

COMMERCIAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY APPLICATION EVALUATION COMMITTEE BYLAWS

June 3, 2025 – Nevada County Board of Supervisors Meeting



BACKGROUND & PURPOSE



- Updates to the Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance – Nevada County Code, Section 12.03.300
 - Ordinance No. 2538 and Resolution No. 24-594 adopted by Board of Supervisors
- Allowed limited Retail Storefront cannabis uses in Commercial / Industrial Zoning Districts
- Created Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Evaluation Committee
 - Purpose: Establish a competitive, merit-based process for selecting most qualified applicants to apply for up to two Commercial Cannabis Dispensaries
 - North San Juan and Soda Springs

EVALUATION COMMITTEE OVERVIEW



- Comprised of 7 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors
 - 1 member appointed from Districts I, II and III
 - 2 members appointed from Districts IV and V
- Resolution No. 24-594 included general criteria for evaluating and ranking
- Committee will establish scoring and ranking cratering with final approval by the Board of Supervisors
 - Locations: One dispensary each in North San Juan and Soda Springs

APPLICATION REVIEW & SCORING



- Initial staff screening for compliance
- Evaluation Committee scores and ranks applications
- Top scoring applicant with have 12 months to apply for a Use Permit
- Requirements for Selected Applicants:
 - Submit Use Permit Application
 - Obtain all required local and state permits and State License
 - Non-compliance or delay in applying within 12 months results in disqualification

TIMELINE & PROCESS



- Summer / Fall 2025: Begin convening public Evaluation Committee meetings & complete final selection criteria
- Fall / Winter 2025: Present final selection criteria for approval by Board of Supervisors
- 30 – day screening period will begin after approval by Board of Supervisors
- Top scoring applicant will have 12 months to apply for a Use Permit

RECOMMENDATION

- Adopt the Resolution Ratifying the Bylaws of the Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Evaluation Committee