Garrett, owns the site/real property for the purpose of commercial cannabis related activities, specifically the development and operation of a commercial cannabis dispensary. Such Commercial Cannabis facilities shall operate in accordance with all applicable provisions of Business and Professions Code §§26000-26231.2; California Health and Safety Code Safety Code §§ 11357-11362.9 and 11362.7- 11362.85; Revenue and Taxation Code §§ 34010-34021.5; Vehicle Code §§ 2429.7 and 23222; Water Code §§ 1831, 1847, and 13276; the City of Porterville Municipal Code as it applies to such facilities (collectively the “Applicable Cannabis Laws”), and all Resolutions and procedures adopted or authorized by the City in accordance with those laws and regulations. Prior to operating a commercial dispensary Owner shall be required to obtain a Commercial Cannabis Permit from the City, and all related permits and licenses prior to the operation of same, pursuant to Chapter 15, Article VII and Chapter 21, Article 609 of the Porterville Municipal Code.

**WHEREAS**, Owner has obtained or will obtain a California State License issued, pursuant to Applicable Cannabis Laws, to operate a commercial storefront dispensary at the Site. The definition of "Property Owner" hereunder shall mean and refer to the fee simple owner of the property. The definition of “Owner” hereunder shall mean and refer to any authorized tenant of the Site to the extent such party holds or is covered by a Commercial Cannabis Permit;

**WHEREAS**, Owner has applied to this City for a Commercial Cannabis Permit (*hereinafter* "CCP") to conduct Commercial Cannabis Activities. No such activities are allowed or authorized without a Development Agreement, a Commercial Cannabis Permit, and all requirements pursuant to the above-referenced City regulations.

**WHEREAS**, Owner presently intends to develop and open a commercial storefront dispensary on the Site consistent with the Applicable Cannabis Laws and Project Approvals (known as the “Project”).

**WHEREAS**, the Project will consist of: one commercial building totaling approximately 3,850 square feet.

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, Ordinance Nos. 1853 and 1854 came into effect authorizing specified Commercial Cannabis Activities within the City of Porterville, in strict compliance with related State of California laws, regulations and policies, under specified conditions and provisions;

**WHEREAS**, all procedures of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), California Public Resources Code §21000 et seq., and the CEQA guidelines, title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, chapter 3, §15000 et seq. have been satisfied;

**WHEREAS**, the City has given public notice of its intention to adopt this Agreement and has conducted public hearings thereon pursuant to California Government Code §65867. The City has found that the provisions of this Agreement and its purposes are consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in City's General Plan, zoning code and municipal ordinances;

**WHEREAS**, the City, in entering into this Agreement, acknowledges that certain City obligations hereby assumed shall survive beyond the terms of the present Council members, that this Agreement will serve to bind City and future Councils to the obligations hereby undertaken, and that this Agreement shall limit the future exercise of certain governmental and proprietary powers of City. By approving this Agreement, the Council has elected to exercise certain governmental powers at the time of entering into this Agreement rather than defer its actions to some undetermined future date. The terms and conditions of this Agreement have undergone extensive review by City and the Council and have been found to be fair, just and reasonable. City has concluded that the pursuit of the Project will serve the best interests of its citizens and that the public health, safety and welfare are best served by entering into this obligation. Owner(s) has represented to City that it would not consider or engage in the Project absent City approving this Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the City agrees that Owner's land use entitlements for the Project shall vest for the term of this Agreement as described below;

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the City's applicable ordinances and resolutions, the Zoning Administrator of the City reviewed, considered and recommended environmental clearance and recommended approval of the execution of this Agreement to the City Council. The Zoning Administrator found the Project: consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in the general plan; compatible with the uses authorized in the City's zoning laws; in conformity with the public necessity, public convenience, general welfare and good land use practices; will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the city; will not adversely affect the orderly development of property or the preservation of property values; and will have a positive fiscal impact on the City;

**WHEREAS**, after conducting a duly noticed hearing on INSERT DATE, in conjunction with the City's applicable ordinances and resolutions, and after independent review and consideration, the City Council approved the execution of this Agreement. The City Council found the Project: consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in the general plan; compatible with the uses authorized in the City's zoning laws; in conformity with good land use practices; will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the City; and is in the best interest of the City of Porterville and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and legal

sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Government Code and Municipal Code Required Elements

- Description of Property. Land situated in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California; whose street address is 200 North Main Street, City of Porterville, State of California (the "Site"). The Site includes Assessor's Parcel Number: 253-182-001.

- Owner and Other Person with Legal or Equitable Interest.

Owner: Darin Garrett  
Nature of Interest: *Owner*

*If Owner is not the fee simple owner of the Site, check box below:*

*[X] Owner represents and warrants that the property owner has consented in writing to the execution and recordation of this Agreement against the Site. See attached Landlord Consent agreement, incorporated herein by this reference (Exhibit A).*

- Permitted Uses. The subject property may be used for commercial storefront cannabis dispensary as presently authorized under City Chapter 15, Article VII of the Porterville Municipal Code, §§ 15-85 through 15-105 and Chapter 21, Section 301.23, and 609.01 through 609.11, and for any other use as authorized under applicable provisions of the Porterville Municipal Code.

- Zoning. Owner shall guarantee that such activities outlined in Owner's Commercial Cannabis Permit Application ("Application") conducted pursuant to this Agreement and under the Commercial Cannabis Permit shall comply with the City's municipal code, including the above-referenced zoning regulations and any and all development and construction requirements contained therein. Owner shall not conduct any business under this Agreement or under the Commercial Cannabis Permit without having obtained all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the City and State of California.

- Reservation or Dedication of Land for Public Purposes. If needed, sufficient roadway, sidewalk, and utility easements shall be reserved or dedicated to City for such purposes.

2. Term

This Agreement shall commence on the date the Ordinance approving this Agreement goes into effect (the "Effective Date") and it shall end **fifteen (15)** years from the starting date, and it shall remain in full force and effect so long as the subject property has been developed and is used for a commercial cannabis

facility as authorized under City Ordinance Nos. 1853 and 1854; provided, however, that such use must be commenced and begin operating within two (2) years of the Effective Date, and said operations/use is not abandoned for a period of more than ninety (90) days. This Agreement shall be extended for up to 1 additional **5-year** period following the expiration of the initial **fifteen (15)** year term upon the occurrence of all of the following:

(i) The Owner shall give written notice to the City no later than one hundred twenty (120) days before the expiration of the initial fifteen year term that the Owner desires to extend this Agreement for an additional **5-year** period;

(ii) The Owner shows adequate evidence to the City that it has a legal and/or equitable interest in the Property and/or will have such interests for the duration of the extended term of the Agreement;

(iii) The Owner shall deposit all fees required by the City necessary for processing the extension request and drafting necessary documentation;

(iv) The Owner shall be in compliance with all provisions of Ordinance Nos. 1853 and 1854, and all terms imposed by the City-issued Commercial Cannabis Permit; and

(v) The Owner shall not be in default of any provision of any agreement between City and Owner relative to the development of the Property or of any condition of approval imposed upon any entitlement granted by the City relative to the development of the Property for which Owner has been given a written notice to cure by the City and for which Owner has not cured or commenced to cure such default within thirty (30) days, if and as provided by such agreement or condition of approval.

