

RESOLUTION 2025-###

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING A RANKED ELIGIBILITY LIST PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) SOLICITING UP TO THREE (3) APPLICATIONS FOR OPERATOR PERMITS AUTHORIZING THE RETAIL SALE OF CANNABIS IN SAN PABLO

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 4, 2024;

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution 2024-150 accepting and certified the results of the election where Measure M (cannabis business license tax) was approved;

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2024, 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 exciting 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, On April 21, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution 2025-145, approving and authorizing the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for cannabis operator permits for retail sales and adopting procedures governing appeals, if any, of decisions related to the approval and establishment of the eligibility list in connection with the RFQ process;

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2025, the City released the RFQ for Cannabis Operator Permit for Retail Sales and received six (6) proposals prior to the RFQ due date of June 26, 2025;

WHEREAS, The City assembled a multi-departmental review panel consisting of five (5) staff members to evaluate and rank the RFQ submittals against the selection criteria previously established by the City Council in the RFQ;

WHEREAS, following the panel's evaluation, the list below reflects staff's ranked eligibility list of the eligible applicants who it recommends be permitted to move forward in the process to apply for a Cannabis Operator Permit from the Zoning Administrator:

RANK	APPLICANT	SCORE TOTAL
1.	Embarc	111.8
2.	Stiiizy	107.8
3.	Off The Charts - San Pablo Dam Road	103.6
4.	Off The Charts - Rumrill Blvd	102
5.	Rumrill Development Company	94.8
6.	7 Stars	90.6

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Ordinance 2025-001, only the top three (3) ranked applicants are invited to proceed with a formal Cannabis Operator Permit application; and

WHEREAS, the review panel's scoring sheets, completed as part of their evaluation and recommendation process, have been provided to City Council members for their individual review, and are available to the public upon request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby approves and establishes the ranked eligibility list summarized in the Recitals set forth above in connection with the City's RFQ, as more specifically recommended by the City's staff review panel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the top three (3) applicants set forth on the ranked eligibility list are hereby authorized and invited to proceed with applications for Operator Permits for the retail sale of cannabis in the City of San Pablo;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any appeal of this decision shall be filed within fifteen (15) days of the adoption of this Resolution, in accordance with the procedures set forth in City Council Resolution 2025-145;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby finds that the actions approved by this Resolution do not constitute a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, these actions are administrative activities that do 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.

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ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 2025, by the following votes:

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

Arturo Cruz, Mayor