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2 **City of Belen Ordinance No.**
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4 **As Amended and Restated**

5 **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT, FINDINGS,**
6 **AND PURPOSE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CANNABIS;**
7 **SETTING FORTH VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR**
8 **ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.**
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10 **WHEREAS**, cannabis contains tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), which remains on
11 Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 811 et al. and any
12 possession and use thereof is a violation of federal law pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 841 et. al., and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Cannabis Regulation Act ("NMCRA"), allows the
15 establishment and operation of certain cannabis dispensaries in City of Belen according to a
16 prescribed statutory and regulatory process, and
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18 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed House Bill 2
19 (HB 2) on April 12, 2021, which passed the House 38-32 and the Senate 22-15 during a
20 special legislative session called by the governor, and contains provisions authorizing the
21 possession, consumption, purchase, processing, manufacturing or transporting of cannabis by
22 an individual who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; authorizing possession, transport,
23 cultivation or processing of cannabis plants in a primary residence by adults age 21 years and
24 older; allowing certain medical cannabis plants in a primary residence for adults age 21 years
25 and older; allowing a certain medical cannabis dispensary or other non-dispensary applicant
26 to apply to the Department of Health Services (the "Department") to become a licensed
27 cannabis establishment authorized to engage in the retail sale, cultivation, and manufacturing
28 of cannabis; and allowing the Department, or another entity designated by the Department, to
29 become a cannabis testing facility to test the potency of cannabis and detect any harmful
30 contaminants, and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the City of Belen finds that the NMCRA authorizes cannabis
33 establishments to use chemical extraction or chemical synthesis, including butane and other
34 flammable gases, to extract cannabis concentrate ("extraction"), which poses a threat to the
35 health, safety and security of the community and increases the responsibilities of law
36 enforcement and City departments to respond to violations of state and local laws, including
37 building, electrical and fire codes; and due to significant health and safety risks such
38 extraction will only be allowed in manufacturing zoned areas. **It is required that a permit be**
39 **obtained from the City of Belen Fire Chief pursuant to the International Fire Code**
40 **Operational Permit 105.6.49 (Cannabis extraction systems regulated thereunder).– With**
41 **regard to plant extraction systems, a construction permit is required for installation of or**
42 **modification to plant extractions systems. Maintenance performed in accordance with this**
43 **International Fire Code Code 105.6.17 considered to be a modification and does not require a**

44 permit.

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47 **WHEREAS**, the City of Belen finds that the NMCRA authorizes the City of Belen to
48 (1) adopt time, place and manner rules that do not conflict with the Cannabis Regulation Act
49 or the Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act, including rules that reasonably limit density of
50 licenses and operating times consistent with neighborhood uses; and

51 (2) Allow for the smoking, vaporizing and ingesting of cannabis products within an indoor
52 or outdoor cannabis consumption area if:

53 (a) access to the cannabis consumption area is restricted to persons twenty-one years
54 of age and older unless licensed pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use
55 Act;; and

56 (b) The cannabis establishment or integrated cannabis microbusiness is located at a
57 minimum distance from a school or daycare center as determined by the local
58 jurisdiction, but which minimum distance shall not be set at any more than 300 feet
59 from a school or daycare center that was in existence at the time the establishment
60 or microbusiness was licensed.

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62 **WHEREAS**, City of Belen seeks to protect public health, safety, and welfare by
63 enacting reasonable regulations on cannabis establishments in unincorporated areas of Belen
64 consistent with its comprehensive zoning plan.

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66 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance is subject to change or amendment as the NMCRA's rules
67 and regulations are amended and adopted, and it shall comply with NMCRA and its
68 regulations.

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70 **NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Belen adopts the following ordinance for
71 the regulation of cannabis consistent with the NMCRA.

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73 **1. PURPOSE**

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75 This Ordinance is adopted to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Except as
76 allowed by NMCRA and its pertinent laws or regulations for personal or private use, the City of
77 Belen enacts reasonable regulations and requires compliance with the NMCRA and its pertinent laws
78 or regulations.

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80 **2. DEFINITIONS**

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82 The below words and phrases, wherever used in this article, shall be construed as defined
83 in the NMCRA or pertinent laws and regulations with their subsequent amendments.