3. **General Business/Store and Offices** – The facility will maintain hours of operation consistent with Section 15-87.L. of the Municipal Code, with generally a minimum of eight employees per shift. The parties may agree to a different number if warranted by the business volume.
4. **Parking/Loading Access.** The proposed project is located in Downtown Parking District 1 Zone A, which does not require parking spaces for businesses within it, if the building is three (3) floors or less. The project complies with the CALGreen Tier 1 by incorporating storm water pollution prevention measures, installing energy- and water-efficient equipment, and planting native and drought-tolerant landscaping at the front of the property.
5. **Security:** The project will secure the facility against unauthorized entry by installing security lights on the exterior of the building to illuminate the side areas and parking area, installing commercial-grade locks, installing an alarm and video

surveillance system, establishing procedures for identifying authorized persons, establish inventory controls, and install a secure surveillance vault to maintain the integrity of records. Further, the project shall have a separately secured, limited access area, where all persons must be at least 21 years of age and have a business reason for entering the area; non-employees with authorized access must be escorted, and an access log must be maintained. In addition, the applicant will engage a licensed security company to provide an operational security plan in compliance with applicable City Regulations and policies.

## 6. Owner's Site and Floor Plans

- Owner's site plan and floor plan for the facility are attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated into the Application.
- A preliminary landscape plan shall be prepared and reviewed and approved by the City Manager, the Community Development Director, the Engineering and Project Management Director, and/or their respective designees. A final landscape plan shall be prepared and submitted in conjunction with building and site improvement plans prior to issuance of building permits for construction activities.
- An exterior signage plan shall be prepared and reviewed and approved by the appropriate City staff in accordance with the procedures and requirements of the Porterville Municipal Code. **Owner agrees that it will not use the words "Cannabis" or "Marijuana" (or any forms or derivatives of the words) in the business name signage.**

## 7. Facility Operations

- Standard Operating Procedures. Owner is a lawful entity that will only transact business with other legally permitted persons and entities under the California Cannabis Laws. Prior to operating a dispensary, Owner shall be required to obtain a Commercial Cannabis Permit, and all requirements pursuant to said permit, from the City pursuant to City Ordinance Nos. 1853 and 1854. Further, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Owner may operate such cannabis-related activities as permitted in accordance with California state laws and regulations, as may be amended, including without limitation, as long as such activity is not inconsistent with Ordinance Nos. 1853 and 1854, this Development Agreement, the City-issued Commercial Cannabis Permit, and the Porterville Municipal Code.

During the term of its CCP and the term of this Agreement, Owner shall lawfully operate in accordance with all state and local laws. Owner shall employ exemplary operating procedures to comply with state and local laws. Owner's facility shall employ safety and security measures for the safety and security of its

employees, visitors, vendors, and neighboring communities and properties.

Owner shall fully comply with the minimum Operating Standards regulating the proposed Commercial Cannabis Activity as set forth in Chapter 15, Article 7, Sections 15-85 through 15-105 of the Porterville Municipal Code, and those required by Ordinance No. 1853.

- Security Plan. Owner shall secure approval of its proposed security plan by the City prior to operating, and has attached its draft plan as Exhibit C. The security plan shall include, at a minimum and as appropriate, provisions for video surveillance, perimeter fencing and/or security, protection of the building(s) from vehicle intrusion, cash handling procedures, internal accounting controls, product handling and storage procedures, and a professionally monitored alarm system. Equipment and systems used for video surveillance and building alarms shall be approved by City. See Porterville Municipal Code Section 15-87, subsections (N) and (O), for minimum security requirements.

Video surveillance shall include, at a minimum, all site and facility entrances and access points, all spaces accessible by the public, all secured areas of the facility with restricted access, all interior spaces and rooms where cannabis products are handled, shipping and receiving areas, cash storage areas, and other areas necessary to protect the safety of employees and the public and to ensure cannabis products are received, handled, stored, and sold in compliance with applicable state and local laws and regulations. The video surveillance system shall be web-based with direct access provided to the City of Porterville Police Department upon request.

The security system shall also include sensors to detect entry and exit from all secure areas, panic buttons in appropriate locations, and a professionally monitored alarm system with glass breakage sensors and motion detectors.

Owner shall employ properly trained and licensed third-party security personnel to protect the welfare and safety of Owner and employees, and to ensure public safety to the neighboring community. Owner shall use security personnel during all hours of business operations. Security personnel may be armed so long as proper licensing and insurance requirements are followed and met by the third-party operator providing such security services.

Further, the project shall have a separately secured, limited access area, where all persons must be at least 21 years of age and have a business reason for entering the area; non-employees with authorized access must be escorted, and an access log must be maintained. The (nonlimited access) reception area shall be completely separated and secured from the dispensary operations, and shall be operated in conformity with all applicable laws and regulations, and by an employee at least 21 years of age, with concurrent monitoring by onsite security personnel.

- Fire Department Approval. Owner shall not operate any facility, and no permit, license, or other approval issued by City shall be valid unless and until the Porterville Fire Department has approved Owner's site plan, floor plan, safety plan, and any other plans that require its approval.
  
- Possession of Firearms. Except for licensed and bonded security personnel, no person employed or contracted by Owner shall be in possession of any firearm while on the premises or location without having first obtained a license from the appropriate state or local agency authorizing the person to be in possession of such firearm. Every such person in possession of a firearm while on the premises or location must provide the City Manager and the Porterville Police Department, ten (10) days before bringing the firearm onto the premises, with the following:
  - 1) A copy of the license issued to the person by the appropriate state or local agency authorizing him or her to possess such firearm;
  - 2) A copy of his or her law enforcement identification (if he or she is employed by a law enforcement agency);
  - 3) A copy of his or her California driver's license or California identification card; and
  - 4) Any other information reasonably required by the Porterville Police Department to show that the individual is in compliance with the provisions of all laws regarding the possession and use of a firearm.
  
- Identification Display. Each owner, manager, employee, and individual member engaged in the operation of the business shall at all times while engaged in the duties of his or her position wear in plain sight, on his or her person and at chest level, a valid identification badge, issued by Owner.
  
- Employee Background Checks and Procedures for Inventory Control to Prevent Non-Medical Diversion of Medical Cannabis. Only employees who receive the required background clearance pursuant to Section 15-89 of the Porterville Municipal Code shall be permitted to enter Owner's facility. Each employee will have to meet a criminal background investigation as required by the City, which at minimum shall include a LiveScan criminal history check, which City shall make a good faith effort to facilitate within a reasonable time following the issuance of a Commercial Cannabis Permit(s) or license(s) to Owner.

Owner shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to prevent the sale or distribution of any of its cannabis products to minors; prevent revenue from the sale or distribution of its cannabis and/or infused products from going to criminal enterprises, gangs and cartels; prevent the diversion of cannabis from California



to any other state; prevent state-authorized cannabis activity from being used as a cover or pretext for the trafficking of other illegal drugs or other illegal activity; prevent violence and the use of firearms in the sale of cannabis; discourage and educate against drugged driving and the exacerbation of other adverse public health consequences associated with cannabis use; disavow growing cannabis on public lands that creates attendant public safety and environmental dangers posed by such illegal uses; and discourage and educate against cannabis possession or use on federal property.

- Point of Sale Tracking System. Owner shall maintain an inventory control and reporting system that accurately documents the cannabis products. The inventory control and reporting system shall comply with the track and trace program required by California Cannabis Law and regulations issued thereunder.

Owner shall employ an electronic point of donation/sale system approved by the State of California for all point of donations/sales tracking from seed or inception to product distribution to other licensed commercial cannabis facilities. Such approved system shall track all commercial cannabis products, each edible, harvested flower, and/or manufactured concentrate, as well as gross sales (by weight and sale). Owner's point of sale system shall have the capacity to produce historical transactional data in accordance with City's requirements.

- Record Keeping. Owner shall maintain records for all commercial cannabis and/or infused products. Owner shall comply with all record-keeping responsibilities that are set forth in Ordinance No. 1853, Section 15-87(O) of the Porterville Municipal Code, including complete and up-to-date records regarding the amount of commercial cannabis delivered and sold, and applicable State law.
- Commercial cannabis sales shall not create offensive odors; create excessive dust, heat, noise, smoke, traffic, or other impacts that are disturbing to people of normal sensitivity residing or present on adjacent or nearby property or areas open to the public; or be hazardous due to use or storage of materials, processes, products, or wastes.

Owner shall store its commercial cannabis and/or commercial cannabis products in a locked safe room with T-card identification access for management only. The safe room shall be constructed of fire-rate walls with numerous cameras installed to view all entries and exits from the safe room, as well as all other activities performed within Owner's facility. Owner will not conduct outdoor operations except as related to lawful delivery and transportation of commercial cannabis and infused products. Owner will not store commercial cannabis or related products in its delivery vehicle outside normal operating hours of the facility.

Any excess or contaminated product will be securely stored on-site until it is properly disposed. Disposal may include composting, incineration, land-fill disposal through the local waste management hauler, or other disposal

methodology in accordance with state and county health and safety codes and regulations.

- Description of Banking Plan. Owner shall seek to open a bank account under the name of Owner or its associated management company to provide transparency for funds received, operational costs, including payroll, tax payments to the state and federal governments. Should a bank account not be forthcoming, Owner shall implement other industry standard banking and/or other industry standard transactional mechanisms.
- Transportation and Delivery Plan. Owner shall comply with all state and local law regarding transportation and delivery, including the rules governing delivery service. Owner shall retain a list of names and cellular contact numbers for all employees engaged in transportation and/or delivery of commercial cannabis products and provide it to the applicable oversight authority, keeping the list current and up to date.

Owner will keep complete and up-to-date records documenting each delivery, including the amount/product(s) provided, the date and time provided, the name of the employee making the delivery, the name and address of the individual corporation to whom delivery is made, and the amount of the related sale/monetary transaction.

## 8. Community Relations, Employment, and Wages

- Public Outreach and Education Program. The Owner shall coordinate and cooperate with City and any other Owners of commercial cannabis dispensaries located within City of Porterville in the establishment and implementation of appropriate public outreach and education programs. The public outreach and education programs shall be approved by City.
- Community Benefits Program. The Owner shall coordinate and cooperate with the City and other Owners of commercial cannabis facilities located within the City of Porterville in the City Council's establishment and implementation, and the Owners' funding of a community benefits program which could include such items as senior citizen programs, City beautification efforts, funding for enforcement against illegal cannabis operations, public safety, housing programs, economic development, infrastructure, capital improvements, including expansion and/or improvement to existing facilities or other physical improvements that provide a benefit to the community, support of holiday and special community events, and support of local public service, public safety, and special social and community organizations. This community benefits program may be implemented by the City. The City may invite public participation in the decision-making process for identifying and prioritizing community needs and benefits, and identifying appropriate projects to be funded by the entity implementing this community benefits program. All projects under the community

benefits program must be approved by the City.

Owner agrees, as a business expense, to pay the City the yearly sum of \$30,000.00 or 1% of Owner's annual gross receipts, whichever amount is greater, from the commercial operation on the Premises. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties the above amount shall be paid over the course of the calendar year on a quarterly basis, with payments due within 30 days of the end of each quarter. The first payment shall be due at within 30 days of the end of the first quarter for which the commercial operation at the Premises was operational and prorated to account for when during the quarter the opening occurred.

- Designation of Community Relations Liaison. At the time of this Agreement, Owner's day-to-day operations managers, **Darin Garrett and/or Maria Marrero**, will be responsible for community inquiries and complaints and on-site management during normal business hours.

- Interface with City of Porterville Police / Inspections. Owner's day-to-day operations manager, and/or the Owner's Community Relations Liaison, **Darin Garrett**, will interface with the Porterville Police Department's assigned designee to ensure its operation complies with state and local laws and regulations. The City Manager, or designee, or the Porterville Police Department's assigned designee acting at the City Manager's request and per his specific and limiting instructions, shall have the right to enter all Premises from time to time unannounced during hours of operation for the purpose of making reasonable inspections to observe and enforce compliance with this Agreement and state and local laws and regulations, without the requirement of a search warrant, subpoena, or court order, and subject to appropriate cost recovery fees set forth in this Agreement, or adopted by the City. See, Ordinance No. 1853, as well as Porterville Municipal Code Section 15-87, 15-96.

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Initials

- Local Recruitment, Hiring, and Training Programs. Owner is committed to making a good-faith effort to recruit, hire, and train City residents for employment by Owner. A good-faith effort means Owner shall take the following or similar actions to recruit and employ City residents: 1) Contact local recruitment sources, including the Employment Connection, to identify qualified individuals who are City (or City area) residents, 2) Advertise for qualified City residents in trade papers and newspapers of general circulation in the area, and 3) Develop a written plan to recruit and employ City residents as a part of the its workforce. The Owner commits to a local annual hiring goal of 50% of total operational jobs for permanent and apprentice employees. This goal shall apply horizontally, across all departments and managerial positions. The Owner shall not be penalized or deemed in default under this Agreement if it is unable to achieve such a goal.

