



City of Venice
Development Services Department

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council, Lori Stelzer, City Clerk

From: Jeff Shrum, AICP, Development Services Director

Date: September 5, 2017

Re: **Ordinance 2016-22-Temporary One-Year Moratorium on Cannabis Cultivation, Production, and Dispensing Businesses**

The specific use of "pharmacy" appears as a permitted principal use in the following zoning districts:

- Commercial, General (CG)
- Commercial, Intensive (CI)

Permitted principal uses in the following zoning districts indicate "Retail outlets for the sale of.....drugs and similar products.....":

- Commercial, Shopping Center (CSC)
- Commercial, Neighborhood (CN)

In the Office, Professional and Institutional (OPI) zoning district, there is opportunity to seek special exception approval consistent with the following:

"Where there is a demonstrated need, limited commercial and service activities directly related to and in support of institutional and office uses within the district, such as.....drugstores for sale of prescriptions and medicines and medical supplies only at retail....."

Regarding planned districts such as Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Planned Commercial Development (PCD), both contain the following language under permitted and principal uses:

- Neighborhood commercial uses which are determined at the time of approval for the PUD or PCD to be compatible with the existing and future development of adjacent and nearby lands outside the PUD or PCD.
- Other uses of a nature similar to those listed, after determination and recommendation by the planning commission, and determination by the city council at the time of rezoning that such uses are appropriate to the PUD or PCD development.

In addition, there are no special standards related to pharmacy, that would not be applicable to any other commercial use.

As a side note, we did permit a CVS Store in the Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI) zoning district.

Cc. Project File
City Attorney