



## CITY OF FORT COLLINS REGULATED MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSE SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

The City of Fort Collins is currently accepting applications for the following new regulated marijuana business licenses or permits:

- **Social equity applicants:** must **FIRST** submit a finding of suitability application with **MED**. Please **do NOT** submit any regulated marijuana business license application (including for an Accelerator License) until you have been found suitable as a Social Equity Licensee.
- **Retail marijuana store license-(transfer of ownership only due to cap)**
- **retail marijuana cultivation facility (only if also licensed as a retail marijuana store or retail manufacture)**
- **retail marijuana products manufacturer**
- **retail marijuana testing facility**
- **retail marijuana business operator license**
- **medical marijuana products manufacturer (MIP)**
- **medical marijuana cultivation facility supplying marijuana to licensed store or medical MIP (under the same ownership) anywhere in Colorado**
- **medical marijuana testing facility**
- **marijuana research & development facility**
- **medical marijuana business operator license**

Fort Collins is **NOT** accepting applications for:

- medical marijuana stores
- retail marijuana stores (except from licensed medical marijuana stores in Ft Collins- transfers of ownership)
- prohibit medical and retail off-premises storage permits
- prohibit medical and retail transporter licenses

*Other: RE: **Marijuana Delivery Permits and Hospitality Licenses:** At this time City Council has been informed of changes to State Laws regarding options for marijuana hospitality licenses and marijuana delivery permits. To date, City of Fort Collins Council has not provided direction to pursue moving forward with either option in Fort Collins. Residents are always welcome to contact City Council at: [cityleaders@fcgov.com](mailto:cityleaders@fcgov.com) with suggestions.*

If you plan to apply for a [new regulated marijuana business license](#), please read the information below to familiarize yourself with the City's application process and requirements. A typical application proceeds through three stages: **fact finding/pre-application, application submittal, and post-application/pre-opening**. Please study the Colorado Marijuana Laws and Regulations for Colorado Marijuana Code. The [Colorado Revised Statutes \(C.R.S\)](#) is comprised of Title 44, Article 10. **Effective January 1, 2020, The Colorado Marijuana Code was consolidated from Articles 11 (Medical) & 12 (Retail) into a single Article 10 (Regulated Marijuana).**

- Familiarize yourself with the City of Fort Collins Municipal Code Chapter 12 and Chapter 15, Sections [12-141 through 12-143](#) and Sections 15-450 through 15-491 ([Medical](#)) and Section 15-602 through 15-628 ([Retail](#))

- Consult the [Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division](#) regarding state requirements and the process of [finding suitability, which all owners and business](#) entity will need to provide to City of Fort Collins prior to opening.

**☐Step 1: Applicant submits a letter of intent.** The form is available online at [Applications Forms](#). The letter of intent must include applicants name, proposed location, type of business license and proposed size and scope of the operation. No application will be accepted without prior submittal of the letter of intent

**☐Step 2: Attend a pre-application meeting.** The Marijuana Licensing Coordinator will schedule a pre-application meeting with the applicant and relevant City Departments (Police, Fire, Zoning, Building, etc. representatives) for the purpose of obtaining additional information from the applicant, and to provide the applicant with a more complete understanding of the licensing process. The pre-application meeting is mandatory and a pre-requisite to the submission of an application. All information discussed is confidential.

**☐Step 3: Applicant must complete any land use application process *before*** submitting a license application. Proposed facility locations must comply with the restrictions laid out in the [City of Fort Collins Zoning Code](#). Applicant will be advised what will be required at the pre-application meeting.

**☐Step 4: Applicant files a complete application,** including all documents on the [application checklist](#), all required attachments, and all city fees. Applications are by appointment only. Email [tgula-yeast@fcgov.com](mailto:tgula-yeast@fcgov.com) to set up your appointment.

**Note:** *Businesses wishing to obtain a new regulated marijuana business license must submit a completed [state application form](#) along with all supporting documents and application fees to the State of [Colorado's Marijuana Enforcement Division](#).*

**Medical:** Use this [link](#) to apply for medical marijuana licenses. Review [Medical Rules & Regulations](#). Review [Medical Licensing Authority Rules of Procedure](#).

**Retail:** Use this [link](#) to apply for retail marijuana licenses. Apply with the [MED](#), and they will forward your completed application to the City of Fort Collins. Review [Retail Rules & Regulations](#). Review [Retail Licensing Authority Rules of Procedure](#).

**☐Step 5: Business Owners: Criminal Background Investigation (CBI)/Fingerprints (Finding Suitability of Natural Person).** Applicants are required to have a criminal background check completed along with digital scan of your [fingerprints](#) for each business owner(s) as part of the application packet. Copies of the Suitability Applications (Natural Person) are found at [Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division](#). Fingerprinting scans are with [Third -Party Fingerprint Service](#). Note: [MED](#) will also complete a finding of suitability of **Owner Entity** (Business Entity) and forward the findings to the local licensing authority.

**☐Step 6: Review & Investigation:** The City of Fort Collins Licensing Coordinator will review the application packet and will let you know if anything further is needed to complete the application. Police Services will conduct background investigation, review floor plans and possible conduct a site visit.

**☐Step 7:** When investigation is complete, application will be sent to the City's Licensing Authority for review and approval or denial. This will take approximately 30 days. However, given the large volume of applications and changes in regulations, the application review process may extend beyond such timeframe. A well-prepared

application can be processed in as little as 90 days but can take much longer if application is not thorough and complete in all aspects.

**☐Step 8: License(s) Issued:** If approved,

- license will not be issued until **all conditions have been met.**
- These **condition examples** include: as well any other conditions the local licensing authority requires
  - Obtain State Approval
  - Complete a final inspection by the Police Services, and or Poudre Fire Authority, and Building Services
  - a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued
  - local fees (i.e., inspection and operating fees) are paid, and must have state (MED) license to operate
  - Your local license will be good for one (1) year from the date issued.
    - **Please note-** all applications will be administratively closed if not completed within 12 months.

**If you have more questions about City of Fort Collins marijuana licensing, please contact the [City Clerk's Office](#) and Licensing Coordinator: Talisa (Tee) Gula-Yeast:**

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- **City Clerk Telephone: 970-221-6515**