"Local" is defined as within a 3-mile radius of the boundaries of the City's boundaries. The Owner shall contact and work with a job referral agency (e.g. the Employment Connection) assigned by the City Manager to implement a local hiring policy for permanent and apprentice employees. The purpose of the hiring policy is to facilitate the training and employment of local and disadvantaged job applicants for jobs within the City's jurisdiction, and 3-mile radius of City boundaries. Applicants for jobs shall not be disqualified from hiring solely on the basis of an arrest or conviction for a Cannabis-related crime that occurred prior to November 8, 2016, and could have been prosecuted as a misdemeanor or citation under current California law. The Owner shall report on compliance with the local hiring goals as part of its annual audit report.

9. Public Art Feature/Element. Owner agrees to provide a historical/artistic feature as a component of its project, located at or near the Property (for example, the completion of a mural located on the second story of the building along Putnam Avenue). The artistic feature will be subject to the review of the City Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee and City of Porterville Arts Commission, and the approval of the City Council, prior to the commencement of work on the feature. Work on the feature must be commenced within two years of the opening of the business.

10. Indemnification Agreement by each Cannabis Permittee

Pursuant to Ordinance Nos.1853 and 1854, and including Porterville Municipal Code Section 15-87(T), to the fullest extent permitted by local, state and/or federal law, the City of Porterville shall not assume any liability whatsoever with respect to having issued a Commercial Cannabis Permit or executed a Development Agreement pursuant Ordinance No. 1853 and Chapter 609 of the Development Code, or otherwise approving the operation of any commercial cannabis business. As a condition to the approval of any Commercial Cannabis Permit and to the execution and approval of a Development Agreement, the Owner shall be required to meet all the conditions enumerated in Porterville Municipal Code Sections 15-85 through 15-105, before this Agreement may be executed, and before they can receive the Commercial Cannabis Permit. The City Manager shall require the Owner and Property Owner/each Commercial Cannabis Permittee to execute a separate Indemnification Agreement prepared by the City that fully indemnifies the City for all liabilities associated with the Commercial Cannabis Permit, the Commercial Cannabis Permittee's Commercial Cannabis Activities, and any action taken by the Cannabis Permittee, and/or arising out of Owner's or Property Owner's obligations under this Agreement. The Indemnification Agreement shall include the defense of the City and reimbursement of all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the City related to any action arising from this Agreement. Attached as Exhibit E, and incorporated herein by this reference, is true and correct copy of a fully executed Indemnification Agreement.

11. Fees, Costs, and Taxes

- **Permit Fees.** Owner agrees to pay all permit fees and charges authorized and referenced in Ordinance Nos. 1853 and 1854, all amounts adopted by City Council and as required by applicable laws and regulations, and any fees set forth in this Agreement. Permit application, processing, and renewal fees shall be due and payable at the time application is made or renewed.
- **Cannabis Business Tax.** Owner shall comply with all provisions of Ordinance No. 1875, and Porterville Municipal Code Chapter 22, Article VI, which requires every person engaged in a Commercial Cannabis Business in the City to pay an annual Commercial Cannabis Business tax at a rate established by resolution of the City Council, but no more than 10% of annual gross receipts. Resolution No. 99-2020, adopted by the City Council on December 15, 2020, has currently set the rate at 7% of annual gross receipts per fiscal year.

Copies of Tax Filings. Owner shall additionally provide the City with courtesy copies of each and every report Owner is required to provide to the County of Tulare or the State of California for sales, use, or other tax purposes at the time such filings are made.

## 12. Insurance

- **Insurance.** Owner shall require all persons doing work on the Project, including its contractors and subcontractors (collectively, “Owner” for purposes of this Article 6 only), to obtain and maintain insurance of the types and in the amounts described in this section and its subsections with carriers reasonably satisfactory to City.
- **General Liability Insurance.** Owner shall maintain commercial general liability insurance or equivalent form with a limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence. Such insurance shall also:
  - 1) Name City, its elected and appointed councils, boards, commissions, officers, agents, employees, and representatives as “Additional Insureds” by endorsement with respect to performance of this Agreement. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of its protection afforded to the above-listed additional insured.
  - 2) Be primary with respect to any insurance of self-insurance programs covering City, its officials, employees, agents, and representatives.
  - 3) Contain standard separation of insured provisions.
- **Automotive Liability Insurance.** Owner shall maintain business automobile liability insurance or equivalent form with a limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for each accident for the vehicles Owner operates in connection with its cannabis business. Such insurance shall include coverage for

owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles. Such insurance shall also:

- 1) Name City, and work in good faith with the City and the insurers to name additional insureds as deemed reasonably necessary. "Additional Insureds" by endorsement with respect to performance of this Agreement. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of its protection afforded to the above-listed additional insureds;
  - 2) Be primary with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs covering City, its officials, employees, agents, and representatives;
  - 3) Contain standard separation of insured provisions.
- Workers' Compensation Insurance. Owner shall take out and maintain during the term of this Agreement, workers' compensation insurance for all of Owner's employees employed at or on the Project, and in the event any of the work is subcontracted, Owner shall require any general contractor or subcontractor similarly to provide workers' compensation insurance for such contractor's or subcontractor's employees, unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by Owner. In case any class of employee engaged in work on the Project is not protected under any workers' compensation law, Owner shall provide and shall cause each contractor and subcontractor to provide adequate insurance for the protection of employees not otherwise protected. Owner hereby indemnifies City for any damage resulting from failure of Owner, its agents, employees, contractors, or subcontractors to take out or maintain such insurance. Workers' compensation insurance with statutory limits and employer's liability insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident shall be maintained.
  - Other Insurance Requirements. Owner shall do all of the following:
    - 1) Prior to taking any actions under this Agreement, furnish City with properly executed certificates of insurance that clearly evidenced all insurance required in this Article, including evidenced that such insurance will not be canceled, allowed to expire, or be materially reduced in coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice to City.
    - 2) Provide to City, upon request, and within seven (7) calendar days of said request, certified copies of endorsements and policies, and properly executed certificates of insurance evidencing the insurance required herein.
    - 3) Replace or require the replacement of certificates, policies and endorsements for any insurance required herein expiring prior the termination of this Agreement.

4) Maintain all insurance required herein from the Effective Date of this Agreement to the earlier of the expiration of the term or the mutual written termination of this Agreement.

