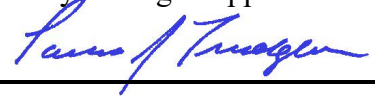


ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: January 23, 2023
Item No.: 10.b

Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Approval of 2 Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Licenses.

BACKGROUND

Chapter 3 of the City Code requires all applications for business and other licenses to be submitted to the City Council for approval. The following applications are submitted for consideration:

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Products License

Roseville Smoke Shop Inc. dba Discount Smoke Shop
2113 Snelling Ave N
Roseville, MN 55113

Roseville Smoke Shop Inc.
1732 Lexington Ave N
Roseville, MN 55113

Roseville Smoke Shop Inc. have submitted application materials for a Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) License at each of their two locations. Chapter 316 of the City Code permits a maximum of 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol Products Licenses within the city. If approved, the total number of licenses issued will be 2.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

Required by City Code

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The correct fees were paid to the City at the time the application was made.

RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT SUMMARY

Most of the data surrounding the racial equity impact for businesses is based on data specifically associated with legalizing recreational marijuana. Although the legislature legalized recreational cannabis edibles for adults (containing a maximum of 5mg of THC derived from hemp), recreational marijuana is still illegal in Minnesota. However, according to a [survey](#) conducted by *Marijuana Business Daily*, 80% of marijuana business owners and founders identify as White. Only 5.7% are Hispanic or Latino and 4.3% are Black. Some point to the controversial history of marijuana prohibition, and the industry's current legal complexities that disproportionately hurt marginalize communities. Black Americans are roughly 3.6 times more likely than Whites to be arrested for marijuana charges according to the ACLU. This can lead to barriers to entrepreneurship such as difficulty securing loans or grants or traditional lending, as well as access to other capital.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the application(s) and has determined that the applicant(s) meet all City requirements. Staff recommends approval of the license(s), subject to a successful background investigation.

36 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

37 Motion to approve the THC Licenses for Roseville Smoke Shop Inc., and Roseville Smoke Shop Inc. dba
38 Discount Smoke Shop, subject to a successful background investigation.

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Prepared by: Katie Bruno, Deputy City Clerk

Attachments: A: Applications for Retail THC license



Administration Department, License Division
2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN 55113
(651) 792-7023

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Retail Application

Business Name Roseville Smoke Shop Inc Db a Discount Smoke Shop
Business Address 2113 Snelling Ave N. Roseville, MN 55113
Business Phone 651-888-2996
Email Address discountsmoke2113@gmail.com

Business Owner:

Name **Maher Safi**

Address

Phone

Email

Person to Contact concerning Business License *(if different from above.):*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I hereby apply for the following license beginning 1/10/2023, and ending December 31, 2023, in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota.

<u>License Required</u>	<u>Fee</u>
*Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Retailer	\$300.00
Background Investigation Fee (first time applicant)	\$300.00

- *Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Retail Establishment is defined as an establishment which:
- a. Prohibits persons under 21 years of age from entering the establishment at all times.
 - b. Posts conspicuous written notice of such age retraction at all entrances to the establishment.
 - c. Meets all of the following building or structural criteria:
 - i. Shares no wall with, and has no part of their structure adjoined to any other business or retailer, unless the wall is permanent, completely opaque, and without doors, windows, and pass-throughs to the other business or retailer; and
 - ii. Is accessible by the public only by an exterior door.

The information that you are asked to provide on the application is classified by State law as either public, private or confidential. All data will constitute public record if and when the license is granted. Our intended use of the information is to annually update our records. If you refuse to supply the information, the license application may not be processed.

The undersigned applicant makes this application pursuant to all the laws of the State of Minnesota and regulation as the Council of the City of Roseville may from time to time prescribe, including Minnesota Statue §151.72

Signature



Date

01/06/2023

If completed license should be mailed somewhere other than the business address, please advise.



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Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Retail Application

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Business Phone 651-489-4028
Email Address rosevillesmokeshop@gmail.com

Business Owner: **Maher Safi**

Name

Address

Phone

Email

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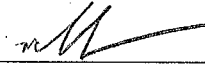
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