

Commercial Cannabis Business Permit

Frequently Asked Questions: Version 2

1. What types of permits is the City of Merced accepting?

Cannabis Manufacturing, Distribution, Indoor Cultivation, and Testing businesses are always open for applications. Because only four permits for Dispensaries are authorized and the City's competitive selection process has been completed, the City is not currently processing Dispensary applications. Outdoor Cultivation of cannabis is not permitted in the City of Merced.

2. Where are cannabis-based businesses allowed?

You can use our online tool to check locations at <http://bit.ly/CityofmercedCannabisOrdinance>.

3. How long does it take from submittal to get a permit?

Many factors go into the timing, but staff estimates that a perfect application with no appeals could be heard at a public hearing where the Planning Commission approves or denies a permit in three to four months.

4. Is volatile manufacturing possible in the City of Merced?

The City of Merced is willing to permit nonvolatile and/or volatile manufacturing of cannabis and cannabis-based products.

5. What special details are there for Live Scans?

- You can complete your Live Scan at any location within California.
- The ORI code is CA 0240600.
- Make sure that only "DOJ" is checked for Level of Service.
- The "Contributing Agency" is "City of Merced"; Mail Code: A 00426; Address: 611 W. 22nd St., Merced, CA 95340; Contact: Gayle Yniguez; Phone: 209-385-6901; Type of License: "Cannabis Business Permit."

6. What is the tax policy on cannabis-based businesses?

Cultivation:	\$7 per sq. ft. of cultivation area or 4% of gross receipts*
Distribution:	\$1 per sq. ft. of distribution area or 2% of gross receipts*
Nurseries:	\$0.50 per sq. ft. of nursery area
Manufacturing:	\$7 per sq. ft. of manufacturing area
Retail Medicinal:	4% of gross receipts
Retail Adult Use:	7% of gross receipts
Testing:	\$0.25 per sq. ft. of building area

*The greater of the two options in any given year shall be used.

7. Where can I find more information?

https://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/cd/planning/cannabis_businesses.asp