5) Place all insurance required herein with insurers licensed to do business in California with a current Best's Key Rating Guide reasonably acceptable to City.

### 13. Termination

- Termination Upon End of Term. This Agreement shall terminate upon the expiration of the term, unless it is terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement, City shall record a notice of such termination and this Agreement shall be of no further force or effect except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement.
- Termination for Default. This Agreement may be terminated upon the Owner's default, in accordance with Section 16 below.
- Effect of Termination on Owner's Obligations. Termination of this Agreement shall eliminate any further obligation of Owner to comply with this Agreement, or some portion thereof, if such termination relates to only part of the Site or Project. Termination of this Agreement, in whole or in part, shall not, however, eliminate the rights of Owner to seek any applicable and available remedies or damages based upon acts or omissions occurring before termination.
- Effect of Termination on City's Obligations. Termination of this Agreement shall eliminate any further obligation of City to comply with this Agreement, or some portion thereof. Termination of this Agreement shall not, however, eliminate the rights of City to seek any applicable and available remedies or damages based upon acts or omissions occurring before termination.
- Survival After Termination. The rights and obligations of the Parties set forth in this Agreement which, by its express terms or nature and context is intended to survive termination of this Agreement, will survive any such termination.

### 14. Resources Efficiency

Owner shall endeavor to reduce its environmental impact when possible. The design of the facility shall include reasonable water and energy conservation measures in accordance with applicable State regulations.

### 15. Standard Conditions for Construction

During any on-site construction activities related to development of the project site and any buildings thereon, or renovation or remodeling of existing buildings, Owner shall comply with all state and local building and construction laws, regulations, and guidelines. The Project shall comply with the applicable parking standards established by the City for these particular cannabis activities.

16. Defaults and Remedies

- Remedies in general. It is acknowledged by the parties that City would not have entered into this Agreement if it were to be liable in damages under this Agreement, or with respect to this Agreement or the application thereof, except as hereinafter expressly provided. Subject to extensions of time by mutual consent in writing, failure to delay by either party to perform any term or provision of this Agreement beyond a reasonable notice and cure period shall constitute a default and constitute grounds to terminate the Agreement and/or pursue available legal remedies. In the event of alleged default or breach of any terms or conditions of this Agreement, the party alleging such default or breach shall give the other party not less than thirty (30) day notice in writing specifying the nature of the alleged default and the manner in which said default may be satisfactorily cured during any such thirty (30) day period, the party charged shall not be considered in default for purposes of termination or institution of legal proceedings. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, if the alleged default is of such a nature that it cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, the alleged defaulting party shall not be deemed in default as long as such party commences to cure such default within such thirty (30) day period and thereafter diligently prosecutes such cure to completion.

After notice and expiration of the thirty (30) day period, the other party to this Agreement, at its option, may terminate this Agreement and/or institute legal proceedings pursuant to this Agreement.

In general, each of the parties hereto may pursue any remedy at law or equity available for the breach of any provision of this Agreement including but not limited to the termination of this Agreement, except that City shall not be liable in monetary damages, unless expressly provided for this Agreement, to Owner, to any mortgagee or lender, or to any successors in interest of Owner or mortgagee or lender, or to any other person, and Owner covenants on behalf of itself and all successors in interest to the Property or any portion thereof, not to sue for damages or claim any damages:

- 1) For any breach of this Agreement or for any cause of action which arises out of this Agreement; or
- 2) For the impairment or restriction of any right or interest conveyed or provided under, with, or pursuant to this Agreement, including, without limitation, any impairment or restriction which Owner characterizes as a



regulatory taking or inverse condemnation; or

3) Arising out of or connected with any dispute, controversy or issue regarding the application or interpretation or effect of the provisions of this Agreement.

Nothing contained herein shall modify or abridge Owner's rights or remedies (including its rights for damages, if any) resulting from the exercise by City of its power of eminent domain. Nothing contained herein shall modify or abridge Owner's rights or remedies (including its rights for damages, if any) resulting from bad faith intentional acts, the grossly negligent or malicious acts of City and its officials, officers, agents and employees. Nothing herein shall modify or abridge any defenses or immunities available to City and its employees pursuant to the Government Liability Act and all other applicable statutes and decisional law.

Except as set forth in the preceding paragraph relating to eminent domain, Owner's remedies shall be limited to those set forth in this Section.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, City covenants as provided in Civil Code Section 3300 not to sue for or claim any consequential damages or, in the event all or a portion of the Property is not developed, for lost profits or revenues which would have accrued to City as a result of the development of the Property.

- Specific Performance. The parties acknowledge that money damages and remedies at law are inadequate, and specific performance and other non-monetary relief are particularly appropriate remedies for the enforcement of this Agreement and should be available to all parties for the following reasons:

- 1) Except as provided in this Agreement, money damages are unavailable against City.

- 2) Due to the size, nature and scope of the Project, it may not be practical or possible to restore the Property to its natural condition once implementation of this Agreement has begun. After such implementation, Owner may be foreclosed from other choices it may have had to use the Property or portions thereof. Owner has invested significant time and resources and performed extensive planning and processing of the Project in agreeing to the terms of this Agreement and will be investing even more significant time and resources in implementing the Project in reliance upon the terms of this Agreement, and it is not possible to determine the sum of money which would adequately compensate Owner for such efforts; the parties acknowledge and agree that any injunctive relief may be ordered on an expedited, priority basis.

- Release. Except for those remedies set forth in this Agreement, Owner, for

itself, its successors and assignees, hereby releases City, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, actions, or suits of any kind or nature arising out of any liability, known or unknown, present or future, based or asserted, pursuant to Article 1, Section 19 of the California Constitution, the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, or any other law or ordinance which seeks to impose any other liability or damage, whatsoever, upon City because it entered into this Agreement or because of the terms of this Agreement.

Owner acknowledges that it may have suffered, or may suffer, damages and other injuries that are unknown to it, or unknowable to it, at the time of its execution of this Agreement. Such fact notwithstanding, Owner agrees that the release provided in this Section shall apply to such unknown or unknowable claims and damages. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Owner acknowledges the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542, which provide:

***“A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.”***

Owner hereby waives, to the maximum legal extent, the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542 and all other statutes and judicial decisions of similar effect.

## Owners' Initials

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- Termination of Agreement for Default of City. Owner may terminate this Agreement in the event of a default by City in the performance of a material term of this Agreement and only after providing written notice to City of default setting forth the nature of the default and the actions, if any, required by City to cure such default and, where the default can be cured, City has failed to take such actions and cure such default within sixty (60) days after the effective date of such notice or, in the event that such default cannot be cured within such sixty (60) day period but can be cured within a longer time, has failed to commence the actions necessary to cure such default within such sixty (60) day period and to diligently proceed to complete such actions and cure such default. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the event that Owner deem it is necessary and/or advisable to cease operations in Porterville, then Owner may terminate this Agreement, and such termination shall be effective upon the date of written notice to the City.