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85 A. "advertisement":

86 (1) means a statement or a depiction that is intended to induce the purchase of
87 cannabis products and that is displayed in printed material or on a sign or other
88 outdoor display or presented in a radio, television or other media broadcast or in
89 digital media; and

- 90 (2) Does not include:
- 91 (a) A sign or outdoor display or other statement permanently affixed to a
- 92 licensed premises that is intended to induce the sale of a cannabis product
- 93 produced or sold on the premises;
- 94 (b) A label affixed to a cannabis product or the covering, wrapper or
- 95 container of a cannabis product; or
- 96 (c) an editorial or other material printed in a publication when the
- 97 publication of the editorial or material was not paid for by a licensee and
- 98 was not intended to promote the sale of cannabis products by a particular
- 99 brand or company;
- 100 B. "cannabis":
- 101 (1) means all parts of the plant genus Cannabis containing a delta-9-
- 102 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of more than three-tenths percent on a dry
- 103 weight basis, whether growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the resin extracted from
- 104 any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or
- 105 preparation of the plant, its seeds or its resin; and
- 106 (2) Does not include:
- 107 (a) the mature stalks of the plant; fiber produced from the stalks; oil or cake
- 108 made from the seeds of the plant; any other compound, manufacture, salt,
- 109 derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature stalks, fiber, oil or cake; or the
- 110 sterilized seed of the plant that is incapable of germination; or
- 111 (b) The weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis
- 112 products to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or
- 113 another product;
- 114 C. "cannabis consumption area" means an area where cannabis products may be served
- 115 and consumed;
- 116 D. "cannabis courier" means a person that transports cannabis products to qualified
- 117 patients, primary caregivers or reciprocal participants or directly to consumers;
- 118 E. "cannabis establishment" means:
- 119 ~~(1) A cannabis testing laboratory;~~
- 120 ~~(2) A cannabis manufacturer;~~
- 121 ~~(3) A cannabis producer;~~
- 122 ~~(4) A cannabis retailer;~~
- 123 ~~(5) A cannabis research laboratory;~~
- 124 ~~(6) A vertically integrated cannabis~~
- 125 (1) Cannabis consumption area
- 126 (2) Cannabis Courier
- 127 (3) Cannabis Manufacturer
- 128 (4) Cannabis Producer
- 129 (5) Cannabis Producer Microbusiness
- 130 (6) Cannabis Research Laboratory
- 131 (7) Cannabis Retailer
- 132 (8) Cannabis Testing Laboratory
- 133 (9) Integrated Cannabis Microbusiness (MICB)
- 134 (10) Vertically Integrated Cannabis Establishment (VICE)
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- 136 F. "cannabis extract":

137 (1) means a product obtained by separating resins, tetrahydrocannabinols or
138 other substances from cannabis by extraction methods approved by the
139 division; and
140 (2) Does not include the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis
141 extract to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or another product;
142 G. "cannabis flowers" means only the flowers of a cannabis plant;
143 H. "cannabis manufacturer" means a person that:
144 (1) manufactures cannabis products;
145 (2) Packages cannabis products;
146 (3) Has cannabis products tested by a cannabis testing laboratory; or
147 (4) Purchases, acquires, sells or transports wholesale cannabis products to other
148 cannabis establishments;
149 I. "cannabis producer" means a person that:
150 (1) Cultivates cannabis plants;
151 (2) Has unprocessed cannabis products tested by a cannabis testing laboratory;
152 (3) Transports unprocessed cannabis products only to other cannabis establishments; or
153 (4) Sells cannabis products wholesale;
154 J. "cannabis producer microbusiness" means a cannabis producer at a single licensed
155 premises that possesses no more than two hundred total mature cannabis plants at
156 any onetime;
157 K. "cannabis product" means a product that is or that contains cannabis or cannabis
158 extract, including edible or topical products that may also contain other
159 ingredients;
160 L. "cannabis research laboratory" means a facility that produces or possesses cannabis
161 products and all parts of the plant genus Cannabis for the purpose of studying
162 cannabis cultivation, characteristics or uses;
163 M. "cannabis retailer" means a person that sells cannabis products to qualified patients,
164 primary caregivers or reciprocal participants or directly to consumers;
165 N. "cannabis server permit" means an authorization that allows a person to directly
166 offer, sell or serve cannabis or cannabis products as part of commercial cannabis
167 activity in a cannabis consumption area;
168 O. "cannabis server permit education provider" means a person that provides
169 cannabis server education courses and examinations;
170 P. "cannabis testing laboratory" means a person that samples, collects and tests
171 cannabis products and transports cannabis products for the purpose of testing;
172 Q. "cannabis training and education program" means a practical or academic curriculum offered
173 by a New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution designed to prepare
174 students for participation in the cannabis industry;
175 R. "commercial cannabis activity":
176 (1) Means the cultivation, production, possession, manufacture, storage, testing,
177 researching, labeling, transportation, couriering, purchase for resale, sale or
178 consignment of cannabis products; and
179 (2) Does not include activities related only to the medical cannabis program, to
180 cannabis training and education programs or to the personal cultivation or use
181 of cannabis;
182 S. "consumer" means a person twenty-one years of age or older who purchases,

