



Cannabis Microbusiness Policies

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- 18.42.057 Cannabis Retail

E. Accessory uses. As defined in Article [10](#), accessory uses are customarily incidental to, related and clearly subordinate to a primary use on the same parcel, which does not alter the primary use. Uses accessory to cannabis retail facilities may be allowable pursuant to the permitting requirements in Article [2](#). Accessory uses may include activities that require multiple State cannabis licenses, including, but not limited to, manufacturing, distribution, cultivation and/or processing. In no instance shall cannabis manufacturing using volatile solvents be allowable as uses accessory to cannabis retail uses.

History of Code Implementation

- One manufacturing business approved under prior cannabis manufacturing ordinance
- Two dispensaries approved under existing retail cannabis ordinance
- One application for a dispensary/microbusiness was denied by Planning Commission because:
 - Uses were not allowable
 - Uses were not accessory to the primary use
- Two applications for cannabis retail pending (one incomplete)

Two Options for the Microbusiness Question

1. Add more detail to existing cannabis retail definition in 18.42.57
2. Create a separate definition in 18.42 for “Cannabis Microbusiness”

Option #1: Amend Retail Accessory Definition

In the Central Business District and Highway Visitor Commercial Zones:

- A cultivation of immature plants no larger than XXX square feet for retail sale on site
- Processing of cannabis for retail sale on site
- Non-volatile manufacturing of cannabis for retail sale on site
- Retail delivery
- Accessory office

In the General Commercial Zone:

- A cultivation of immature plants no larger than X,XXX square feet
- Processing of cannabis for (retail and wholesale?) sale on site
- Non-volatile manufacturing of cannabis for (retail and wholesale?) sale on site
- Retail delivery
- Office space

The following are NOT allowed as accessory uses to cannabis retail in the commercial zone:

- Cultivation of mature or flowering plants
- Cannabis manufacturing using volatile substances
- Wholesale, warehousing, and distribution of cannabis

Option #2: Cannabis Microbusiness

- State definition says 3 or more types of activity
 - Retail, cultivation, distribution/wholesale
 - Retail, cultivation manufacturing
 - Cultivation, manufacturing, distribution
- Creates a specific definition for the purpose of allowing cannabis microbusinesses in some commercial zones.
- May not be necessary for industrial zones
 - All uses would be allowable with required permits
 - Retail Delivery only, no storefronts in industrial

Sample Policies for Microbusinesses in Commercial Zones

- Retail must take up the building frontage and have a main public entrance on the main street for retail sales.
- Non-retail activities shall not be visible from the public right of way and not accessible from main street frontage.
- Allowable activities shall not create significant noise, odor, traffic, or other public nuisance.
- All non-retail activities must take place in a fully enclosed and secure structures.
- Cultivation portion may not exceed size allowable in zoning district.

Should the City create a “Cannabis Microbusiness” use or modify accessory uses for Cannabis Retail?

If yes, where should it be allowed?

	Cannabis Business Permit Only (administrative)	CBP + Minor Use Permit (administrative)	CBP + Use Permit (Planning Commission)	Not Allowable
Microbusiness with Retail Delivery	IL, IH			
Microbusiness with Storefront Retail				

- Central Business District - CBD**
- Highway Commercial - CH**
- General Commercial - CG**
- Light Industrial - IL**
- Heavy Industrial -IH**