



Before You Submit Your Cannabis Business Application And/or Plans for a Cannabis Business

Your Cannabis Business Application fee is non-refundable, so you may want to consider the following PRIOR to submittal of your plans or application:

- The City of Redding is currently accepting only non-retail cannabis business applications. Effective July 5, 2019, microbusinesses that do not include retail as one of the commercial cannabis activities may also be submitted without having to go through the City Manager's RFP competitive process.
- If you will be building a new building, you may want to consider submitting a shell building only first. This can be done prior to the licensing process and it can give you a head start on your project.
- Make sure the building orientation, including the lot where it will be situated, will meet the criteria for the intended cannabis business type, whether you are considering a shell building or whether you will be purchasing or leasing an existing building. i.e., the building entrance may have to be clearly visible from the public street if you are considering a cannabis cultivation business. [RMC 6.12.370(B)]
- If you are considering using an existing building, you should ask the Building Official if your cannabis business use and occupancy will trigger a *change of occupancy* of the building that may increase your project scope and costs considerably by having to comply with Title 24 accessibility requirements, or other costly upgrades. Cultivation is Group F-1 Occupancy .
- If you are considering using an existing building, make sure your designers have also considered exterior painting and repairs, and resurfacing and restriping of the parking lot if the existing building or parking lot are in deteriorated condition.
- Recheck the distances to the nearest K-12th grade schools, and youth-oriented (recreational) facilities to make sure these businesses are not already located too close to your proposed cannabis business location (600 feet minimum from non-retail cannabis business properties; 1000 feet minimum from retail cannabis business properties).
 - Do not rely on the Retail and Non-Retail Cannabis Business Zones that are found on the City's Interactive Map layers. They are not actual zoning districts. They were developed to assist in finding general locations within the City of Redding where cannabis businesses could be located. They are the boundaries of areas that were investigated over a year ago, and they have not been updated. You are still responsible to conduct your own due diligence regarding this matter.
- **Caution**–If you plan to make any changes whatsoever to your business ownership, business structure, business funding or accounts, or if you are considering a licensing agreement for branded merchandise, be sure to make these changes PRIOR to your cannabis business application submittal, and make sure these items do not change during the licensing process. If they do, it will likely cause significant delays to the processing of your cannabis business license.