183 acquires, owns, possesses or uses a cannabis product for a purpose other than resale;
184 T. "contaminant" means pesticides and other foreign material, such as hair, insects
185 or other similar adulterants, in harvested cannabis;
186 U. "controlling person":
187 (1) Means a person that controls a financial or voting interest of ten percent or
188 more of, or an officer or board member of, a cannabis establishment; and
189 (2) Does not include a bank or licensed lending institution;
190 V. "cultivation" means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying,
191 curing, grading or trimming of cannabis;
192 W. "department" means the regulation and licensing department;
193 X. "director" means the director of the division;
194 Y. "division" means the cannabis control division of the department;
195 Z. "dry weight basis", when used in the context of regulation of commercial cannabis
196 activity, means a process by which delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration is
197 measured relative to the aggregate weight of all parts of the plant genus Cannabis,
198 whether growing or not, including the leaves of the plant, the flowers and buds of the
199 plant, the seeds of the plant, the resin of the plant and the stalks of the plant at the point
200 of harvest by a licensee and with no moisture added to the harvested plant;
201 AA. "Facility" means a building, space or grounds licensed for the production, possession,
202 testing, manufacturing or distribution of cannabis, cannabis extracts or cannabis products;
203 BB. "financial consideration" means value that is given or received, directly or indirectly,
204 through sales, barter, trade, fees, charges, dues, contributions or donations;
205 CC. "homegrown" or "homemade" means grown or made for purposes that are not
206 dependent or conditioned upon the provision or receipt of financial consideration;
207 DD. "household" means a housing unit and includes any place in or around the housing
208 unit at which an occupant of the housing unit produces, manufactures, keeps or stores
209 homegrown cannabis or homemade cannabis products;
210 EE. "Immature cannabis plant" means a cannabis plant that has no observable flowers or
211 buds;
212 FF. "industry standards" means the prevailing customary standards of business practice in
213 the cannabis industry in jurisdictions within the United States;
214 GG. "Integrated cannabis microbusiness" means a person that is authorized to conduct
215 one or more of the following:
216 (1) production of cannabis at a single licensed premises; provided that the person
217 shall not possess more than two hundred total mature cannabis plants at any
218 one time;
219 (2) manufacture of cannabis products at a single licensed premises;
220 (3) Sales and transportation of only cannabis products produced or manufactured by
221 that person;
222 (4) Operation of only one retail establishment; and
223 (5) Couriering of cannabis products to qualified patients, primary caregivers or
224 reciprocal participants or directly to consumers;
225 (6) All enclosed public and private areas at the location that are used in the business
226 and includes offices, kitchens, restrooms and storerooms;
227 (7) All areas outside of a building that are specifically included in the license for
228 the production, manufacturing, wholesale sale or retail sale of cannabis
229 products; and