- Attorneys' Fees and Costs. In any action or proceeding between City and Owner brought to interpret or enforce this Agreement, or which in any way arises out of the existence of this Agreement or is based upon any term or provision contained herein, the "prevailing party" in such action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party, in addition to all other relief to

which the prevailing party may be entitled pursuant to this Agreement, the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation costs, in an amount to be determined by the court. The prevailing party shall be determined by the court in accordance with California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1032. Fees and costs recoverable pursuant to this Section include those incurred during any appeal from an underlying judgment and in the enforcement of any judgment rendered in any such action or proceeding.

- Owner Default. No building permit shall be issued or building permit application accepted for any structure on the Property after Owner is determined by City to be in default of the terms and conditions of this Agreement until such default thereafter is cured by Owner or is waived by City. If City terminates this Agreement because of Owner's default, then City shall retain any and all benefits, including money or land received by City hereunder.

#### 17. Third Party Litigation

- General Plan Litigation. City has determined that this Agreement is consistent with its General Plan. Owner has reviewed the General Plan and concurs with City's determination.

City shall have no liability under this Agreement or otherwise for any failure of City to perform under this Agreement, or for the inability of Owner to develop the Property as contemplated by the **Agreement**, which failure to perform or inability to develop is as the result of a judicial determination that the General Plan, or portions thereof, are invalid or inadequate or not in compliance with law, or that this Agreement or any of City's actions in adopting it were invalid, inadequate, or not in compliance with the law.

- Hold Harmless Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner hereby agrees to, and shall hold City, its elective and appointive boards, commissions, officers, agents, attorney's, contractors, consultants and employees harmless from any liability for damage or claims for damage for personal injury, including death, as well as from claims for property damage which may arise from Owner or Owner's contractors, subcontractors, agents, or employees' operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by Owner, or by any of Owner's contractors, subcontractors, agents, or employees operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by Owner, or by any of Owner's contractors, subcontractors, or by any one or more persons directly or indirectly employed by, or acting as agent for Owner or any of Owner's contractors or subcontractors. Owner agrees to and shall defend City and its elective and appointive boards, commissions, officers, agents and employees from any suits or actions at law or in equity for damage caused, or alleged to have been caused, by reason of any of the aforesaid operations.

- Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner shall defend,

indemnify, and hold harmless City and its elective and appointive boards, commissions, officers, agents, attorney's, contractors, consultants and employees against and from any and all liabilities, demands, claims, actions or proceedings and costs and expenses incidental thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorneys' fees), which any or all of them may suffer, incur, be responsible for or pay out as a result of or in connection with any challenge to the legality, validity or adequacy of any of the following: (i) this Agreement and the concurrent and subsequent permits, licenses and entitlements approved for the Project or Property; (ii) the environmental impact report, mitigated negative declaration or negative declaration, as the case may be, prepared in connection with the development of the Property; (iii) any claims based on or alleging inverse condemnation by any person or entity with an interest in the Property; and (iv) the proceedings undertaken in connection with the adoption or approval of any of the above. In the event of any legal or equitable action or other proceeding instituted by any third party (including a governmental entity or official) challenging the validity of any provision of this Agreement or any portion thereof as set forth herein, the parties shall mutually cooperate with each other in defense of said action or proceeding. Notwithstanding the above, City, at its sole option, may tender the complete defense of any third-party challenge as described herein. In the event City elects to contract with special counsel to provide for such a defense, City shall meet and confer with Owner regarding the selection of counsel, and Owner shall pay all costs related to retention of such counsel. This Indemnification is provided in addition to that set forth in Section 7.

- **Environmental Contamination.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner shall indemnify and hold City, its elective and appointive boards, commissions, officers, agents, attorney's, contractors, consultants and employees free and harmless from any liability, based or asserted, upon any act or omission of Owner, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, predecessors in interest, successors, assigns and independent contractors, excepting and acts or omissions of City as successor to any portions of the Property dedicated or transferred to City by Owner, for any violation of any federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation relating to industrial hygiene or to environmental conditions on, under or about the Property, including, but not limited to, soil and groundwater conditions, and Owner shall defend, at its expense, including attorneys' fees, City, its officers, agents and employees in any action based or asserted upon any such alleged act or omission. City may in its discretion participate in the defense of any such claim, action or proceeding. This Indemnification is provided in addition to that set forth in Section 7.

The provisions of this Section do not apply to environmental conditions that predate Owner's ownership or control of the Property or applicable portion; provided, however, that the foregoing limitation shall not operate to bar, limit or modify any of Owner's statutory or equitable obligations as an owner or seller of the Property.

- City to Approve Counsel. With respect to this Section, City reserves the right to approve the attorney(s) which Owner selects, hires or otherwise engages to defend City hereunder, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- Accept Reasonable Good Faith Settlement. With respect to this Section, City shall not reject any reasonable good faith settlement. If City does reject a reasonable, good faith settlement that is acceptable to Owner, Owner may enter into a settlement of the action, as it relates to Owner, and City shall thereafter defend such action (including appeals) at its own cost and be solely responsible for any judgment rendered in connection with such action. This Section applies exclusively to settlements pertaining to monetary damages or damages which are remedial by the payment of monetary compensation. Owner and City expressly agree that this Section does not apply to any settlement that requires an exercise of City's police powers, limits City's exercise of its police powers, or affects the conduct of City's municipal operations.
- Survival. The provisions of this Section inclusive, shall survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement.

#### 18. California Environmental Quality Act

Owner shall pay all fees and reimburse City for any and all costs incurred by City related to project review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code, §§21000-21189.3, and the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §§15000-15387. If reasonably requested by City, Owner shall conduct and pay for any required CEQA reviews and analyses. The City has found that the proposed Project is Categorical Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements under provisions of CEQA Guidelines **Section 15301** – Existing Facilities. This exemption applies to projects characterized as alterations to existing facilities meeting the conditions described in **Section 15301**.

#### 19. Rules, Regulations, and Official Policies

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the rules, regulations, and official policies of City governing permitted uses of the land, governing density, and governing the design, improvements, and construction standards and specifications applicable to the development of the Project subject of this Agreement, shall be those rules, regulations, and official policies of City in force at the time of the execution of this Agreement. This Agreement does not prevent City, in subsequent actions applicable to the property, from applying new rules, regulations, and policies which do not conflict with those rules, regulations, and policies applicable to the property as set forth herein, nor does this Agreement prevent City from denying or conditionally approving any subsequent development project application based on such existing or new rules, regulations, or policies.

