

CANNABIS RETAIL MERIT BASED REVIEW – CONCENTRATION AREA – Commercial Ct

MERIT BASED REVIEW CRITERIA		COMMENTS	SCORE
1. Local and State Compliance (20 points max) - State regulations - County/regional permit requirements - Santa Rosa General Plan policies - Santa Rosa City Code locational and operational requirements		- Demonstrates compliance with specific State regulations. - Demonstrates compliance with EHS regulations. - General Plan policies not addressed. - Demonstrates compliance with Santa Rosa locational and operational requirements.	10.7
2. Site Management (20 points max) - Experience in operating a cannabis retail business in the North Bay area - Qualifications and backgrounds of principals - Business Plan that includes day-to-day operations and how cannabis will be monitored to prevent diversion - Management plan that prevents and responds to potential nuisance impacts (e.g. loitering, trash, local contact) on adjoining properties, public areas, and the surrounding neighborhoods - Performance timeline from land use approval to plan check and construction to opening		- Although consultant has experience in cannabis, the narrative does not demonstrate experience in operation of a North Bay cannabis business. - Demonstrates exceptional qualifications and experiences of principals in non-cannabis businesses. - Very detailed delivery protocols. Difficult to determine if narrative was tailored for the City of Santa Rosa. For profit? Or Non-Profit? - Discusses security, local contact, and staff training in detail. - Detailed performance timeline provided.	14
3. Neighborhood Compatibility (30 points max) - Description of how the use will fit into the stability and quality of the surrounding neighborhood - Description of odor control measures to prevent odor from being detectable from adjacent properties or businesses - Description of how an enhanced retail experience will be achieved with a well-designed site plan and use of quality materials in interior and exterior finishes - Demonstrate a clear and attractive entrance, pedestrian orientation, bike parking, and access to transit.		- Understated storefront proposed, with a focus on delivery services. - Certified odor mitigation plan provided. - While there's discussion demonstrating a commitment to customer service and an enhanced customer experience, no details provided, other than delivery. More focused of vehicular and bicycle parking. - Lacking details regarding a "clear and attractive entrance." ADA paratransit, and bus transit mentioned.	21.7
4. Neighborhood Enhancement (30 points max) - Quality and extent of improvements to the site, building, and surrounding neighborhoods - Integration of project through attractive façade, setbacks, quality materials and colors, landscaping, safe circulation and location of driveways, and ease of parking - Environmental benefits - green business practices related to energy and/or water conservation - Community benefits e.g. employment opportunities, community programs and contributions.		- Proposed elevations do not adequately reflect the quality and extent of improvements. Narrative lacks detailed discussion of changes proposed to storefront. - Safe circulation, location of driveways, and ease of parking is demonstrated, but little detail provided to demonstrate integration of the project through attractive façade, setbacks, quality materials, colors and landscaping. - Water and energy conservation described. Proposed composting. - Local hiring with full time benefits "as much as possible." Unclear if the business is a nonprofit entity or an LLC.	18.3
TOTAL SCORE (Out of 100)		64.7	

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2. Site Management (20 points max) - Experience in operating a cannabis retail business in the North Bay area - Qualifications and backgrounds of principals - Business Plan that includes day-to-day operations and how cannabis will be monitored to prevent diversion - Management plan that prevents and responds to potential nuisance impacts (e.g. loitering, trash, local contact) on adjoining properties, public areas, and the surrounding neighborhoods - Performance timeline from land use approval to plan check and construction to opening	- Demonstrates significant experience in operation of North Bay cannabis retail. - Demonstrates exceptional qualifications and experiences of principals. - Application offers detailed policies and procedures and describes how cannabis will be monitored to prevent diversion. Detailed in SOPs. - Community Outreach Liaison proposed with detailed tasks and neighborhood committee. - Performance timeline provided.	19.7
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TOTAL SCORE (Out of 100)	82.7	