230 (8) with respect to a location that is specifically licensed for the production of
231 cannabis outside of a building, the entire unit of land that is created by subsection or
232 partition of land that the licensee owns, leases or has a right to occupy;
233 HH. "Local jurisdiction" means a municipality, home rule municipality or county;
234 II. "Manufacture" means to compound, blend, extract, infuse, package or otherwise
235 prepare a cannabis product;
236 JJ. "Medical cannabis" means cannabis products used by a qualified patient or
237 reciprocal participant in accordance with the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act;
238 KK. "Medical cannabis program" means the program created pursuant to the Lynn and
239 Erin Compassionate Use Act;
240 LL. "medical cannabis registry" means the system by which the department of health
241 approves or denies applications and issues and renews registry identification cards for
242 qualified patients;
243 MM. "Primary caregiver" means a resident of New Mexico who is at least eighteen years of
244 age and who is responsible for managing the well-being of a qualified
245 Patient with respect to the medical use of cannabis pursuant to the Lynn and Erin
246 Compassionate Use Act;
247 NN. "public place" means a place to which the general public has access and includes
248 hallways, lobbies and other parts of apartment houses and hotels that do not constitute rooms
249 or apartments designed for actual residence; highways; streets; schools; places of
250 amusement; parks; playgrounds; and places used in connection with public passenger
251 transportation;
252 OO. "Qualified patient" means a resident of New Mexico who holds a registry identification
253 card pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act;
254 PP. "reciprocal participant" means a person who is not a resident of New Mexico and who
255 holds proof of enrollment by a governmental regulatory authority to participate in the medical
256 cannabis program of another state of the United States, the District of Columbia or a territory
257 or commonwealth of the United States in which the person resides or a person who holds
258 proof of enrollment by a governmental regulatory authority of a New Mexico Indian nation,
259 tribe or pueblo to participate in its medical cannabis program;
260 QQ. "retail establishment" means a location at which cannabis products are sold to qualified
261 patients, primary caregivers and reciprocal participants and directly to consumers;
262 RR. "Superintendent" means the superintendent of regulation and
263 licensing; SS. "unprocessed" means unaltered from an original, raw or
264 natural state; and
265 TT. "Vertically integrated cannabis establishment" means a person that is authorized to
266 act as any of the following:
267 (1) A cannabis courier;
268 (2) A cannabis manufacturer;
269 (3) A cannabis producer; and
270 (4) A cannabis retailer

272 **3. CANNABIS CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**
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- 274 A. Public property means any property owned or occupied by the City of Belen.
275 B. The use, sale, cultivation, manufacture, production, storage or distribution of Cannabis or
276 Cannabis products is prohibited on public property.
277 C. No person shall smoke cannabis products in a public place, except in a cannabis

278 consumption area, or on any City public property.
279 D. No person shall smoke cannabis products in any place where the smoke is detectable from a
280 public place or on public property.

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282 **4. CANNABIS CONSUMPTION AREAS**
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284 Cannabis consumption areas are subject to the following:

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286 A. A cannabis consumption area is defined as an area in which consumption is limited to
287 consumption by qualified patients or reciprocal participants and may be located inside any
288 cannabis retailer; provided, however, that smoking of cannabis products in such consumption
289 areas is only allowed if the cannabis consumption area is in a designated smoking area or in a
290 standalone building from which smoke does not infiltrate other indoor workplaces or other
291 indoor public places where smoking is otherwise prohibited pursuant to the Dee Johnson
292 Clean Indoor Air Act, NMSA 1978, Chapter 24, Article 16.

293 B. Cannabis consumption areas that are open to consumers are subject to the following:

- 294 (1) the smoking of cannabis products is only allowed within a licensed cannabis
295 consumption area that occupies a designated smoking area or a standalone building from
296 which smoke does not infiltrate other indoor workplaces or other indoor public places
297 where smoking is otherwise prohibited pursuant to the Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act,
298 NMSA 1978, Chapter 24, Article 16; and
299 (2) access to cannabis consumption areas open to consumers is restricted to persons twenty-
300 one years of age and older.

- 301 (1) C. On-site consumption is allowed in the following areas; a designated smoking area or in a
302 standalone building from which smoke does not infiltrate other indoor work places or other
303 indoor public places where smoking is otherwise prohibited pursuant to the Dee Johnson
304 Clean Air Act. Alcohol consumption in a cannabis consumption area is prohibited. The
305 Designated Cannabis Smoking Room will be located in a non-work area where employees
306 are not required to enter the Designated Cannabis Smoking Rooms upon reporting to work.
307 (2) The Designated Cannabis Smoking Room shall have signage at each entrance to designate
308 smoking areas and the locations where signage will be installed.
309 (3) The Designated Cannabis Smoking Room shall have a separate heating, ventilation and
310 air-conditioning (HVAC) system designed and constructed so as to prevent the spread
311 of smoke or contaminants into any other occupied space or structure.
312 (4) The Designated Cannabis Smoking Room shall be completely separated from the remainder
313 of the premises, and all entry and exit doors shall be self-closing.