#### 20. Commercial Cannabis Permit Conditions of Approval

Owner shall comply with all conditions of approval of the City-issued Commercial Cannabis Permit.

## 21. Periodic Reviews

This Agreement shall be subject to annual review. Owner shall demonstrate good faith compliance with the terms of this Agreement. If, as a result of such periodic review, City finds and determines, based on substantial evidence, that Owner, or successor in interest thereto, has not complied in good faith with the terms or conditions of this Agreement, City may terminate or modify this Agreement (except no modification shall increase Owner's liability nor reduce Owner's rights), provided that City shall first provide Owner notice of its intent to terminate, with a detailed explanation as to why, and provide Owner the reasonable right to cure the same.

- **Periodic Review.** City Council shall review this Agreement annually, on or before each anniversary of the Effective Date, in order to ascertain Owner's good faith compliance with this Agreement. During the periodic review Owner shall be required to demonstrate good faith compliance with the terms of the Agreement, through submitting an annual monitoring report, records, or equivalent written materials to the Community Development Department. The Department will schedule a hearing on the periodic review of the Development Agreement on or following the anniversary of the Effective Date, but Owner has no obligation to compel such hearing, and no implication will be made to Owner's detriment if a hearing is not in fact held. Owner shall document any request for an extension of the term due to delays beyond the control of Owner (see Section 25, "Force Majeure").
- **Conditional Use Permit.** For all intents and purposes, the Commercial Cannabis Permit to be issued under this Agreement shall be treated as if it were a Conditional Use Permit issued to Owner for the establishment and operation of its business. The operation of the business at all times shall be required to comply with the terms of this Agreement.
- **Special Review.** City Council may order a special review of compliance with this Agreement at any time. The Community Development Director or his or her designee shall conduct such special review. During a special review, Owner shall be required to demonstrate good faith compliance with the terms of the Agreement. The burden of proof on this issue shall be on Owner.
- **Review Hearing.** At the time and place set for the review hearing, Owner shall be given an opportunity to be heard. If City Council finds, based upon substantial evidence, that Owner has not complied in good faith with the terms or conditions of this Agreement, City Council may terminate this Agreement notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, or modify this Agreement and impose such conditions as are reasonably necessary to protect the interests of City. The decision of City Council shall be final, subject

only to judicial review pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5.

- **Certificate of Agreement Compliance.** If, after a periodic or special review, Owner is found to be in compliance with this Agreement, and if Owner requests it, City shall issue a Certificate of Agreement Compliance (“Certificate”) to Owner stating that after the most recent periodic or special review, and based upon the information known or made known to the Planning Director and City Council, that (i) this Agreement remains in effect and (ii) Owner is not in default.

City shall not be bound by a Certificate if a default existed at the time of the periodic or special review, but was concealed from or otherwise not known to the Planning Director and City Council, regardless of whether the Certificate is relied upon by assignees or other transferees or Owner.

- **Failure to Conduct Review.** City’s failure to conduct a periodic review of this Agreement shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

## 22. Assignment

Assignment by Owner. Owner shall not transfer, delegate, sublet or assign its interest, rights, duties, and obligations under this Agreement, unless and except for as specifically authorized in this Section. Any assignment, delegation, or subletting inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be null and void.

**Limited Assignment Authorization.** During the term of this Agreement or the legal extension of this Agreement as authorized in Section 2 above, and solely in the event of Darin Garrett’s death, or his complete and permanent physical or mental incapacity, this Agreement and its interests, rights, duties and obligations shall be solely assignable to Jacob Forrester Garrett, provided that Jacob Forrester Garrett holds an authorized position with Cannabis Express, Inc., and is eligible under, and has complied with (and continues to comply with) all applicable laws, regulations and license transfer requirements related to the operation of the business.

## 23. Operating Commercial Cannabis Facility

Any party to this Agreement, shall not operate a commercial cannabis facility authorized under the municipal code unless it is the holder of a valid applicable State Cannabis License and a Commercial Cannabis Permit issued by City in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Chapter 15, Article VII of the Porterville Municipal Code.

## 24. Notice

Any notice or communication required hereunder between City and Owner must be in writing, and may be given either personally, by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), or by Federal Express, UPS or other similar couriers providing overnight delivery. If personally delivered, a notice shall be deemed to have been given when delivered to the Party to whom it is addressed. If given by registered or certified mail,

such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given and received on the first to occur of (i) actual receipt by any of the addressees designated below as the party to whom notices are to be sent, or (ii) five (5) days after a registered or certified letter containing such notice, properly addressed, with postage prepaid, is deposited in the United States mail. If given by Federal Express or similar courier, a notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given and received on the date delivered, as shown on a receipt issued by the courier. Any Party hereto may at any time, by giving ten (10) days written notice to the other Party hereto, designate any other address in substitution of the address to which such notice or communication shall be given. Such notices or communications shall be given to the Parties at their addresses set forth below:

If to City: City of Porterville  
291 North Main St.  
Porterville, CA 93257  
Attention: City Manager

and City Attorney, Porterville  
McCormick, Kabot & Lew  
4010 S. Demaree Street  
Visalia, CA 93277

If to Owner: Cannabis Express, Inc.  
c/o Darin A. Garrett, CEO  
200 Main Street  
Porterville, CA 93257

## 25. Miscellaneous Provisions

- Amendment or Cancellation. This Agreement may be amended, or canceled in whole or in part, only by the written mutual consent of the parties to this Agreement or their successors in interest.
- Waiver. Waiver by City of any one or more of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as waiver of any other term or condition under this Agreement.
- Enforcement/Reserved Powers. Unless amended or canceled pursuant hereto, this Agreement shall be enforceable by any party hereto, or successor in interest thereto, notwithstanding any subsequent change in any applicable general or specific plan, zoning, subdivision or building regulation, or municipal code amendment adopted by City that conflicts with the terms of this Agreement. However, this Agreement is subject to the City's "Reserved Powers." For



purposes of this Agreement, "Reserved Powers" means the rights and authority excepted from this Agreement's restrictions on the City's police powers and which are instead reserved to the City. The Reserved Powers include the powers to enact regulations or take future discretionary actions after the Effective Date of this Agreement that: (1) are necessary to protect the public health and safety, and are generally applicable on a City-wide basis (except in the event of natural disasters as found by the City Council such as floods, earthquakes and similar acts of God); (2) are amendments to California Marijuana Laws or California Uniform Codes, as adopted by the City of Porterville, and/or the Porterville Municipal Code, as applicable, regarding the construction, engineering and design standards for private and public improvements to be constructed on the Site; (3) are necessary to comply with state or federal laws and regulations; or (4) involve sign and parking ordinances and guidelines, changes to the City's zoning laws, Specific Plan or the City's General Plan, whether adopted previous or subsequent to the Effective Date of this Agreement).

