



COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS APPLICATION

Request for Applications

This City of Suisun City is opening the application period to begin accepting applications for one (1) Storefront Retailer within the City. The Suisun City Planning Commission will be considering making a recommendation to the City Council regarding amendments to the City's cannabis regulations in January. Amendments will include a possible increase in allowed retail storefronts as well as additional zoning districts were such uses would be allowed. However, this initial RFA period will be for a single storefront retailer.

The application period will open **July 15, 2020 and close September 1, 2020.**

Staff has created a webpage that provides documents relevant to the City's cannabis regulations and the subject RFA. These documents can be accessed from the city's homepage at www.suisun.com. Additionally, staff will be accepting questions via the department email address developmentsservices@suisun.com as well as via phone (707.421.7335).

Commercial Cannabis Business Application

To be considered under the first Request for Application (RFA) process initiated by the City pursuant to SCC Section 18.49.160(B) and these RFA Guidelines and procedures, applications must meet the criteria set forth herein, satisfy any and all other applicable requirements as set forth in SCC Chapter 18.49, and be submitted to the City during the RFA application period of **8:00 a.m. July 15, 2020 through 5:00 p.m. September 1, 2020**. Applicants must schedule an appointment to submit an application, and applications (with applicable fees) shall be submitted to the Development Services Department located at 701 Civic Center Blvd., Suisun City, CA 94585.

Each application shall include the materials and comply with the requirements set forth in these RFA Guidelines and Procedures, as follows (without limitation as to any other applicable requirements set forth in SCC Chapter 18.49 or otherwise established by or pursuant to the authority of the City Council)

Application Submission. Applicants, **by appointment**, must hand-deliver five (5) completed and signed copies of their application, including all attachments, along with a flash drive containing one completed and signed copy of the application in PDF format, and payment of the required application fees, to the City's Development Services Department during the application period. All application contents, as provided above, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope or container and addressed to the City of Suisun City, Development Services Department, 701 Civic Center Blvd., Suisun City, CA 94585. Late applications will not be accepted or considered. No person or entity may submit multiple applications. The applicant shall be the owner(s) of the proposed Storefront Retailer that is the subject of the application. Staff will be accepting questions via the department email address developmentsservices@suisun.com as well as via phone (707.421.7335).





BUSINESS TYPE

Type 10 = Retailer

FEE

Application Deposit. Payment of an initial deposit, in the amount established by resolution of the City Council, toward the Preliminary RFA Application Review Fee is required at the time of application submission, and may be made by a certified check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the City. Deposited amounts expended by the City are non-refundable. Deposited amounts remaining unexpended upon the conclusion of the RFA process will be refunded upon request of the fee payor.

Application Deposit for RFA Application Preliminary Review and Processing	\$4,800.00
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Business Name

Property Address

Name of Owner (Individual)

Owner's Telephone Number

Owner's Email Address





Section 1: Cannabis Business Information (attach additional pages as necessary and label)

1. Attach a complete list of every person with 20% interest or more in the business including full name, title within the entity, birthdate and location, social security or tax identification number, phone number, e-mail, the date owner acquired interest in entity, the percentage of ownership interest, and if applicable, the number of shares owned, financial interest in other cannabis business, etc. (Additional page label #1.1)

2. A complete list of every person holding a management role including name, personal address and phone number, title and duties. (Additional page label #1.2)

3. For each owner and manager, a fully legible copy of one (1) valid government-issued form of photo identification, such as a driver's license, shall be submitted. (Attach and label #1.3)

4. For each owner and manager, a summary criminal history (Live-Scan), dated not more than two weeks prior to the date of this application, has been processed through an authorized operator. The City will receive results of the Live-Scan directly. Live-Scan is available at the Suisun City Police Department, appoint is necessary. Please email akent@suisun.com for more information. (Attach and label #1.4)

5. A list of types and numbers of marijuana licenses already received by the applicant from the State of California, including the date the license was obtained, the licensing authority that issued the license, and the location. (Attach additional pages as necessary and label #1.5)

Business Name	Location	License Permit Authority	Permit License Number



Section 2: Scoring Criteria for Application Evaluation.
 (attach additional pages as necessary and label)



The City will consider the following selection criteria in its evaluation of applications submitted under this RFA and will award up to a maximum of **200** points to each application received.

