

City of Patterson
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CITY OF PATTERSON: CANNABIS PILOT PROGRAM

Patterson, CA – On June 30, 2017, the City of Patterson (“City”) released a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to solicit proposals from potential cannabis business operators interested in operating in the City.

The RFQ will form the basis for a selection process of qualified cannabis operators for participation in a pilot program designed to allow limited cannabis businesses within the City (the “Cannabis Pilot Program”). If approved by the City Council, the creation of the Cannabis Pilot Program will provide the City with flexibility to regulate additional cannabis businesses through the use of a permitting process, development agreements, impact fees, taxes, or any combination of these regulatory tools, to determine which cannabis uses are the most desirable and will have the least amount of negative impacts on the community.

The proposal may be for any cannabis business currently legal under California state law that includes all of the following uses of medical or non-medical cannabis:

- (1) Dispensary
- (2) Commercial cultivation (indoor only);

- (3) Manufacturing (volatile and non-volatile);
- (4) Distribution; and
- (5) Testing facilities.

Currently, the Patterson Municipal Code prohibits commercial cannabis businesses in the City.

Proposals must be submitted with a \$5,000, non-refundable, application fee. The City does not guarantee any applicants will be selected for participation in the Cannabis Pilot Program.

Qualified candidates interested in participating in the Cannabis Pilot Program are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-submittal conference on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the pre-submittal conference is to provide background on the City's goal, the vision of the Cannabis Pilot Program and to answer any questions from the public. The pre-submittal conference will be held at the City of Patterson, City Hall, City Council Chambers at 1 Plaza, Patterson, CA 95363.

Proposals are due no later than 3 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017. For further information please visit www.ci.patterson.ca.us