



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: April 30, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

DATE OF HEARING:	May 29, 2025
TIME OF HEARING:	9:00 AM
LOCATION OF HEARING:	Council Chambers, 12 th Floor, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101
PROJECT TYPE:	MUNICIPAL CODE AND LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT, PROCESS FIVE
PROJECT NAME:	<u>AMENDMENT TO HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CANNABIS OUTLETS</u>
APPLICANT:	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, MAYOR'S OFFICE
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:	CITYWIDE
COUNCIL DISTRICT:	CITYWIDE
CITY PROJECT MANAGER:	Christopher Ackerman-Avila, Senior Policy Advisor
PHONE NUMBER/E-MAIL:	619-235-5200/ developmentcode@sandiego.gov

As a property owner, tenant, or person who has requested notice, please be advised that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to **recommend** approval, conditional approval, or denial to the City Council for a proposed amendment to the San Diego Municipal Code and Local Coastal Program.

The decision to approve, conditionally approve, modify or deny the **Amendment to Hours of Operation for Cannabis Outlets to the San Diego Municipal Code and Local Coastal Program** will be made by the City Council at a future public hearing. You will also receive a notice of the City Council public hearing.

This action aims to align the City of San Diego's regulations with those of the State of California by extending the hours of operation for permitted cannabis outlets within the City of San Diego by two hours per day by amending Section 141.0504 of the San Diego Municipal Code. Currently, the allowed operating hours for cannabis outlets are from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., which are more restrictive than the hours permitted by the State of California. This proposal seeks to extend business hours by one hour in the morning (opening at 6:00 a.m.) and one hour in the evening (closing at 10:00 p.m.). The recommended change aims to enhance economic opportunities, increase tax revenue, and align San Diego's regulations more closely with those of the State.

This activity, the amendment to the San Diego Municipal Code and Local Coastal Program related to the extension of hours of operation for cannabis outlets, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section

15301 (Existing Facilities), as the amendment would provide for operational changes (up to two additional hours of operation) to existing cannabis facilities and does not include any expansion of the physical structures. None of the exceptions to the exemptions as listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would apply.

Notice of Availability of Local Coastal Program Amendment:

The Amendment to Hours of Operation for Cannabis Outlets amends the Land Development Code, which is part of the City's Local Coastal Program, and state law requires the California Coastal Commission certification of amendments to the Local Coastal Program before they can take effect in the Coastal Zone. The final decision by the City Council will occur no sooner than six weeks after the date of mailing of this notice. The City of San Diego must submit this as an amendment for certification to the Coastal Commission. The amendment is not effective in the Coastal Zone until the Coastal Commission unconditionally certifies the amendment. However, it will take effect outside of the Coastal Zone following adoption by the City Council.

If you wish to be noticed of the Coastal Commission hearing on this issue, you must submit a request in writing to the City Planning Department, 5th Floor, 202 "C" Street, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92101, developmentcode@sandiego.gov. If you wish to challenge the City's action on the above proceedings in court, you may be limited to addressing only those issues you or someone else have raised at the public hearing described in this notice or written in correspondence to the City at or before the public hearing.

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In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may also participate and provide comment via telephone, ZOOM, using the Planning Commission webform, or via U.S. Mail of written materials, as follows:

Comments may be submitted electronically using the Planning Commission webform, <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning-commission/agenda-comment-form> and indicate the agenda item number for your comment. Comments submitted using this form will be distributed to the Planning Commission and made a part of the record but will not be read into the record. Please note that electronic comments submitted using this form are limited to 500 words, but attachments are allowed.

Additionally, you can submit comments via U.S. Mail to the Planning Commission's attention at 1222 First Avenue, Mail Station 501, San Diego, CA 92101. Materials submitted via U.S. Mail will need to be received the business day prior for it to be distributed to the Planning Commission.

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City Planning Department

Code Update Staff / Amendment to Hours of Operation for Cannabis Outlets

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