Site Control	20
Business Plan	30
Floor Plan/Elevations	15
Qualification of Applicants	20
Neighborhood Compatibility	25
Safety and Security Plan	20
Community Benefits, Labor, & Employment	20
Air Quality Control Plan	15
Suisun City Resident?	10
Tax Revenue	25
Current Suisun City Cannabis Business	-15





Section 2.1 Site Plan

A scaled site plan, prepared by a licensed civil engineer or architect, of the premises, including at minimum all buildings, structures, driveways, parking lots, landscape areas, and boundaries.

Section 2.2 Floor Plan / Elevations

Depict existing and proposed conditions. The floor plan(s), elevations, site layout and vector isometric renderings should be accurate, dimensioned and to-scale (minimum scale of 1/4"). If new building construction is proposed, provide a preliminary site layout and floor plan, preliminary elevations, vector isometric renderings.

Section 2.3 Safety & Security Plan

The application shall include:

- A detailed security plan meeting and confirming ability to comply with the requirements of SCC Section 18.49.150(H) and the Supplemental Security Requirements for Storefront Retailers/Dispensaries adopted by the City Council. This plan should also include a description and detailed schematic of the overall facility security of the proposed use. It should have details on operational security, including but not limited to general security policies for the facility, employee specific policies, training, sample written policies, transactional security, visitor security, third party contractor security and delivery security. In particular, applications should address ingress and egress, perimeter security, product security (at all hours), internal security measures for access (area specific), types of security systems (alarms and cameras), and security personnel to be employed. Security plans will not be made public.
- A detailed fire safety plan. This plan should describe the fire prevention, suppression, HVAC and alarm systems the facility will have in place. An appropriate plan will have considered all possible fire, hazardous material, and inhalation issues/threats and will have both written and physical mechanisms in place to deal with each specific situation. The plan should reflect compliance with all applicable provisions of the California Fire Code and other applicable laws and regulations.
- A detailed fire evacuation plan. This plan should depict the location of all exits, the primary and secondary evacuation routes, and the distance to all exits. The plan should reflect compliance with all applicable provisions of the California Fire Code and other applicable laws and regulations.

Section 2.4 Transportation Plan

A transportation plan describing the procedures for safely and securely transporting cannabis and cannabis products and currency to and from the premises.





Section 2.5 Air Quality / Odor Control Plan

Describe how interior air circulation, ventilation and filtration systems will minimize impacts to employees' and customers' health and welfare and prevent any odor impacts to surrounding businesses or the public.

Section 2.6 Disposal Plan

Procedures for identifying, managing, and disposing of litter, waste, and contaminants and hazardous materials pursuant to Section 18.49.150(M)-(N).

Section 2.7 Business Plan

With as much detail as possible, describe:

- The day-to-day operations of the proposed Storefront Retailer, which are to meet industry best practices for Storefront Retailer uses.
- How the proposed use will conform to local and state laws and regulations.
- How cannabis and cannabis products will be tracked and monitored to prevent theft and diversion.
- A schedule for commencement of operation, including a narrative outlining any proposed construction and improvements and a timeline for completion of work.
- A budget for construction, operation, maintenance, compensation of employees, equipment costs, utility costs, and other operation costs. The budget must demonstrate sufficient capital in place to pay startup costs and at least three months of operating costs, and must describe the sources and uses of funds.
- A pro forma for at least three years of operation.

Section 2.8 Operations Plan

An operations plan, detailing the operating procedures of the proposed commercial cannabis business, tailored to the specific type of business proposed. Such procedures shall address, without limitation, storage, handling and use of cannabis, cannabis products, and any other materials to be used or contained in the proposed operation, handling of cash, equipment and methods to be used, inventory procedures, lighting, signage and quality control procedures, as applicable.





