



# COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS

## SCREENING RESULTS

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<b>Q1. Can Cannabis Business Licenses be applied for at this time?</b>
<p>At this time, the Cannabis Application period has closed. The City has recently determined it will reopen the application period for those license categories where no applications were received. This would be for Distributor, Distributor/Transport Only and Testing Laboratory. We will be releasing information shortly on these open categories.</p>
<b>Q2. How do I obtain a copy of all cannabis applications and scoring sheets?</b>
<p>The City is working to provide this information, upon request. There may be confidential or proprietary information in the applications, for example, that the City will need to consider and redact, as necessary. Thank you for your patience while we work to finalize this information.</p>
<b>Q3. When will the next applications and requirements be released for top-scoring applicants who will go to the next round of review?</b>
<p>The City is finalizing the Business Application materials for the next round of review. We anticipate that information to be available and sent to the top-scoring applicants and available on line by April 1, 2021.</p>
<b>Q4. Where is the score for application DGT Stanton LLC?</b>
<p>The final scoring posted on the City's website on March 15, 2021, has been amended after a clerical error was found. It was identified that the application for DGT Stanton LLC had been left off the final list. This error has been corrected and the revised spreadsheet has been posted on March 29, 2021.</p>
<b>Q5. Is there a permit cap for cannabis businesses?</b>
<p>Yes. Each license category has been limited to four (4) permittees. Please note, however, that the City is not required to provide four permits in every category, and less than four permits may be issued in the categories.</p>
<b>Q6. What is the current tax rate on cannabis and cannabis businesses?</b>
<p>RESOLUTION NO. 2020-34 provides the established tax rates as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cultivation/Nursery – \$12 per square foot of canopy space, whether using artificial or natural light, or a combination thereof, subject to annual increase in 2023 by the Consumer Price Index (CPI);</li><li>• Testing – 2.5% of gross receipts from such activity;</li><li>• Retail Sales/Delivery – 6% of gross receipts from such activity;</li><li>• Distribution – 3% of gross receipts from such activity;</li><li>• Manufacturing/Processing – 4% of gross receipts from such activity.</li></ul>



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### Q7. Is there an application period for a commercial cannabis business?

The application period was from August 2020 through the end of October 2020. The City reopened Distribution, Distribution/Transport Only and Testing Laboratory during the month of December 2020 and received one application for Distribution. The City has and has decided to reopen Distributor/Transport Only and Testing Laboratory, given no applications were received by the City to date. The City will be releasing information shortly on the latter open categories.

### Q8. How many cannabis licenses have been issued in Stanton?

No permits have been issued to date. As of March 15, 2021, The City completed the initial screening process. Up to four top scoring applicants in each category is now being advanced to background checks.

### Q9. Will the City of Stanton be allowing any more cannabis cultivation applications this year?

No additional applications will be considered at this time for cultivation, although the City reserves the right to reconsider and reopen this permit category as there were not four top scoring applications received.

### Q10. We are working to secure a property and would like to confirm it is in the "allowed zone"?

For cannabis applicants who are advancing to the next round of review (background checks and investigations), they will be required to provide a proposed location for their potential business. However, entering into leases, purchasing property, or otherwise securing a property location at this time is at each applicants' own risk, as the City has not yet completed any background checks or investigations.

The City does not have a "Cannabis zone". A map was prepared and is posted on the City's website. It identifies possible and preferred locations but does require the applicant a final location as part of this next step zoning verification clearance. Please note, per the City's Code requires a cannabis business to be at least 400 feet from residentially zoned property and at least 600 feet from sensitive uses, including schools, daycares, and youth centers that are in existence at the time of the application.

### Q11. Can you provide a detailed explanation on why we were deducted points from the screening application?

The City will make available each applicants' criterion from each of the three raters. There were a total of 840 points possible (280 point max per rater). We appreciate your patience while we work to provide this information.

### Q12. Who was on the scoring committee?

Three City staff members representing Public Safety, Code Enforcement and Community Development served on the Screening Committee. As City staff members, these individuals understand local conditions and reviewed the applications with the lenses of their department/professional expertise.



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### Q13. How do I obtain a detailed breakdown of my client's scores?

The City will make available each applicants' scores for each criterion from each of the three raters. There were a total of 840 points possible (280 point max per rater). We appreciate your patience while we work to provide this information.

### Q14. We have identified a property that is on the zoning map, but appears to be somewhat close to Carver Elementary. Before we sign any deals on the property, we would like to get some sort of confirmation from the City that this property qualifies?

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### Q15. When looking at sensitive uses, is the measuring tool "as the crow flies" or "door to door" or what exactly?

The City will provide the clearance for both proximity to residentially zoned properties and or sensitive uses. This measurement is using property line to property line distance.

### Q16. How do I appeal the decision

We are providing the link to the Ordinance that provides for the steps in the process. <https://www.ci.stanton.ca.us/Portals/0/City%20Council%20Ordinance%201100.pdf>

An appeal is not applicable at this time. There has been no decision by the City Manager. At this point, the Screening Committee has completed their review of the applications received in the various categories and using the objective screening criteria, have rated and provided scoring for each application. Those scores were tallied, and up to the four highest ranked applications have now been recommended to move forward for additional review and investigation.

If the applicants who have been advanced for further review do not pass the background checks and investigations, they could be disqualified and, the next highest scoring application would be advanced for additional review. The appropriate time for appeal occurs after permits have actually been approved or denied by the City Manager.