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From: marijuanaregulations
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 10:28 AM
To: Phalon, Erin K.; marijuanaregulations
Subject: RE: Library Definition - Sensitive Use siting issue

Good morning Mr. Phalon,

The distance separation requirement pertaining to commercial cannabis uses does not apply to Rudolph Steiner Library & Bookstore.



From: Phalon, Erin K. [mailto:EPhalon@coxcastle.com]
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 10:44 AM
To: marijuanaregulations <marijuanaregulations@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: RE: Library Definition - Sensitive Use siting issue

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Good morning Guille,

Please respond to my email regarding whether the Steiner Library is considered a library for purposes of cannabis retail siting. Thanks.

Erin K. Phalon



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From: Phalon, Erin K.
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 3:04 PM
To: 'marijuanaregulations@cityofpasadena.net'
Subject: RE: Library Definition - Sensitive Use siting issue

Good afternoon,

Please respond to my email below at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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From: Phalon, Erin K.
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 3:28 PM
To: 'marijuanaregulations@cityofpasadena.net'
Subject: Library Definition - Sensitive Use siting issue

Hi Guille,

Jennifer Driver suggested that I contact you regarding a question about a retail cannabis location.

I am working for a cannabis retailer who is seeking to open a retail location in Pasadena.

I was able to establish that the proposed location is not within 600 feet of any public libraries, as required by Section D. 5.e of the Pasadena Cannabis Ordinance, which can be found at this link. <https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/planning/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/2017/08/Chapter-17.50-Land-Use-Regulations.pdf>

However, the proposed location is within 600 feet of the Rudolf Steiner Library, which is private, costs \$25 to join and is open four hours per week. It lends and sells books.

Please confirm that the Rudolph Steiner Library is not considered a library for purposes of the cannabis ordinance, and that cannabis retailers may be located within 600 yards of the Steiner Library.

Although the term “library” is not defined in the Pasadena Cannabis Ordinance, the only definition of “library” in the Pasadena municipal code (PMC) relates to public libraries, and therefore the Steiner library does not appear to be a “library” for sensitive use purposes.

The cannabis ordinance at Section 17.50.066.C states that the technical terms used in the Cannabis Ordinance are defined in Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 5.78.050. However, there is no definition of library in Section 5.78.050. The only definition of library in the PMC does not include private libraries such as the Steiner Library. PMC Section 4.109.120.B, which is in the "city of Pasadena library special tax ordinance" section of the PMC, defines library as “the Pasadena library system and each of the branches thereof as the same may exist from time to time, together with any additions or betterments thereto, or improvements, extensions or expansions thereof.”

Please confirm that the City of Pasadena does not consider the Steiner Library to be a library under the Pasadena Cannabis Ordinance. Thank you, and feel free to call me if you would like to discuss this issue or if you would like additional information.

Erin K. Phalon



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