Section 2.9 Qualification of applicants

Include information concerning applicant’s past experience with operation of any commercial cannabis businesses, including, but not limited to, Storefront Retailers/Dispensaries. Provide details on all such businesses that have been under the full or partial ownership or management of the applicant, including the full legal name, location, commencement date, and current status of the operation (including date of termination of the business and description of the reason for termination, if applicable). To the extent applicable, disclose and describe:

- (1) any and all state or local cannabis permits or licenses currently held by the business or applicant;
- (2) any administrative order or civil judgment ever entered against the business or applicant for violation of labor standards;
- (3) any suspension or revocation of a state or local cannabis license or permit ever held by the business or application; and
- (4) any sanctions for unlicensed/unpermitted commercial cannabis activity ever imposed by a state or local agency against the business or applicant. Describe any special qualifications or licenses of the applicant that would add to the number or quality of services that the proposed Storefront Retailer would provide, especially in areas related to medicinal or scientific applications of cannabis or cannabis products.

Section 2.10 Site Control

Provide a statement regarding whether the applicant has legal control of the proposed Storefront Retailer site or location. The City considers site control a requirement in enabling an operator to commence business activities in a timely manner. Demonstration of any legal control through proof of ownership, tenancy, or other legal right or entitlement to control of the site should be included with the application. Scoring is as follows:

- Lease 5 points
- Ownership/Substantial Renovation 10 points
- New Building 20 points

Section 2.11 Neighborhood Compatibility – Good Neighbor Policy

Address the degree to which the proposed use is compatible with surrounding uses and how the proposed use, including its exterior areas and surrounding public areas, will be managed to avoid becoming a nuisance or having impacts on its neighbors and the surrounding community. Include a site plan (accurate, dimensioned and to-scale) for the proposed location. Every cannabis business must describe how the business interacts with the neighborhood. You need to meet with your neighbors to get feedback on what to include in your Good Neighbor Policy for your business, they in turn will be added to you conditions of approval.





Section 2.12 Community Benefits

Describe the benefits that the proposed use would provide to the local community, such as community contributions, participation in or support of community organizations, drug abuse awareness education, or other contributions or activities that will benefit the community.

Section 2.13 Criminal History Check

As part of the RFA Process, each owner and manager of the proposed Storefront Retailer must undergo a criminal background check, administered by the Suisun City Police Department using “Live Scan,” demonstrating that he or she has not been convicted within the last ten years of a felony substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of operation of a Storefront Retailer (such as a felony conviction for distribution of controlled substances, not including cannabis, money laundering, racketeering, etc.). All fees and costs associated with completing background checks shall be paid by the applicant. No individual who does not undergo and pass the required background check shall be involved in the operation or ownership of a Storefront Retailer in the City, unless such individual has obtained a certificate of rehabilitation (expungement of felony record) for the applicable transgression(s) under California law or under a similar federal statute or state law where the expungement was granted. The application for the Live Scan and appointment link will be made available on the City’s website. Persons who do not meet criminal history eligibility requirements will be disqualified from the RFA process.

Section 2.14 Labor and Employment

If applicant is proposing higher wages the application could describe to what extent the Storefront Retailer will adhere to heightened pay and benefits standards and practices, including recognition of the collective bargaining rights of employees. Specific practices that are subject to consideration include the following:

- i. Providing a description of proposed payroll practices/use of payroll consultants that document employee compensation.
- ii. Providing compensation to and opportunities for continuing education and training of employees/staff (include proof of the proposed business’ policies and regulations for employees);
- iii. Providing a “living wage” to the proposed business’ staff and employees. The proposed wage scale should be provided in writing for all levels of employment within the business. “Living Wage” shall mean 150% of the minimum wage mandated by California or Federal law, whichever is greater.
- iv. Describing the extent to which the proposed business will be a locally managed enterprise whose owners reside in or within the vicinity of the City.





Section 2.15 Proposed Location

Include the address, assessor’s parcel number(s), and a detailed description of the proposed location. This section should also describe and generally characterize all uses within 600 feet of the property line of the proposed location. The proposed site must be located in either the Commercial Services and Fabrication (CSF) zone or the Commercial Mixed Use (CMU) zone and may not be located within 600 feet of a K-12 school, commercial daycare center, or center.

Signature Owner

Date

Print Name

Date

