

Sand City Commercial Cannabis Survey

Sand City values feedback, especially as we plan for the future of our community.

While California legalized cannabis (marijuana) with the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016, it is up to each municipality to decide if and how commercial cannabis retail, manufacturing, cultivation, events, and/or testing should be conducted in their communities. To date, the City of Sand City has not allowed for commercial cannabis retail, manufacturing, or cultivation. In our region, the cities of Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, and Marina, and the County of Monterey (unincorporated areas of Carmel, Big Sur, Moss Landing, et al.) have allowed commercial cannabis operations.

For more background on California Cannabis Legislation, please visit the California Cannabis Portal at <https://cannabis.ca.gov/>. While the legislation begins at the state level, each City has the opportunity to enact its own Cannabis laws and regulations based on many factors, including what's the best for a particular community as a whole; provided those regulations do not conflict with State law. At the February 2, 2020 City Council Meeting, staff provided a Roadmap to Cannabis, and received direction to start obtaining Stakeholder feedback in order for Council to determine whether to amend its municipal code to allow commercial cannabis activities in Sand City.

The City is seeking input from the community to help guide this process. This survey should take about 5 minutes to complete. Data from the survey will be compiled and the overall results will be used to assist the planning process. Please submit your completed survey by 11:59 p.m. on March 12, 2021.

For each question, please select the answer that best reflects your position, values or beliefs regarding potential commercial cannabis businesses in the City of Sand City. Thank you for taking the time to have your say!

1. Which of the following best describes you?

- Sand City resident
- Sand City business owner
- Other (please specify)

2. General Views on Commercial Cannabis activities in Sand City.

1-Strongly Support 2-Somewhat support 3-No opinion/ don't care 4-Somewhat opposed 5-Strongly opposed

In general, do you support or oppose allowing commercial cannabis businesses in Sand City?

In general, do you support or oppose allowing storefront cannabis retailers in Sand City?

3. Storefront Cannabis Retailer Locations. Storefront cannabis retailers are commonly allowed in commercial districts where other similar types of retail stores may be located. However, the City may limit storefront retailers to only specific types of commercial districts. How strongly would you agree with each of the following statements?

1-Strongly Agree 2-Somewhat Agree 3-No opinion/ don't care 4-Somewhat Disagree 5-Strongly Disagree

Storefront cannabis retailers should be limited to the regional shopping centers only.

Storefront cannabis retailers should be allowed in all commercial and mixed-use zoning districts, like any other store.

Storefront cannabis retailers should be limited to the West End only.

4. Number of Permits. Some cities have chosen to limit the number of permits that will be issued for various types of cannabis businesses. This can be done on a “first come/first served” basis, or by a lottery, or by a competitive ranking process. Limiting the number of permits can make each one more valuable, which generally benefits those applicants with more business experience and greater financial capacity. This is especially true for retailers, as it can drive more customer traffic to each location. Based on this information, how strongly would you agree with the following statement?

1-Strongly Agree 2-Somewhat Agree 3-No opinion/ don't care 4-Somewhat Disagree 5-Strongly Disagree

The City should limit the number of permits issued for storefront cannabis retailers.

5. Community Concerns. Commercial cannabis businesses may have the potential to produce a number of impacts on the surrounding community. Some of these concerns may be common to other retail businesses, such as traffic, parking, signage and lighting. Others, such as odors, may be more specific to cannabis businesses. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following potential concerns from storefront cannabis retailers?

	1-Strongly Agree	2-Somewhat Agree	3-No opinion/ don't care	4-Somewhat Disagree	5-Strongly Disagree
I am concerned about traffic and parking impacts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am concerned about visual impacts such as signage and lighting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am concerned about nuisance impacts such as noise, odor or loitering.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am concerned about public safety impacts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Other types of Cannabis operations. Commercial cannabis has multiple types of business functions. How strongly do you support or oppose with the following potential types of cannabis operations?

	1-Strongly Support	2-Somewhat support	3-No opinion/ don't care	4-Somewhat opposed	5-Strongly opposed
Retail Storefront	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial Cultivation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delivery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Product Manufacturing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Please provide any additional comments you may have. If you would like to be included in future Sand City Communications like the E-Newsletter please insert your email below.