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315 **5. CANNABIS RETAIL**
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317 A. Cannabis retail is allowed, provided that the establishment complies with all New Mexico State
318 law requirements, including but not limited to any required spacing from other uses or facilities.
319 For the purposes of this article, all measurements for Cannabis Retail shall be from the licensed
320 premises as defined by NMCRA.

321 B. This use shall not include a storage or display area outside of fully enclosed portions of a
322 building.

323 C. A licensed premises, as defined by NMCRA, is prohibited within 300 feet of any school or
324 child day care facility.

325 D. This use is conditional if cannabis will be consumed on-site. If cannabis is consumed on-site, an
326 air filtration plan approved by the State New Mexico State Department of Health or the City
327 Manager or his/her designee is required.

328 E. Customer visits and deliveries are prohibited between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
329 With regard to distance measures, the Ordinance shall refer to NMCRA or any other pertinent
330 law or the City's pertinent zoning ordinance including the City's custom and practice consistent
331 with NMCRA.

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333 With regard to minimum separation distance between one cannabis establishment and another,
334 the Ordinance shall refer to the City's current zoning ordinance or current custom and practice to
335 allow retail businesses by the City or otherwise allowed by NMCRA or any other pertinent laws.
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337 **6. CANNABIS CULTIVATION FACILITY (INDUSTRIAL USES)**
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339 A. Cannabis cultivation is allowed, provided that the establishment complies with all New Mexico
340 State law requirements, including but not limited to any required spacing from other uses or
341 facilities. For the purposes of this Article, all measurements for Cannabis Cultivation shall be from
342 the licensed premises as defined by NMCRA.

343 B. All licensed premises as defined by the NMCRA is prohibited within 300 feet of any
344 Residential zone district, school, or child day care facility.

345 C. Except as specified in Subsection (d) below, all activities in this use must be conducted within
346 the fully enclosed portions of a building unless a Conditional Use Approval is obtained to conduct
347 specific activities outside of the fully enclosed portions of a building.

348 D. An incidental storage area is allowed outside of the fully enclosed portions of a building but
349 must be screened from view from each property line in which a permit is required.

350 E. An air filtration plan approved by the City's Development Services Director is required which is
351 following the Dee Johnson Clean Air Act.

352 F. Customer visits and deliveries are prohibited between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. for any
353 Cannabis Cultivation Facility located within 300 feet of a Residential zone district.
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355 **7. CANNABIS-DERIVED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING**
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357 A. Cannabis-derived products manufacturing is allowed, provided that the establishment
358 complies with all New Mexico State law requirements, including but not limited to any
359 required spacing from other uses or facilities. For the purposes of the article, all measurements
360 for Cannabis-derived Product Manufacturing shall be from the licensed premises as defined by
361 NMCRA.

362 B. All licensed premises, as defined by NMCRA, is prohibited within 300 feet of any Residential
363 zone district, school, or child day care facility.

364 C. Except as specified in Subsection (d) below, all activities in this use shall be conducted
365 within the fully enclosed portions of a building unless a Conditional Use Approval is obtained
366 to conduct specific activities outside of the fully enclosed portions of a building.

367 D. An incidental storage area is allowed outside of the fully enclosed portions of a building but
368 shall be screened from view from each property line.

369 E. An air filtration plan approved by the State New Mexico State Department of Health or the City
370 Manager or his/her designee required.

371 F. Customer visits and deliveries are prohibited between 12:00 a.m. and 8 a.m. for any
372 Cannabis-derived Products facility.

373 G. Commercial on-site cannabis consumption is prohibited in all zones until regulations
374 promulgated by the State become effective, in which cases all other City provision regarding on-
375 site consumption not prohibited by state regulation will be effective.

