CANNABIS CONSUMPTION RULES & REGULATIONS

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California Universal Symbol for Cannabis
Presentation Overview

- Applicability of Rules and Regulations
- Overview of legislative history
- Cannabis consumption permit types
- Permitted activities associated with permit types
- Structural requirements
Applicability of Rules and Regulations

- **Who can get a consumption permit?**
  - State and SF Retail Cannabis Permitted Business
  - Store Front Cannabis Retailers
  - Microbusinesses with a Store Front

- **Who can be a customer at these locations?**
  - Individuals that are 21 years or older
  - Individuals in possession of a medical cannabis card
2015-2017
CA Medicinal & Adult-Use Cannabis Regulations and Safety Act

Regulates cannabis from “seed to sales”

December 2017
SF Health Code Article 8A

Allows Health Director to develop Rules & Regulations & Permit process for onsite consumption of cannabis products

December 2017
SF Police Code Article 16

Regulates commercial activities of cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, testing, sale and delivery, including permitting of Store Front Cannabis Retail and Store Front Cannabis Microbusiness
Feb-Sept 2018

Development of Consumption Rules & Regs

- Vetted by City Attorney, PHD and Environmental Health for compliance with State and local laws

Sept 21-Oct 21, 2018

Rules & Regs released for public comment

- Public comments received at Oct 3rd public hearing
- Public comments continue to be received by email and Survey Monkey

November 2018

Implementation of Rules & Regs

- Release of final Rules and Regulations
- Begin Implementation
Purpose of Rules and Regulations

- **Section 8A.8 of Article 8A:**
  “The Director shall adopt rules, regulations or guidelines to establish minimum health and safety standards.”

- **Ensures:**
  - Business owners and the public are aware of the permitting process and the operating standards required to comply with a consumption permit
  - Guidelines are clear and transparent
State Cannabis Licensing Authorities

**Bureau of Cannabis Control**

Housed within the California Department of Consumer Affairs, the Bureau will license retailers, distributors, third-party testing laboratories and microbusinesses.

**Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch**

Housed within the California Department of Public Health, MCSB will license manufacturers of cannabis products. This includes nearly all non-flower products (edibles, oils, tinctures, etc.).

**CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing**

Housed within the California Department of Food & Agriculture, CalCannabis will license cultivators and implement the state’s Track-and-Trace system to record movement of cannabis from seed to sale.
On January 1, 2018, California legalized cannabis use by adults 21 and older. All businesses that cultivate, manufacture, distribute, sell and test cannabis in San Francisco must have both a SF Cannabis Business Permit and a California license.

DPH Environmental Health Branch inspects cannabis consumption businesses to verify that they meet SFDPH Cannabis Consumption permit requirements (as a Type A, B or C permit).
Safe Consumption of Cannabis

SAFE CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS: FACTS & YOUR HEALTH

Cannabis is a plant with three sub-varieties known as cannabis sativa, cannabis indica, and cannabis ruderalis. Cannabis can be consumed in many ways such as smoking, edibles, drinks, tinctures, oils or butter.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEDICAL CANNABIS & ADULT USE CANNABIS?

Medical cannabis is cannabis used to treat the symptoms of serious medical conditions such as cancer, epilepsy, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS and severe pain. Adult use cannabis is for personal use unrelated to the treatment of medical conditions. The laws for cannabis use in California differ based on the type of use.

SHOULD I DRIVE IF I CONSUME CANNABIS PRODUCTS?

Cannabis use Impairs driving skills, putting drivers and passengers at risk for an accident.

WILL SMOKING CANNABIS HAVE A DIFFERENT EFFECT THAN CONSUMING AN EdIBLE PRODUCT?

The effects from smoking cannabis can often be felt right away. The effects from eating or drinking cannabis, however, can take thirty minutes to hours to develop, and then last longer. The effects for both edibles and smoking can depend on how much THC you consumed, the amount and type of other foods consumed, and if you also drank alcohol or used other drugs.

CANNABIS EDIBLES are food or drink items made with cannabis or cannabis oils.

START LOW. When using cannabis edibles, you may want to start with a small serving of the product.

GO SLOW. You may feel fine for several hours after consuming a cannabis edible, and then suddenly feel very high. Don’t eat or drink more of a cannabis product until you have waited at least 2-4 hours.

DO NOT GIVE CANNABIS TO ANYONE UNDER 21 YEARS OLD WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN RECOMMENDATION.

STORE AWAY SAFELY. Lock it up and out of reach from children and pets.

AVOID IF YOU ARE PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING. Consuming cannabis can harm the health of your baby and is not recommended for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, or who plan to become pregnant soon.

1ST TIME USING? BE CAUTIOUS!

Consuming too much cannabis product at once may lead to unwanted physical and/or mental effects:
- extreme confusion
- anxiety
- panic
- paranoia
- hallucinations
- delusions
- increased blood pressure
- fast heart rate
- severe nausea
- vomiting

If you or someone you know has any of the symptoms above, call the Poison Control Hotline at 1-800-222-1222 for free, expert help anytime. If the symptoms are severe, call 911 or go to an emergency room.

This document will be made available in Spanish, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Russian, and Tagalog. For more information, visit www.sfph.org or www.officeofcannabis.sfgov.org.
Type A Consumption Permit
Prepackaged Cannabis Products with no Preparation

- A permittee in possession of this permit type may allow the on-site consumption of Prepackaged Cannabis Products but may not engage in any type of preparation of the Prepackaged Cannabis Products.
Type B Consumption Permit
Limited Preparation of Prepackaged Cannabis Products

- A permittee in possession of this permit may allow the on-site consumption of Prepackaged Cannabis Products and may also prepare (e.g. heating, reheating or serving) Cannabis Products.
Type C Consumption Permit
Cannabis Smoking

- A permittee in possession of this permit type may allow the on-site smoking and vaping of cannabis and may also allow the consumption of prepackaged cannabis products and/or the consumption of prepared cannabis products.
## Structural Requirements

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<td>All</td>
<td>Properly constructed public restroom</td>
<td>With proper floor/wall finishes and mop sink</td>
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<td>Three-compartment sink and hand sink in the “preparation area”</td>
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<td>Enhanced ventilation system with odor abatement equipment and enhanced filtration</td>
<td>Shall be located in a designated room separated from the rest of the Cannabis Retailer or Storefront Microbusiness</td>
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*Examples of three-compartment sink and high-efficiency air filter*
Public Health Protection

- Permits to reinforce proper sanitation and public safety
- Type C: Enhanced ventilation requirements
- Health Impact Assessment
- Cannabis Health Working Group in DPH

Future DPH harm reduction/ equity work:

- Tracking of cannabis health issues (e.g. accidental poisoning, hospital visits).
- Tracking of community complaints regarding Cannabis Retailers with consumption permits (i.e. odor, smoking, public nuisances).
THANK YOU!

For further information on Cannabis Consumption Permits issued by Environmental Health Branch:

https://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/MCD/default.asp