

RESOLUTION 2025-###

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO (1) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR CANNABIS OPERATOR PERMITS FOR RETAIL SALES AND (2) ADOPTING PROCEDURES GOVERNING APPEALS OF DECISIONS RELATED TO THE “ELIGIBILITY LIST” TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RFQ PROCESS

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution 2024-105 placing a measure seeking to impose a cannabis business license tax on the ballot for the General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024 (the “Election”);

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution 2024-150 declaring the results of the Election pursuant to which Measure M (cannabis business license tax) was approved by the voters;

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2025-001, amending the San Pablo Municipal Code (Title 17 – Zoning Ordinance) Chapter 17.32, Section 17.32.030; Chapter 17.34, Section 17.34.030; Chapter 17.36, Section 17.36.030, Chapter 17.62, Section 17.62.130, and Chapter 17.70, Section 17.79.040 to revise existing regulations pertaining to the personal cultivation of cannabis and to establish land use standards applicable to certain permitted commercial cannabis businesses in the City of San Pablo;

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to establish a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process pursuant to which the City will select up to three (3) top-ranked respondents for eligibility to apply for up to three (3) Cannabis Operator Permits through the City’s Zoning Administrator; and

WHEREAS, any eligible respondents to will also be required to apply for and obtain all other necessary state or local permits and licenses, including but not limited to a Conditional Use Permit from the City, a State license from the California Department of Cannabis Control, and any other applicable regulatory approvals, prior to commencing operations in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby approves and authorizes issuance of the “Request for Qualifications – Cannabis Operator Permits for Retail Sales Eligibility List” which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “A”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby adopts procedures governing appeals of any decisions related to the “Eligibility List” established in connection with the RFQ process, such procedures being attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “B”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby finds that the release of the Request for Qualifications and adoption of appeal procedures is not a “project” under California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines section 15378 because it is an administrative activity that does not authorize any construction, and any discretionary approval of future cannabis retail businesses will be subject to CEQA review if and when such approvals are made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct and are included herein by reference as findings.

* * * * *

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2025, by the following votes:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

Arturo Cruz, Mayor