376 H. Commercial on-site consumption of cannabis is the commercial cannabis activity of smoking,
377 vaporizing, and ingesting of cannabis or cannabis products in a licensed cannabis consumption

378 area. Commercial on-site consumption is considered part of Cannabis Relief. Unless license
379 pursuant to the Lynn and Erin compassionate use act, access to the cannabis consumption area is
380 restricted to persons 21 years of age and older.
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383 **8. DELIVERY PERMIT RESTRICTIONS.**
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385 The following restrictions shall be placed on cannabis delivery permits:
386 Only medical or retail cannabis transporters who qualify as a social equity applicant as defined
387 in and by the National Cannabis Industry Membership holding a valid license and a delivery
388 permit issued may deliver regulated cannabis to private residences of customers and patients,
389 subject to the provisions the NMRCRA and its pertinent regulations and rules.
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391 **9. ALLOWABLE LAND USE ZONING:**
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393 A. R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-3, and R-4: the City hereby incorporates the limitations outlined in
394 NMSA Section 26-2C-27 which states that it is unlawful for a person without licenses to
395 intentionally produce cannabis products except as otherwise allowed in the NMCRA or by
396 obtaining a permit from the City as follows:

- 397 (1) A person twenty-one years of age or older who intentionally produces:
398 (a) more than six and up to twelve mature or immature cannabis plants shall be issued a
399 penalty assessment pursuant to Section 31-19A-1 NMSA 1978 and is subject to a fine
400 of fifty dollars (\$50.00); and
401 (b) more than twelve mature or immature cannabis plants is guilty of a fourth-degree
402 felony and may be sentenced as provided in Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.
403 (2) A person who is eighteen years of age or older but less than twenty-one years of age
404 who intentionally produces:
405 (a) up to six mature or immature cannabis plants shall be issued a penalty assessment
406 pursuant to Section 31-19A-1 NMSA 1978 and is subject to a fine of fifty dollars
407 (\$50.00);
408 (b) more than six mature or immature cannabis plants and up to twelve mature or
409 immature cannabis plants is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced pursuant to
410 the provisions of Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978; and
411 (c) more than twelve mature or immature cannabis plants is guilty of a fourth degree
412 felony and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-18- 15 NMSA
413 1978.
414 (3) A person who is less than eighteen years of age who intentionally produces cannabis
415 products is guilty of a civil violation and shall be subject to:
416 (a) attendance at a four-hour evidence-based drug education and legal rights program at
417 no cost to the minor; or
418 (b) four hours of community service.

419 B. A-R, Agricultural allowed cultivation.

420 Cultivation shall take place in compliance with the NMCRA or its regulations.

421 C. C-1 and C-2: Cannabis testing Laboratory, Cannabis producer, Cannabis retail, Cannabis
422 Consumption area, Microbusiness, integrated cannabis establishment, **Cannabis Manufacturer**
423 **License Type Class I and III**, Cannabis training and education.

424 D. M-C: Cannabis testing Laboratory, **Cannabis Manufacturer License Type Class III and IV.**
425 Safe and secure extraction approved by the City or State is only allowed in this zone.

426 E. C/R Zone- Retail and Cannabis Consumption area, **Cannabis Manufacturer License Type**
427 **Class I and II.**

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10. BUSINESS REGISTRATION

Any person engaged in commercial cannabis activities must comply with the City's Business Registration Ordinance.

11. CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT

Any person seeking to operate a cannabis establishment in the City shall obtain a cannabis establishment permit under the following conditions:

- A. The permit shall be obtained from the City Clerk.
- B. The application fee cost for the initial permit and the annual renewal fee shall be established by the City Council. The annual renewal date shall be the anniversary date of when the permit was first obtained.
- C. The City Clerk shall require the following information from the applicant:
 - (1) The name, address, and business organization of the applicant and location the applicant intends to transact business, as well as the specific business to be transacted.
 - (2) If the applicant is an individual, the residence address of the applicant as well as the applicant's birthdate and social security number.
 - (3) If the applicant is a partnership, the names, residence addresses, birthdates, and social security numbers of all partners.
 - (4) If the applicant is a Limited Liability Company, the state of organization, address of the resident agent in New Mexico sufficient for service of process, the name of the managing member together with residence address, birthdate, and the name, residence address, birthdate and social security number of each member of the company.
 - (5) If the applicant is a corporation, the state of incorporation, the name and address of the registered agent in New Mexico sufficient for service of process, the name, residence, birthdate of each officer or director of the corporation.
 - (6) Prior to the issuance of a permit, any Limited Liability company or corporation shall provide a certificate of good standing.
 - (7) The applicant shall provide Federal and State tax identification numbers.
 - (8) The applicant shall provide proof of compliance with the City's ordinance including the Business Registration Ordinance.
- D. Prior to issuance of a permit, the Code Enforcement Officer shall confirm compliance with distancing requirements as provided in this Ordinance (Location).
- E. Prior to issuance of a permit, the cannabis establishment must also pass the City's Building Code inspection.
- F. Prior to any issuance or annual renewal of a permit, the cannabis establishment shall be inspected by the City's Fire Department. The cannabis establishment shall comply with Chapter 38 (as it may be amended from time to time) of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 Fire Code and pertinent City's Fire Protection Ordinance. Cannabis manufacturers, cannabis research laboratories, and cannabis testing laboratories shall receive semiannual inspections. All other cannabis establishments shall receive an annual inspection, at the discretion of the City's Fire Department.
- G. A temporary permit may be issued for state licensing purposes pending completion of the fire and building inspections upon satisfactory evidence that all other conditions have been met for a permit. A final permit shall be issued upon completion of the fire and building inspections.
- H. No permit shall be issued to a mobile, temporary or portable building.

