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City Council Approves Medical Marijuana Dispensary Regulations

SAN DIEGO (February 25, 2014) – The San Diego City Council today approved new regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries to ensure legitimate patient access without unnecessary neighborhood impacts. The ordinance passed with a vote of 8-1.

“This ordinance provides clear and fair rules which will result in access to medical marijuana for legitimate San Diego patients and safeguard neighborhoods from negative impacts associated with dispensaries,” said Interim Mayor Todd Gloria.

The main components to the ordinance are that:

- Cooperatives must be separated from public parks, churches, child care centers, playgrounds, residential care facilities, schools and other cooperatives by 1,000 feet
- Cooperatives must apply for a Conditional Use Permit with a five year expiration
- No onsite medical professionals are allowed
- The ordinance includes a 100 foot buffer from residential zones
- No more than four dispensaries will be permitted to operate in each council district.

The ordinance sets the framework for sites that fall outside of the restrictions listed above, but that doesn't mean that dispensaries would actually occupy all of those locations.

The ordinance was developed by City staff over the past several months at the City Council's request last April, when the previous mayor proposed far more permissible regulations which would have resulted in increased numbers of dispensaries throughout the City.

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