Aurora Marijuana Informational Bulletin

This is the second City of Aurora Marijuana Licensee informational bulletin. As a contact with a marijuana license, we have automatically signed you up for these bulletins. There is an unsubscribe option at the bottom of this email if you do not want to receive these. If you know of others that would benefit from subscribing, please forward them this link:

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/fEhdOyy/marijuana

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Published Aurora Marijuana Rules and Regulations

Following comments from the public hearing held on May 11th, 2022 a new version of the regulations was published with the changes made during the hearing. The most substantial change from the earlier draft is in Rule 117 with regards to business records. The updated rule allows for comingling of bank accounts with approval by the local licensing authority. The published regulations are available at the following link:

Forms, Regulations and Publications

Also, the <u>website was updated earlier this year and includes new forms</u> We have been working diligently to reduce the information required on city forms and to rely more not only on information on state forms but also state processes when possible. The website can be found at <u>auroragov.org/marijuana</u>.

Renewals

All renewals are required to be submitted and paid for on the licensing portal prior to 30 days of the license expiration to avoid late fees. All licensed marijuana businesses are required to submit a security floor plan, approved by the Licensing Division, to include all cameras and security equipment with each renewal. The Security plan requirements are listed on the website. An updated process for submitting a Modification of Premises is also found on the website.

Burglaries

During the month of May, the city of Aurora experienced 3 burglaries at Marijuana dispensaries. Regulated product was only stolen during one of the burglaries and consisted of refrigerated items inside a locked refrigerated unit with glass doors. The Licensing Division started allowing this type of secured storage a few years ago after many requests from our licensees, as long as the unit was secured to the structure and additional locking mechanisms were

installed. The Licensing Division allowed this type of storage, as a trial, in order to monitor the "smash and grab" styles of theft that may occur.

We have noticed on several occasions that the refrigerated items are the only items being stolen due to the ease of simply breaking the glass to gain entry to the refrigerator. We will continue to monitor this style of theft and decide if this process of storage will be allowed to continue. With that said, we are encouraging all dispensaries to take extra precautions on securing their refrigerated items and ensure all other regulated product is locked in an approved vault or safe each night.

The city of Aurora's requirements on storage of regulated product is more stringent that the State's requirement, but has proven to be a deterrent for burglars in our city. The State reported that the city of Aurora has fewer burglaries than most other jurisdictions in the state. We would appreciate your assistance to ensure every precaution is taken to secure all product from being stolen and to reduce the number of thefts in our city.

Reporting Requirements Reminder

This is reminder that any burglary, attempt or any other criminal activity must be reported to the Aurora Licensing Division within 24 hours of the event. - Aurora Rule 113.1.

Help Solve Travis Mason's Murder

On June 18th, 2016, Marine Veteran Travis Mason was working security at Green Heart dispensary, located at 19005 E Quincy Ave. in Aurora when he was shot and killed. His murder remains unsolved. Metro Denver Crime Stoppers is offering a substantial reward for information on this case. Anyone providing information on this case can call Metro Denver Crime Stoppers at 720-913-STOP and remain anonymous. We are asking Marijuana Establishments to help get the word out so that this case can get solved. Visit the metro Denver crime stoppers site for more information and pictures of the suspects:

https://www.metrodenvercrimestoppers.com/special-reward-cases-2/travis-mason

Other Aurora Newsletters

The city also has several other newsletters that you may be interested in that you can sign up for at the following links:

https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/media___news_updates/newsletters and one specifically for businesses at https://www.AuroraGov.org/BusinessEmails.