- 478 I. No permit shall be issued to a drive-through cannabis establishment.
- 479 J. Failure to meet the conditions above will result in non-issuance of a permit.
- 480 K. If denial of an application for a new permit or renewal permit is deemed necessary by the
- 481 City Clerk and/or Development Services Department, written notice of the decision shall be
- 482 provided to the applicant.
- 483 L. Any person or entity denied a permit may, within ten (10) days of the receipt of notice of
- 484 the denial, file an appeal with the City Council. The Notice of Appeal shall be delivered to the
- 485 City Manager and a hearing shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice.
- 486 The appeal shall be de novo and the burden of proof shall be on the applicant to establish
- 487 entitlement to a permit. The Council shall make written findings of fact and conclusions of law
- 488 supporting its decision. Any further appeal shall be to the District Court, in accordance with
- 489 NMSA 1978, Section 39-3-1.1 and Rule 1- 074 NMRA.
- 490 M. Any person or entity denied a permit may apply to the City Council for a variance from
- 491 any portion of this Ordinance caused by unusual conditions not caused by the actions of the
- 492 Applicant. In granting variances, the City Council may require such conditions as will
- 493 substantially secure the objectives of this Ordinance and not adversely affect the health,
- 494 safety, and general welfare of the public, if otherwise consistent with the general purpose
- 495 and intent of this Ordinance and if not injurious or detrimental to the surrounding area.
- 496 Each request for a variance shall be submitted in writing. Each request shall be considered
- 497 at the same time as the application for the permit. The City Council shall make separate
- 498 written findings of fact and conclusions of law on each requested variance. The decision
- 499 and order shall be prepared, signed, and filed within a reasonable time following the
- 500 public meeting at which the variance is considered.
- 501 N. Operation of a cannabis establishment without a permit is a violation of this Ordinance.
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503 **12. EXISTING MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS**

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 505 Any medical cannabis establishment existing as of the date of the passage of this
 506 Ordinance shall not be required to comply with the location requirements in this
 507 Ordinance. However, the owners of such businesses shall, within 90 days of the effective
 508 date of this Ordinance, submit an application for a permit.
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510 **13. FEES**

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- 512 A. Planning and Building Cannabis application/inspection fee \$581.00
- 513 B. Planning and Building preliminary site plan review fee \$556.00
- 514 C. Planning and Building records management fee \$100.00
- 515 D. For Cultivation cottage or nursery Planning and Building /inspection fee \$838.00
- 516 E. Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement Plan Review - \$50
- 517 F. Cannabis Transporter Permit \$225
- 518 G. Hazardous Materials and Flammable Liquids Permits - Use, Storage \$100
- 519 H. A cannabis waste plan review-\$50
- 520 I. Must comply with Ordinance #2009-09 Section 1:1 The International Fire Code(IFC)
- 521 2018 edition, chapter 38.
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523 **14. RENEWAL ANNUAL APPLICATION FEE FOR ALL CULTIVATION PERMIT**
 524 **TYPES**

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- 526 A. Planning and Building cannabis application/inspection fee \$581.00
- 527 B. Planning and Building records management fee \$100.00
- 528 C. Planning and Building site inspection which will not be charged unless required.

