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| Section 13 - Planning and Development | Policy # 3030.00.05 |
| Subject: Storefront Cannabis Retailers | Revision # 1 |

The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria that may be considered by City Council as part of a rezoning application or temporary use permit application to allow for retail cannabis sales at a particular location. This policy is intended to guide applicants and City staff as part of the application process but it is not intended to fetter Council’s discretion when dealing with individual applications, each of which will be evaluated on its own merits.

This policy was established in response to the legalization of cannabis by the federal government and the potential unregulated proliferation of storefront cannabis retailers. It is intended to address potentially adverse community impacts of storefront cannabis retailers, including inappropriate exposure of minors to cannabis and the undesirable concentration of storefront cannabis retailers.

B. DEFINITIONS

Applicant means an applicant for a rezoning that would allow for a storefront cannabis retailer at a particular location.

Storefront Cannabis Retailer means a premises where cannabis is sold or otherwise provided to a person who attends at the premises.

C. POLICY STATEMENTS

Rezoning Considerations

1. Storefront cannabis retailers will only be considered in an established retail location where the current zoning permits retail sales.
2. A storefront cannabis retailer should be:
 - a. at least 300 m (in a straight line from closest lot line to closest lot line) from a public or independent elementary, middle or secondary school.

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- b. at least 400 m (in a straight line from closest lot line to closest lot line) from another lot where a storefront cannabis retailer is permitted, whether or not a storefront cannabis retailer is active on that lot.
 - c. at least 300m from a City owned playground facility including the spray park and skateboard parks.
3. Cannabis sales are not permitted at special events, public markets or farmers markets.
 4. This Policy does not limit Council from considering variances to the separation distances noted in (2) based on circumstances related to a specific application.
 5. The off-street parking requirements applicable to retail stores as outlined in Division 7 of Zoning Bylaw 2500, 2007 and amendments thereto will apply to storefront cannabis retailers.
 6. Only one storefront cannabis retailer will be allowed per lot.
 7. The maximum number of storefront cannabis retailers in the City is five (5) private retailers and one (1) Government run store.

Application Process

The applicant must undertake all of the standard processes required for a rezoning application pursuant to Development Application Procedures Bylaw No. 2790, 2014 and amendments thereto.

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