



ARAPAHOE COUNTY
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Board Summary Report

Date: December 3, 2020

To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Ron Carl, County Attorney

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Subject: Application for a New Retail Marijuana License re:
GM 2280, LLC d/b/a Golden Meds
2280 S. Quebec St., Unit G
Denver, Colorado 80231

Request and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request that the Board of County Commissioners (“the BoCC”) adopt a resolution to approve a new local Retail Marijuana Store License pursuant to the Arapahoe County Marijuana Licensing Policy (“the Policy”) for GM 2280, LLC d/b/a Golden Meds located at 2280 S. Quebec St., Unit G, Denver, CO 80231. The expiration date for such new license shall mirror that of the corresponding State of Colorado license and final approval, per the Policy, is conditioned on the State approving the corresponding State license.

Background

On July 28, 2020, the BoCC adopted Arapahoe County Ordinance No. 2020-02 Establishing Limited Retail Marijuana Stores within Unincorporated Arapahoe County, which became effective August 27, 2020. Ordinance No. 2020-02 allows the four (4) existing licensed medical marijuana stores to also operate retail marijuana stores in accordance with the Arapahoe County Land Development Code (“the LDC”). On July 28, 2020, BoCC also adopted a revision to the LDC, Sec. 3-3.5 Marijuana Land Uses, which also became effective on August 27, 2020 and provides for the retail sale of marijuana and marijuana products at the store locations stated in the Ordinance. The Ordinance and the LDC provisions allow these four stores to operate both medical and retail marijuana stores, as non-conforming uses under the LDC, at those specified locations.

On September 22, 2020, the Board adopted, by Resolution No. 200621, the Arapahoe County Marijuana Licensing Policy (“the Policy”) to establish procedure and standards for the issuance and renewal of licenses for both retail and medical marijuana stores for those four business locations in compliance with the requirements of Ordinance 2020-02 and Section 3-3.5 of the Land Development Code.

Discussion

On July 23, 2020, the Arapahoe County Zoning Department confirmed that GM 2280, LLC d/b/a Golden Meds is in compliance with the Arapahoe County Land Development Code Regulations at this location. On July 29, 2020 Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office provided that there have been no material issues or concerns with GM 2280, LLC d/b/a Golden Meds at this location.

Prior to submission of this application, as provided in the Policy, GM 2280, LLC d/b/a Golden Meds also applied to the State of Colorado, Department of Revenue, for a license to operate a retail marijuana store at the address.

GM 2280, LLC d/b/a Golden Meds' application for a local retail marijuana license for the store at 2280 S. Quebec St., Unit G, Denver, CO 80231 is in compliance with the standards under the Policy for an application for a new retail marijuana store and is in compliance with the requirements of Ordinance No. 2020-02 and Section 3-3.5 of the Land Development Code. All fees for the application have been paid.

The Policy provides that, if approved, a new Retail Marijuana Store license "will be issued for a period of one (1) year and mirror the expiration date of the State License, which is conditioned upon approval of a corresponding State License before it becomes effective."

GM 2280, LLC d/b/a Golden Meds' application is complete and pursuant to the Policy, issuance of a Retail Marijuana Local License for GM 2280, LLC d/b/a Golden Meds is being placed on the BOCC consent agenda for approval.

Alternatives

The Board may deny the application for a new retail marijuana license for this property upon a finding that the proposed application does not comply with a particular requirement of the Policy, Ordinance No. 2020-02 or Section 3-3.5 of the Land Development Code or it turns out that the State denies the corresponding State license.

Fiscal Impact

Licensing fees will provide revenue to the county to cover the cost of licensing. Otherwise there is no fiscal impact.