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15. RENEWAL ANNUAL APPLICATION FEE FOR ALL OTHER PERMIT TYPES

- A. Planning and Building cannabis application/inspection fee \$581.00
- B. Planning and Building records Management fee \$100.00
- C. City issued Business License \$35.00
- D. Cannabis Transporter Permit \$225
- E. Any other necessary licenses permitted by the NMCRA \$250.00
- F. Licensee shall ensure that all licensed premises are in compliance with Construction Industries Licensing Act, and comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

16. ENFORCEMENT

A City Code Compliance Officer, the City's Police Chief or designee or the City of Belen Fire Chief or designee may issue citations for violation of this Ordinance. With the exception of sections in this Ordinance which are punishable by State law, any violation of this Ordinance may be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (1) The maximum penalty per violation shall be \$300. Each day during the time in which a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate violation. Nothing herein shall prevent City from seeking injunctive relief, if appropriate.
- (2) Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or imprisoned for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, or both fine and imprisonment.

17. Violations of this ordinance in addition to any other violation mandated under other pertinent City Ordinances or Code shall not limit any other allowed penalties. Any abatement procedures which may be taken by the City of Belen for any violation of this article shall be considered as a violation of City Ordinance. The Civil judgment or criminal conviction under this Ordinance or NMCRA shall not relieve such individuals or entities from their responsibility of correcting unlawful conditions, or removing unlawful structures or improvements under this Ordinance, and the City shall retain its authority to order any corrective actions related thereto.

18. The remedies provided in this Ordinance shall be cumulative and in addition to any federal, state, or local remedy, which may be available. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude prosecution under any other applicable laws except as otherwise punishable by State law.

19. No person shall allow “at home extraction” of any types of cannabis defined under this ordinance.

20. Personal production of cannabis; penalties

Subject to NMSA § 26-2C-27 and its subsequent changes:

- A. Unless otherwise provided in the Cannabis Regulation Act, it is unlawful for a person without a license to intentionally produce cannabis products except as provided in this section.
- B. A person twenty-one years of age or older who intentionally produces:
 - (1) more than six and up to twelve mature or immature cannabis plants shall be issued a penalty assessment pursuant to Section 31-19A-1 NMSA 1978 and is subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00); and
 - (2) more than twelve mature or immature cannabis plants is guilty of a fourth-degree felony and may be sentenced as provided in Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.
- C. A person who is eighteen years of age or older but less than twenty-one years of age who

579 intentionally produces:
580 (1) up to six mature or immature cannabis plants shall be issued a penalty assessment pursuant to
581 Section 31-19A-1 NMSA 1978 and is subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
582 (2) more than six mature or immature cannabis plants and up to twelve mature or immature cannabis
583 plants is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-19-1
584 NMSA 1978; and
585 (3) more than twelve mature or immature cannabis plants is guilty of a fourth-degree felony and shall
586 be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

587 D. A person who is less than eighteen years of age who intentionally produces cannabis products is
588 guilty of a civil violation and shall be subject to:
589 (1) attendance at a four-hour evidence-based drug education and legal rights program at no cost to the
590 minor; or
591 (2) four hours of community service.

592 E. Cannabis plants, if allowed, shall not be visible from the street or in public view or shall not visible
593 with normal unaided vision from a public place.. **Not to exceed 5 feet in height.**
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595 **21. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**
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597 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance or any part of the Code
598 adopted herein by reference, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of
599 any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions
600 thereof.
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602 **22. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.**
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604 All cannabis uses are subject to all other applicable sections of the City's ordinances.
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606 **23. EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE**
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608 Because of the urgent need for regulation pursuant to this Ordinance, the City Council declares that it is
609 necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this Ordinance take effect immediately after
610 passage when it is recorded in the book kept by the City for that purpose and authenticated by the
611 signature of the City Clerk. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the passage of this
612 Ordinance did not constitute an emergency, then the effective date of this Ordinance shall be 30 days
613 after this Ordinance is recorded with the City Clerk.
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615 Due to the nature of this NMRCRA's continuing developing rules and regulations, the City Manager
616 or his designee including the City Clerk and/or the Development Services Director may implement
617 all necessary and proper measures to comply with NMRCRA and its regulations.
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619 **PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY**
620 **OF THE CITY OF BELEN, NM, and this ___ day of _____, 2023.**
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622 **CITY OF BELEN COUNCIL**
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