

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Cannabis Smoking-Type C Permit Requirements

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The Rules and Regulations for Article 8A of the San Francisco Health Code requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) approve your Cannabis Smoking Room Ventilation Proposal *before* the San Francisco Department of Building Inspection will issue a mechanical permit for your project.

For DPH to review the Cannabis Smoking Room Ventilation Proposal and assess compliance with the requirements set forth in the Article 8A Rules and Regulations of the San Francisco Health Code, the following, at a minimum, shall be included in the Cannabis Smoking Room Ventilation Proposal:

- Air change for the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room: XXX cfm and/or XXX ach
- Air change for common areas inside the Cannabis Retailer or Microbusiness: XXX cfm and/or XXX ach
- Filter type for the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room: (e.g. MERV 11)
- Odor Control Measure for the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room: (e.g. Activated Carbon Filter or other Odor Control Technology, provide manufacturer's specification sheet)
- Location of air intakes and exhaust outlets*: (e.g. location on Roof or exterior of building) *Shall be in compliance with the CMC 502.2 for "other product-conveying" termination
- Negative Pressure in the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room: (Yes/No)
- If negative pressure will be maintained only in the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room (Yes/No)
- Areas not served by enhanced ventilation. (e.g. retail area, hallways, etc.)
- If applicable, location of Z-ducts, trickle vents or similar unfiltered air system used for the Cannabis Retailer or Microbusiness. [SPECIFY]
- Percentage of total square footage, for consumer use, of the permitted Cannabis Retailer or Microbusiness that will be used for smoking of cannabis in the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room.
- Designated Cannabis Smoking Room does not share space with employee work area. (Yes/No)
- Maximum occupant load for the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room.
- The Designated Cannabis Smoking Room will have a separate heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. (Yes/No)
- The Designated Cannabis Smoking Room shall exhaust 100% of the air directly to the outside through a Pollution Control Unit and Odor Control Unit. (Yes/No)
- A description of the Operations and Maintenance plan for the ventilation system and methods for recordkeeping to ensure that the Operations and Maintenance Plan is followed.
- All doors leading to the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room are self-closing and installed with a gasket to provide a seal where the door meets the stop. (Yes/No)
- All mechanical equipment is in compliance with the San Francisco Noise Ordinance-Police Code Article 29.

Please include the above information on a proposal that is signed and stamped by a licensed mechanical engineer or other individual authorized by the California Business and Professions Code Section 670-6799 (Professional Engineers Act) to design ventilation systems that meet the requirements of Article 8A's Rules and Regulations and all Mechanical Code Requirements. The proposal should state that in the signatory's opinion, the ventilation system as designed for the Designated Cannabis Smoking Room is compliant with Article 8A and all accompanying Rules and Regulations in effect at the time of signing.