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Review Criteria Rating System

- i. 40-35 points: Business qualifications and business plan as demonstrated by:
 - Industry experience
 - Financial capacity to start up and sustain business operations
 - Business design/layout: secure, attractive, unobtrusive design
 - Innovative or boutique business models consistent with the Fairfax community
 - Additional information that demonstrates the ability to operate in a manner consistent with the values of the Town, including, without limitation, local residency of principals (3+ years), connection to Fairfax, ability to serve Fairfax, familiarity with the Town
- ii. 30-35 points: **Quality of operating plan** as demonstrated by:
 - Demonstrated understanding of all State requirements, including but not limited to security, financial, other recordkeeping
 - Inventory controls and sales procedures to prevent diversion to illegal market and access by minors
 - Employee training above State requirements
 - Parking, circulation, and traffic plan, including truck and delivery parking if applicable, to ensure safe access and minimize traffic congestion
 - Complaint response program
 - Additional operational procedures demonstrating safety, commitment to community welfare and community responsiveness
- iii. 30 points: **Public benefits**, including, but not limited to the following:
 - All employees paid living wage and benefits
 - Social equity: One or more principals who earn at or below median household income; women or minority owned business; small business
 - Offer medical cannabis:
 - o Patient services, such as physician or caregiver networking
 - o Experience serving patients
 - Reduced-cost products to low-income medical patients
 - Locally-sourced, organic/pesticide-free products
 - Green business rating: Is certified or qualifies for certification
 - Participation and support of local youth-serving prevention and education programs, and/or adult addiction programs

Minimum qualifying score = 80 points **Scoring**:

(a) The Planning Commission will review each application at a public hearing based on the written materials and an applicant presentation.



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- (b) Planning Commissioners decide scores based on the scoring criteria above. All Planning Commissioners' scores shall be totaled and averaged for each application for a preliminary score. This preliminary score would be referred to the Town Council.
- (c) The Town Council would hold a second hearing and review the Planning Commission's preliminary scoring. The Town Council would have the opportunity to issue an additional **10 points** based on the quality of the applicant's presentation.

