

## ITEM 4.1

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AUGUST 2, 2021 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

**ITEM:** CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING  
REGULATION AND PERMIT OPTIONS FOR CANNABIS  
ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF LATHROP

**RECOMMENDATION:** City Council to Discuss and Provide Staff Direction as  
to Whether to Prepare an Ordinance for Review by  
the Planning Commission and Subsequent  
Consideration of the City Council, for Regulation and  
Permit Options for Cannabis Activities.

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

Currently, Lathrop Municipal Code (LMC) Chapters 5.26 and 17.18 prohibits all commercial cannabis-related activity within the City limits. Furthermore, Section 8.44.050 prohibits all outdoor cultivation of cannabis, regardless of intended use (personal recreational or personal medicinal). City Council has expressed interest in allowing commercial cannabis businesses and Staff has provided information and background at two (2) previous meetings.

Specifically, Staff presented an initial Regional Cannabis Update to City Council at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of February 8, 2021. Staff then presented additional information at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of July 12, 2021.

The purpose of this update and study session is to obtain input and direction from City Council related to the potential options for the regulation of commercial cannabis activity within the City.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Commercial Cannabis activity is defined as "including, but not limited to, dispensaries, collectives, cooperatives, transportation, distribution, manufacturing, delivery, storing, testing, sale, processing and cultivation". The following local jurisdictions allow the cultivation, manufacturing and distribution of commercial recreational and medicinal cannabis:

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| - City of Ceres     | - City of Modesto    |
| - City of Riverbank | - San Joaquin County |
| - City of Stockton  | - City of Patterson  |
| - City of Tracy     | - City of Oakdale    |

Staff has prepared a PowerPoint Presentation to guide discussion of possible approaches to the regulation of commercial cannabis in the City. The discussion includes the following topics:

- Application Process
- Development Regulations for Commercial Cannabis Use
- Selection Process
- Application Requirement and Fees
- Next Steps and Implementation Actions

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss the information contained in the presentation and provide direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Lathrop, only staff time to prepare this report.

**ATTACHMENT:**

No attachments.

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**APPROVALS:**



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