



Commercial Cannabis Business Frequently Asked Questions January 31, 2018

These Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are available to address any questions you may have regarding the process to obtain a Commercial Cannabis Business Activity Permit in the unincorporated area of Stanislaus County. Please review the FAQ prior to contacting County staff. You may e-mail additional questions to cannabis@stancounty.com.

I submitted an Interest Registration Application with Stanislaus County in October and have been issued a State Temporary License; can I begin Commercial Cannabis Activities while I go through the County permitting application process?

No, doing so violates the Stanislaus County ordinance. Limited and conditional amnesty has been given to those active registrants who:

- Have been conducting the same cannabis business activity at the same location of the registration prior to November 2016;
- Have proof of payment of applicable taxes (sales, Federal, etc.) since date of operation;
- Were actively engaged in the same cannabis business activity for which the State Temporary License is sought; and
- Have not had any complaints of nuisance conditions regarding the activity.

How many permits will be issued in Stanislaus County unincorporated area?

No more than a total of 61 permits will be issued and of those only 7 retail permits will be issued. The County will not be issuing any temporary permits.

Where can I obtain the Commercial Cannabis Business Activity application?

The application process for Commercial Cannabis Business Activities is open to eligible registrants only. If you have registered, you were emailed the application on January 17th to the email address you provided on the registration form. If you need the form please email us at cannabis@stancounty.com and provide your Registration Number. If you are on our registration list we will provide it to you.

Where can I obtain information about the Application process?

Information is available on our website at www.stancounty.com/cannabis. There are several documents on our website in the Commercial Cannabis Business Application box to help you prepare your application.

- The Application Procedure Guideline provides information about the application process including deposits, criminal history check, evaluation and ranking, amendments to the application, and application and permit fees.
- The Application Definitions & Evaluation Criteria Descriptions provides essential information you will need to successfully prepare your application. There you will find information we expect you to present in your application and specifically in the required business plan, the required neighborhood compatibility plan, the safety and security plan, community benefits from your project, product safety, environmental benefits, labor and employment plan, local enterprise information, qualifications of owners, and the air quality/odor control plan.
- The Application Checklist is the document we will use to make sure your application package is complete. Use this form to make sure you are ready to submit your application.

When are the applications due?

Applications will only be accepted by appointment and only during the February 27, 28, and March 1st. The appointment link will be available at www.stancounty.com/cannabis in mid-February.

What documents do I need to turn in with my application?

Please see Application Procedure for Commercial Cannabis Businesses and Application Checklist available at www.stancounty.com/cannabis/. Five completed and signed copies (one with original signatures, the others may be copies) including attachments must be submitted in a labeled box that identifies your application CCRA number, applicant name, and property address of the business.

Are original signatures required on all five completed copies?

You may submit one original set with original signatures and four copies.

What if I cannot locate my Social Security Card?

You may provide your social security number on the application form. Please be legible to avoid any delays in the processing of your application.

Will a DMV printout be acceptable instead of a Driver's License?

No, you must have a valid picture ID.

Do I need to have the live scan completed prior to submitting my application?

Yes, the Live Scan/Fingerprinting form and appointment link is available at www.stancounty.com/cannabis/. Payment of \$1,012 per person needs to be paid at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office at 1010 10th Street, Suite 2500. The payment receipt

and Live Scan/Fingerprinting form is then taken to the Sheriff's Department at 250 E. Hackett Road, Modesto to complete the Live Scan/Fingerprint no later than February 16, 2018 (by appointment only).

When scheduling an appointment for the Live Scan/Fingerprinting with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department it asks for the original interest application number. If I have submitted more than one application, which number do I list?

There is room in that field to list all application numbers. You need to include all application numbers you have submitted so that your live scan/fingerprinting will be applied to each.

If I multiple applications for different property locations do I need to complete a live scan/fingerprinting and pay the required fee of \$1,012 for each one?

No, only one live scan/fingerprinting and fee is required per person. It will apply to each application you are involved in.

What if the property owners have changed since the submission of the Interest Registration Application submitted in October?

Please identify the new property owners and have them complete the background questionnaire that was required when the Interest Registration Application was submitted. They will also need to complete the Live Scan/Fingerprinting process as well. Please note that this may delay your application process.

If the Interest Registration Application only included one applicant name, can that roll into a Corporation in the next phase of the application process?

Yes, however if new owners are involved they will need to complete the background questionnaire that was required when the Interest Registration Application was submitted. They will also need to complete the Live Scan/Fingerprinting process as well. Please note that this may delay your application process.

If I only submitted an Interest Registration Application for Adult-use cannabis activities, can I add medicinal use for those activities on my application now?

Yes, as long as it is for the same cannabis activities listed on your original Interest Registration Application.

If I want to apply for a Medicinal and Adult-use permit and both permits are for the same activity, is that counted as one permit or two?

It would count as one permit request, except in the case of a Type 3 cultivation permit, which is limited to either one M or A permit request, as restricted by State law.

Where do I submit my Commercial Cannabis Application?

Applications will be accepted by appointment only on February 27, 28, and March 1, 2018, at the Planning and Community Development Department located at 1010 10th Street, Suite 3400. The appointment link will be available at www.stancounty.com/cannabis/. The remaining application fee of \$4,141 is due at the time of submission (\$8,500 application fee, less initial deposit of \$4,359).

Does the Applicant need to be present at time of application submission?

The applicant or a representative needs to be physically present during the submission of the application. All applications will be reviewed, by appointment only, in person on February 27, 28, and March 1, 2018 by County staff.

What are the residency requirements?

Only a verified address is needed for the Applicant/Owner and Property Owner. During the evaluation process points are given for local enterprises with preference of County residents.

Is there an example of an acceptable Safety & Security Plan available to use as a guideline?

The specific criteria required in the plan can be found in the Commercial Cannabis Regulations available at www.stancounty.com/cannabis/.

Is 24/7 security monitoring of property locations required?

Yes, it is necessary to protect your assets, safety and security of staff, customers, and the public is necessary.

If my Safety and Security Plan is compliant with State requirements will that be sufficient for Stanislaus County?

Safety and Security Plans must be compliant with Stanislaus County requirements as stated in the Commercial Cannabis Regulations available at www.stancounty.com/cannabis/.

Do you have an example of what qualifies as demonstrating that there is not “good cause” for denial as stated in the County Application Procedure document?

All information is reviewed on a case by case basis.