

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-1555

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, REFERRING ZONING AND LAND USE ANALYSIS FOR POTENTIAL CANNABIS RETAIL, PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND RESEARCH SITES TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Black Diamond City Council has determined that it should analyze whether it would be in the City's best interest to repeal the prohibition in the Municipal Code on the siting of cannabis businesses within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, before the Council can make an informed decision on whether to allow cannabis business establishments in the City, it is important to understand the related land use implications—including what zoning districts would be best suited for cannabis businesses, and whether any additional zones should be created where cannabis businesses would be a permitted and/or condition use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission is authorized under the Municipal Code to hold hearings, receive testimony, and make recommendations to the City Council on matters concerning zoning, land use, and development regulations, and other such matters as the City Council may direct from time to time;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby requests that the Planning Commission hold one or more public hearings, receive testimony, conduct deliberations, and make recommendations to the City Council on the following issues related to the potential for allowing cannabis retail, production, processing, and/or research businesses to be sited within the City of Black Diamond:

1. Which of the City's current zoning districts would be best suited for the siting of cannabis retail, production, processing, and/or research uses, either as a permitted or conditional use;
2. Whether any additional zones should be created where cannabis retail, production, processing, and/or research would be a permitted and/or conditional use;
3. Whether any additional review criteria should be adopted by ordinance and applied by City Staff when considering cannabis retail, production, processing, and/or research as a conditional use within a specified zone; and
4. Whether the buffers established in state law regarding placement of cannabis-related businesses near certain other types of establishments should be reduced or expanded.

5. Such other and related land-use issues as the Community Development Director finds would be helpful to the City Council in analyzing the foregoing issues and the potential siting of cannabis retail, producing, processing, and/or research businesses in the City.


**Section 2.** The City Council asks that the Planning Commission complete its analysis of the above issues and report back to Council with its recommendations no later than October 15, 2023.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND,  
WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023.**

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

  
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Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk