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To All Interested Parties:

The Denver Department of Excise and Licenses will be forming a 2021 Marijuana Rulemaking Work Group (MRWG) to develop agency rules for secure storage of marijuana and cash overnight at marijuana stores and retail marijuana hospitality and sales businesses and for drive-up and walk-up windows at marijuana stores.

In April 2021, Mayor Michael Hancock signed [Council Bill 21-0216](#) and [Council Bill 21-0217](#) into law which created a marijuana social equity licensing program, adopted the new hospitality business and retail marijuana hospitality and sales licenses, and adopted the new delivery permit allowing for home delivery of marijuana. The bills enacted a new requirement that marijuana stores and retail marijuana hospitality and sales businesses utilize a safe or vault to securely store marijuana and cash overnight or utilize security features that are functionally equivalent to a safe or vault as determined by agency rules. Council Bill 21-0216 allows marijuana stores to conduct sales through drive-up and walk-up windows pursuant to agency rules.

The 2021 MRWG will consist of a diverse group of stakeholders including city representatives, marijuana business representatives, social equity advocates, youth protection advocates, and community representatives. The work group will be advisory in nature, with the primary goal being to discuss and make recommendations on agency rules related to the following topics:

- Security features that are the functional equivalent of utilizing a safe or vault to store marijuana and cash overnight at marijuana stores and retail marijuana hospitality and sales businesses; and
- Safety and security requirements, compliance procedures, and required signage for drive-up and walk-up windows at marijuana stores.

The 2021 MRWG will meet on the dates and times listed below. All meetings will take place virtually. Once selected, work group members will receive information about how to join the virtual meetings. Please do not apply if you think you cannot honor this time commitment.

- Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Individuals interested in serving on the 2021 MRWG must apply by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. To apply, individuals must email marijuanainfo@denvergov.org and include the following information:

1. Email title: Marijuana Rulemaking Work Group

2. The name and contact information of the individual interested in participating;
3. The individual's occupation, job title, and employer;
4. A brief explanation of no more than 150 words detailing the individual's qualifications for inclusion on the MRWG. Please do not include attachments with your email.

Please note that applications, requests and inquiries regarding the 2021 Marijuana Rulemaking Work Group must be made via the email above. Applications, requests, and inquiries made in person or by telephone cannot be accepted.

Those selected will be notified by Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Please feel free to share this information with individuals who may be interested in applying to participate on the Marijuana Rulemaking Work Group. The Department looks forward to beginning this important and timely work.

Regards,

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Denver Department of Excise and Licenses