City Council Policy Development Flowchart Worksheet

Formative Stage of Development

Problem Statement

What problem would you like to solve through policy?

Individuals most impacted by marijuana prohibition laws have not benefited in the legalized cannabis retail industry in the City of Tacoma.

Policy Concept

What policy could be enacted to address the problem?

Reserve unused retail cannabis licenses for social equity applicants and request additional licenses from the State for social equity applicants.

Policy Scope

What would be in (and out) of the scope of this policy?

Policy applies to a social equity applicant which includes individuals who have been convicted of a misdemeanor marijuana offense or is a family member of such an individual, or has resided in a neighborhood for at least 5 of the preceding 10 years that has a high rate of poverty and arrest, conviction, or incarceration related to the sale, possession, use, cultivation, manufacture, or transport of cannabis

Policy Vetting and Review

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Policy Introduction

Steps to begin vetting and refining the policy concept (any, or a combination of, the following):

- Introduce the topic at Council Study Session
- Introduce Resolution proposal at City Council meeting

Stakeholder Engagement

Who should be engaged for feedback on the policy?

- City Attorney's Office, Planning and Development Services, and Community and Economic Development
- Washington State Commission on African American Affairs
- Black Excellence in Cannabis

Impact Analysis

This policy would increase equity in the cannabis retail industry in the City.

Additional retail cannabis licenses would increase the competition and may frustrate current retailers.

Consideration and Adoption

Final Steps Before Adoption

Final City Council policy discussion on the policy before it appears on a City Council meeting agenda:

Review at Study Session July 7

City Council Vote

The City Council votes on either a Resolution or an Ordinance if the policy requires a change to the Tacoma Municipal Code:

July 14