If any City ordinance, rule or regulation or addition to the Porterville Municipal Code is enacted or imposed by a citizen-sponsored initiative or referendum after the Effective Date that would conflict with this Agreement or an associated Commercial Cannabis Permit, business license or other authorizations and City approvals, or reduce development rights or assurances provided to the Owner in this Agreement, then such changes, additions or deletions to the Porterville Municipal Code shall not be applied to the Site or Project; provided, however, the parties acknowledge that the City's approval of this Agreement is a legislative action subject to referendum. The parties shall cooperate with each other and undertake such reasonable actions as may be appropriate to ensure this Agreement remains in full force and effect and is implemented in accordance with its terms and to the fullest extent permitted by state or federal law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, site improvements contemplated by this Agreement shall be completed pursuant to the City's development standards and design guidelines.

- **Joint and Several Liability.** Cannabis Express Inc. shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount due under this Agreement, and any breach of this Agreement of failure to pay by one Party shall also constitute a breach of this Agreement by the other Party.
- **Severability.** If any part of this Agreement is found to conflict with applicable state laws or regulations, such part shall be inoperative, null, and void insofar as it conflicts with said laws or regulations, or modified or suspended as may be necessary to comply with such state laws or regulations, but the remainder of this Agreement shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more

counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The execution of this Agreement may be by actual, facsimile, or electronic signature.

- **Jurisdiction.** The law governing this Agreement shall be that of the State of California. The parties agree that this Agreement is entered into and to be performed in Tulare County, California.
- **Disclaimer.** Despite California's commercial cannabis laws and the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or any Commercial Cannabis Permit issued pertaining to Owner or the property specified herein, California commercial cannabis possessors or business operators may still be subject to arrest by state or federal officers and prosecuted under state or federal law. The Federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC § 801, prohibits the manufacture, distribution, and possession of cannabis without any exemptions for medical use.
- **Force Majeure.** If delays are caused by unforeseen events beyond the control of Owner, such delays will entitle Owner to an extension of time as provided in this section. Such unforeseen events ("Force Majeure") shall mean war, insurrection, acts of God, local, state or national emergencies, strikes and other labor difficulties beyond the party's control, or any default by City hereunder, which Force Majeure event substantially interferes with the development, construction or operation of the Project.
- **Constructive Notice and Acceptance.** Every person who after the Effective Date and recording of this Agreement owns or acquires any right, title, or interest to any portion of the Site, is and shall be conclusively deemed to have consented and agreed to every provision contained herein, whether or not any reference to this Agreement is contained in the instrument by which such person acquired an interest in the Site, and all rights and interests of such person in the Site shall be subject to the terms, requirements, and provisions of this Agreement.
- **Binding Effect of Agreement.** The Parties agree that the Recitals above are true and correct and intend to be bound by same. Except as otherwise provided, the burdens of this Agreement are binding upon, and the benefits of this Agreement inure to, all authorized successors-in-interest of the Parties and constitute covenants which run with the Site. In order to provide constructive notice thereof, the City Clerk will record this Agreement with the Tulare County Recorder within the period required by Government Code Section 65868.5.
- **Project as a Private Undertaking.** It is specifically understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the development of the Project is a private development, that neither party is acting as the agent of the other in any respect hereunder, and that each party is an independent contracting entity with respect to the terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement. No partnership, joint venture or other association of any kind is formed by this

Agreement. The only relationship between the City and the Owner is that of a government entity regulating the development of private property and the owner of such property.

- **Changes to Project.** The parties acknowledge that changes to the Project or Development Plans and related approvals may be appropriate and mutually desirable to carry out the intent and purpose of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not prevent the City from applying, with the consent or at the request of the Owner, *Subsequent Land Use Regulations* or *Subsequent Development Approvals* that do not directly conflict with the Project, Site or Development Plan authorized under this Agreement. The granting of one such change or request shall not obligate the City to grant other similar changes or requests. As used herein, "*Subsequent Development Approvals*" include, without limitation, all excavation, grading, building, construction, demolition, encroachment or street improvement permits, occupancy certificates, utility connection authorizations, or other non-discretionary permits or approvals necessary, convenient or appropriate for the Project. As used herein, "*Subsequent Land Use Regulations*" means ordinances, resolutions and codes adopted or approved by the City after the Effective Date of this Agreement governing the development and use of the land, including general plan amendments, zone changes, variances or conditional use permits affecting the permitted use of the land including density or intensity of use, subdivision requirements, the maximum height and size of proposed buildings, the provisions of reservation or Dedication of land for public purposes, and the design, improvement and construction and initial occupancy standards and specifications applicable to the Development of the Property.

- **Conflicting Federal or State Rules.** In the event that any conflicting federal or state laws or regulations, enacted after the Effective Date, prevent or preclude compliance with one or more provisions of this Agreement or require changes in plans, maps or permits approved by the City, *this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to those provisions not affected*; and

- (i) **Notice of Conflict.** Either party, upon learning of any such matter, will provide the other party with written notice thereof and provide a copy of any such law, regulation or policy together with a statement of how any such matter conflicts with the provisions of this Agreement; and

- (ii) **Modification Conferences.** The parties shall, within thirty (30) days of the notice referenced to in the preceding subsection, meet and confer in good faith and attempt to modify this Agreement to bring it into compliance with any such federal or state law or regulation.

- (iii) **City Council Hearings.** In the event the City believes that an amendment to this Agreement is necessary due to the effect of any federal or state law or regulation, the proposed amendment shall be scheduled for hearing before the City Council. The City Council shall determine the exact

nature of the amendment necessitated by such federal or state law or regulation. Owner shall have the right to offer oral and written testimony at the hearing. Any modification ordered by the City Council pursuant to such hearing is subject to judicial review in accordance with California law.

(iv) City Cooperation. The City shall cooperate with Owner in securing any City permits, licenses or other authorizations that may be required as a result of any amendment resulting from actions initiated by the City. As required by this Agreement, Owner shall be responsible to pay all applicable fees in connection with securing of such permits, licenses or other authorizations.

Effective Date. "Effective Date" means the date on which all of the following are true: (i) thirty (30) days have elapsed since the second reading of the Ordinance adopting and approving this Development Agreement and (ii) all Exhibits to this Agreement are finalized, executed and notarized by all affected parties (if applicable) and attached hereto; provided, however, that if these conditions have not been fully satisfied by the Owner the Effective Date may not thereafter occur and this Agreement may not thereafter become effective.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

**CITY OF PORTERVILLE**

**OWNER  
CANNABIS EXPRESS, Inc.**

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Mayor

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Name: Darin A. Garrett  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

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Attorney for Owner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Attorney for Property Owner