

NOTICE AND DIGEST

ORDINANCE CHANGING PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES BY:

- 1) AMENDING OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 5.80.050 AND 5.81.060 TO ALLOW A CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICANT WHO PREVIOUSLY MET THE INCOME AND OAKLAND RESIDENCY CRITERIA TO QUALIFY AS AN “EQUITY APPLICANT” TO RECEIVE EQUITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES UP TO FOUR YEARS FROM THE DATE SUCH APPLICANT WAS VERIFIED AS AN EQUITY APPLICANT, REGARDLESS OF THE APPLICANT’S CURRENT INCOME OR RESIDENCY;**
- 2) EXTENDING THE DUE DATE FOR CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMIT FEES FOR CERTAIN BURGLARIZED BUSINESSES; AND**
- 3) ADOPTING CEQA EXEMPTION FINDINGS**

This Ordinance would change the City of Oakland’s permitting requirements for cannabis businesses by amending Oakland Municipal Code Sections 5.80.050 and 5.81.060, to allow a cannabis business permit applicant who previously met the income and Oakland residency criteria to qualify as an “equity applicant,” to receive equity assistance program services up to four years from the date such applicant was verified as an equity applicant, regardless of the applicant’s current income or residency. It also extends the due date for cannabis business permit fees for certain burglarized businesses and adopts California Environmental Quality Act exemption findings. Upon final adoption on second reading this ordinance will become effective immediately if it receives six or more affirmative votes; otherwise it shall become effective upon the seventh day after final adoption.