

Cannabis Business Locations - FAQ

Do I need to own or rent a property before applying for a permit?

No. An applicant may apply for conditional approval before renting/purchasing any real estate. However, in order to receive an actual medical cannabis permit, an applicant must ultimately identify where its cannabis operation will take place so the facility can be reviewed and inspected.

Where can my facility be located?

Oakland Municipal Code 5.80 and 5.81 restrict the location of medical cannabis operation depending on the type of medical cannabis activity. Find out where permitted cannabis facilities are allowed by viewing this [map](#).

How is the buffer distance measured – directly to property line, path of travel, etc.?

The distance between facilities shall be measured via path of travel from the closest door of one facility to the closest door of the other facility.

Are permits transferable to an alternate location?

Pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code 5.02.070, permits only apply to the premises originally specified. However, a permit may be transferred to a new location if a medical cannabis permittee applies in writing to the City Administrator's Office to transfer the permit to a new location and successfully undergoes an equivalent application process for the new location.

Can multiple permits be issued to the same location?

Yes, as long as each cannabis operator obtains a permit for their cannabis operation.

Where can delivery services be located?

Delivery services can be located in any commercial or industrial zone.

May an applicant apply for planning/zoning, fire, building, county, tax, etc. permits listed on the Inspection Card while applying for the Cannabis business permit?

Yes, but this may lead to inefficiency since the applicant will need to return to these respective departments to obtain approval via a signed Inspection Card.

Will enforcement take place against cannabis operations as we try to obtain permits?

Under Oakland Municipal Code 5.81.110(B) no enforcement will take place against a permit applicant while their application is pending.