

City of Merced
Merit Based Selection Criteria for Commercial Cannabis Business Permits
Scoring for CCBP #18-14R ("Harvest of Merced") at 863 W 15th

Selection Committee Scores				
<u>Description of Criteria:</u>	<u>Points Possible</u>	<u>Reviewer #1</u>	<u>Reviewer #2</u>	<u>Reviewer #3</u>
Section 1: Prioritize Medicinal Cannabis Access				
a) Proposal for combined medicinal/adult use dispensary	4	4	4	4
b) Proposal for medicinal only dispensary	3	0	0	0
c) Proposal for non-medicinal/adult use dispensary only	0	0	0	0
d) Proposal includes Delivery Services	2	2	2	2
Section 1: Sub-Total of Points Possible	6	6	6	6
Section 2: Geographical Preference/Neighborhood Relations				
a) Proposed locations is within 1,200 feet of local public transportation	1	1	1	1
b) Proposal includes a process and schedule for at least two public outreach meetings per year that meet City approval	2	2	2	2
c) Business plan includes a schedule for communication and receiving feedback from all entities within 300 feet of the business at least two times a year	2	2	2	2
d) Proposal includes the appointment of an employee as a designated liaison with the neighborhood	1	1	1	1
e) Designated liaison employee is a City resident	1	1	1	1
Section 2: Sub-Total of Points Possible	7	7	7	7
Section 3: Facility Plan				
a) Business is formally associated with a non-retail cannabis or non-cannabis-related business in the City of Merced	2	2	2	2
b) Proposal includes daily inspection to ensure maintenance of the interior and exterior of the facility (i.e. free of trash, graffiti, etc.)	2	2	2	2
c) Location exceeds City parking requirements by 10% or more	1	1	1	1
d) Business is open more than five days a week at least 6 hours per day	1	1	1	1
e) Location exceeds minimum disabled parking requirements by 100% or more	1	1	1	1
f) Location is within an existing building or facility with an ability to be open for business within 6 months of approval of the CCBP by the City	1	1	1	1
Section 3: Sub-Total of Points Possible	8	8	8	8

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Section 4: Standards and Procedures for the Safe Operation of Facilities:				
a) Proposal includes documented employee safety training program	1	1	1	1
b) Proposal includes documented employee cannabis educational training program	1	1	1	1
c) Business Plan includes enhanced security measures, including at least three of the following: panic buttons, dye packets, bulletproof window film (with break strength of 400 lbs. per inch or better), a UL-approved safe with a fire rating that is 2-hour 1700 degrees F or better with a complex locking device; motion sensing lighting; or other enhanced security measures acceptable to the City. (0 to 4 points to be awarded at the discretion of the City Selection Committee.)	0 to 4	4	4	4
d) Proposal includes climate controlled environment	1	1	1	1
e) Proposal includes plan for disposal of all solid waste based on best practices of State	1	1	1	1
f) Proposal includes a comprehensive documented process for 24-hour minimum response time to cannabis product recall notifications	2	2	2	2
g) Proposal includes more than one on-site security guard during business hours	2	2	2	2
h) Proposal includes plans and procedures for how all cannabis products on the premises or held by the applicant have met the testing requirements as defined by the State	1	1	1	1
i) Proposal includes a separate lobby area where identification is checked to ensure that only qualified individuals gain access to separate, locked areas where cannabis products are displayed	2	2	2	2
j) Proposal includes electronic storage of required records of sales, delivery manifests, patient information (if medicinal and required by State), inventory, etc., which can be provided to City personnel upon request	2	2	2	2
k) Proposal includes participation in web-based public safety application or equivalent that provides law enforcement with confirmation of local and state licenses	1	1	1	1
l) Proposal includes any proposed "green" business practices relating to energy and climate, water conservation, and materials/waste storage	1	1	1	1
m) Proposal includes secured loading/unloading area for deliveries	1	1	1	1
Section 4: Sub-Total of Points Possible	20	20	20	20

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Section 5: Prior Experience in Business Ownership and Management				
a) Combined prior experience of proposed owners is more than 3 years of verified successful management of any non-cannabis legal retail facility	2	2	2	2
b) Combined prior experience of proposed owners is more than 1 year and up to 3 years with a verified Mutual Benefit Non-Profit Corporation for cannabis in compliance with California law and with proof of payment of taxes	2	2	2	2
c) Combined prior experience of proposed owners is more than 3 years and up with a verified Mutual Benefit Non-Profit Corporation for cannabis in compliance with California law and with proof of payment of taxes	3	3	3	3
d) Above prior experience was obtained within the City or County of Merced	3	3	3	3
e) Above prior experience was obtained within 100 miles of the City of Merced	1	1	1	1
Section 5: Sub-Total of Points Possible	11	11	11	11
Section 6: Qualifications of Principals/Business Plan				
a) At least one owner is a military veteran with an honorable discharge	1	0	0	0
b) At least one owner is a full-time resident of the County of Merced	1	1	1	1
c) At least one owner is a full-time resident of the City of Merced	2	2	2	2
d) Does the business qualify as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation?	1	0	0	0
e) Does the business have documented proof of access to at least \$150,000 in capital (or enough capital to pay all startup costs plus at least 3 months of operating costs)?	3	3	3	3
f) Does the business have documented proof of access to at least \$300,000 in capital (or enough capital to pay all startup costs plus at least 6 months of operating costs)?	3	3	3	3
g) Business Plan contain a valid pro forma for at least 3 years of operation	2	2	2	2
h) Business has documented agreements with cannabis distributors to supply products to their business	2	2	2	2
Section 6: Sub-Total of Points Possible	15	13	13	13

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Section 7: Employee & Public Relations				
a) The business promotes local hiring or provides incentives for City/County of Merced residents to work with the business	2	2	2	2
b) The business provides employee health benefits for all employees	2	2	2	2
c) The business employs more than 5 people full-time, not counting the owners or security personnel	2	2	2	2
d) Proposal includes an ongoing public information program to inform City residents of cannabis issues and proper/safe/legal use of cannabis products	2	2	2	2
Section 7: Sub-Total of Points Possible	8	8	8	8
Section 8: Community Benefits				
a) Proposal includes benefits to the community, such as defined monetary contributions to local community organizations, or donating time to local community organizations, or any other proposed community benefit acceptable to the City. (0 to 5 points to be awarded at the discretion of the City Selection Committee.)	0 to 5	5	5	5
Section 8: Sub-Total of Points Possible	5	5	5	5
Section 9: Discretion of the City Selection Committee				
a) 0 to 20 additional points may be awarded to a proposal for outstanding features, measures, or programs (above and beyond the minimum requirements) proposed in the Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Application at the discretion of the City Selection Committee.	0 to 20	20	15	16
Section 9: Sub-Total of Points Possible	20	20	15	16
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	100	98	93	94
TOTAL OF SELECTION COMMITTEE SCORES		RANKING		
285		4		
AVERAGE OF SELECTION COMMITTEE SCORES (Total ÷ 3)		95.000		