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CITY OF LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Discussion: Retail Cannabis - Items for inclusion in draft ordinance.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Rebecca Samy, Development and Business Services

SUMMARY:

Continue discussion of retail cannabis to construct an ordinance for consideration on September 22, 2025.

PRESENTER:

David Kleitsch, DBS Director, Rebecca Samy, Principal Planner, and Zack Spencer, Planner

ESTIMATED TIME:

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BACKGROUND:

A staff memo is attached discussing recommendations regarding the preliminary draft ordinance.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Review items and considerations for incorporation into a draft ordinance for referral to Planning Commission.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:

September 23, 2024: City Council motioned for a Planning Commission to review current zoning limitations and restrictions pertaining to retail cannabis within city limits.

March 27, 2025: City Council was forwarded the Planning Commission recommendation. April 21, 2025: City Council was briefed on the Planning Commission recommendation. During the briefing, the need for additional clarification on the requirements to develop an ordinance was identified.

April 28, 2025: City Council affirmed that retail cannabis should be allowed within Lynnwood and approved a project schedule for Council consideration of an ordinance on September 22, 2025.

May 5, 2025: City Council developed a list of additional items and consideration for review including maps of required, reduced, or expanded buffers.

June 16, 2025: City Council reviewed a series of maps displaying the retail zones where retail cannabis could locate, buffering from restricted entities, reduced buffers when allowed, and increased buffers.

DEPARTMENT ATTACHMENTS

Description:

Cannabis CC Staff Report_20250714.pdf

CC_StaffPresentation_20250714.pdf

Lynnwood Cannabis Memo_LPD20250702_Combined.pdf

Summary of Council Questions_Retail Cannabis.pdf