INTERESTED BUSINESS OWNERS MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FROM APRIL 5 TO MAY 31, 2019 AT THE PERMIT CENTER TO THE PLANNING DIVISION TO ENTER THE GENERAL POOL AND/OR EQUITY POOL LOTTERY. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY’S WEBSITE OR AT THE PERMIT CENTER. THE CITY WILL NOTIFY PARTICIPANTS IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE BY JUNE 17, 2019. FROM THIS POOL OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS, THE CITY WILL RANDOMLY SELECT ONE (1) APPLICANT FROM THE GENERAL POOL AND ONE (1) APPLICANT FROM THE EQUITY POOL FOR EACH OF THE BUSINESS TYPES ON JUNE 28, 2019.

The City issues two (2) new permits per business type (cultivation, retail, volatile manufacturer, microbusiness) on an annual (calendar year) basis using a lottery system. One (1) of the two (2) permits will be selected from a General Pool and the other one (1) from an Equity Pool per business type.

There are no application fees.

To be eligible for the equity pool, greater than 50% ownership must be a resident of Stockton AND meet ONE of the following criteria:

- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) NMSDC.org
- Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) WBENC.org
- Live in an Opportunity Zone OpZones.CA.gov
- Live in an SB 535 Disadvantaged Area OEHHA.CA.gov
- Live in a HUD-designated Area HUD.gov

The City will notify participants if they are eligible by June 17, 2019. From this pool of eligible applicants, the City will randomly select one (1) applicant from the general pool and one (1) applicant from the equity pool for each of the business types on June 28, 2019.

On March 5, 2019, City Council adopted Ordinance 2019-03-05-1501 enacting the regulatory program for commercial cannabis businesses, which include the cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, laboratory testing, delivery, or sale of cannabis or cannabis products provided for in the Municipal Code and the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act.

This handout provides an overview of the business permitting process. Each Department may require additional information and/or impose conditions during the approval process.

For official regulations, see Municipal Code Title 5, Chapters 5.98, 5.99, and 5.100, and Title 16, Chapters 16.20, 16.64, 16.80, and 16.240.

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Stockton Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Process Flow Chart

1. Apply for a Land Use Permit (see below)
   Community Development Dept.
   Permit Center
   AUP Fee: $1,135
   CUP Fee: $3,405
   Other permits may be required based on project specifics (e.g., design review)

2a. Apply for a Business License
    Administrative Services Dept.
    Business License Unit
    Fee: $3,500
    ASD will make an appointment with PD for the applicant's background check

2b. Apply for an Operators Permit
    Police Department
    Special Investigations Section
    Ownership and Financial Disclosure Form
    Owner/Employee Permits
    Statement to PD: Applicant will ensure that any business or activity conducted or operated under a City-issued permit conforms to all laws and regulations
    Security and Lighting Plan
    Property Owner Statement of Consent
    Statement to PD: Applicant will hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the City against claims and litigation arising from issuance of the Operators Permit
    Once Code Enforcement completes and approves the final inspection, PD will draft a letter approving the Operators Permit and will forward the letter to ASD

2c. Complete any Tenant Improvements (TI's) and pass final inspection
    Police Department / NSS
    Code Enforcement
    Schedule final inspection with Building Dept., Police Dept., and Code Enforcement
    Operators Permit Fee
    Administrative Services Dept. Business License Unit
    Annual Fee: $16,640
    Pay
    Operators Permit Fee
    Pay Business License Tax based on Gross Receipt Estimate
    Administrative Services Dept. Business License Unit
    Annual Fee: $100 per $1,000 of gross receipts, plus $24 Registration Fee, plus $4 CA Disability Fee

3a. Apply for an Operational Fire Permit and complete occupancy inspection
    Fire Dept.
    Fee: varies
    Operators Permit Fee
    Pay
    Operators Permit Fee

3b. Apply for a State License
    cannabis.ca.gov

LAND USE PERMITS BASED ON BUSINESS TYPE

Storefront Retail
- Commission Use Permit
  - General Pool OR Equity Pool Approval
    - Floor Plan
    - Site Plan
    - Neighborhood Context Map
    - Security & Lighting Plan

Non-Storefront Retail (Delivery)
- Commission Use Permit
  - General Pool OR Equity Pool Approval
    - Floor Plan
    - Site Plan
    - Neighborhood Context Map
    - Security & Lighting Plan

Cultivator
- Commission Use Permit
  - General Pool OR Equity Pool Approval
    - Floor Plan
    - Site Plan
    - Neighborhood Context Map
    - Security & Lighting Plan

Volatile Manufacturer
- Commission Use Permit
  - General Pool OR Equity Pool Approval
    - Floor Plan
    - Site Plan
    - Neighborhood Context Map
    - Security & Lighting Plan

Non-Volatile Manufacturer
- Commission Use Permit
  - Floor Plan
  - Site Plan
  - Neighborhood Context Map
  - Security & Lighting Plan

Distributor
- Commission Use Permit
  - Floor Plan
  - Site Plan

Microbusiness
- CUP and/or AUP
  - General Pool OR Equity Pool Approval

Testing Lab
- Permitted by-right
  - Cannabis Testing Facility Permit

See Stockton Municipal Code Title 16, Chapters 16.20 and 16.80