



Item 7.a: Consider and Provide Direction Regarding Potential New Commercial Cannabis Application Process

December 12, 2023, City Council Meeting



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Background

- November 2017 – Regulatory framework for Cannabis established
- Two dispensaries operating – FLOR and Lemonnade
- September 2022 - Reopened process for third permit
- July 11, 2022 – Embarc received a Resolution of Intent
 - 2625 and 2633 Decoto Road



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Update on Process

- Staff working with Embarc to establish conditions of approval
- January 10, 2024 deadline to obtain permit
- Embarc requested a pause on application to evaluate location and continue community engagement



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Policy Direction

- Develop administrative procedure to allow new permit
 - Received a Resolution of Intent to Award
 - Apply for a new location
- Defined process
 - Prequalified pool
 - Expedited process
- With Council approval, return January 9, 2024 with alternative process