

City of Santa Ana

Measure BB – Medical Marijuana Collectives/Cooperatives

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do current dispensaries/collectives in Santa Ana have advantage in being selected in the lottery?

Answer - No. All complete Registration Applications which meet the zoning and separation criteria will have an equal chance of being selected to continue to the Regulatory Safety Permit phase of the process.

2. How is the 500-foot separation between collectives determined?

Answer - The 500 feet separation is measured from main entrance of one collective to the main entrance of another and is provided to the City as part of the Registration Application packet.

3. If you are selected in the lottery, does that mean you are allowed to open a collective?

Answer - No. Being selected in the Lottery only allows the selected collective the opportunity to continue to the Regulatory Safety Permit phase of the application process.

4. If I am selected in the lottery is there a deadline of when I need to apply for my Regulatory Safety Permit?

Answer - No. Applicants selected during the lottery may submit for the Regulatory Safety Permit at any time. Complete applications will be submitted to the Police Department for review. The adopted Ordinance grants the City 60-days to review the application and make a determination.

5. Will Collectives be allowed to cultivate in Santa Ana?

Answer - No. Per the voter approved Ordinance, cultivation of any kind is NOT permitted in Santa Ana.

6. How many applications will be entered in to the Lottery?

Answer - All complete applications received between December 17, 2014 and January 15, 2015 which meet the zoning and separation requirements will be eligible for the lottery on February 5, 2015.

7. If multiple applications from different entities submit for a single location and then one application is selected in the lottery, what happens to the other applications at that location?

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Answer - The first application selected from the lottery for that location becomes eligible to submit for the Regulatory Safety Permit, all other applications at that location will be placed on the waiting list.

8. How do you plan to ensure the lottery is fair?

Answer - The City has hired a 3rd party independent accounting firm to run the lottery to ensure complete impartiality.

9. Can an individual submit multiple applications for different locations?

Answer - Yes, however each location must be accompanied by a separate application and will be subject to a separate application fee.

10. Can an individual submit multiple applications at the same location?

Answer - No. Multiple applications from the same individual for the same location will be rejected.

11. Is the Registration Application fee refundable?

Answer – No. Both the Registration Application fee and Regulatory Safety Permit fee are non-refundable.