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A Step-by-Step Guide to Obtaining Cannabis-
Related Operation Permits for Projects within
San Luis Obispo County

Steps to Legal Commercial Cannabis Operations within San Luis Obispo County - Phase 1 of 2: Pre-Approval

Step One *

Recommended Pre-Application Meeting with County Planning & Sherriff's Departments [\(Here\)](#)

Pass

Step Two *

Apply for Business License [\(Here\)](#)

Apply for Background Check through Sherriff's Office: 805-781-4575

Notify Neighbors and Community Advisory Council 10 days prior to full application submittal

Pass

Step Three

Submit documents to Planning and Sheriff Departments (and other requested info)

- County Ordinance: Coastal [\(Here\)](#) and Inland [\(Here\)](#)
- Land Use Application [\(Here\)](#)
- 22-23 Fee Schedule [\(Here\)](#)

Pass

Step Six

CEQA Review (If Applicable)

Fees Paid

Step Five *

Agency Referral/Initial Completeness Review

Sheriff Dept Pre-Inspection

Pass

Step Four

Submit land use application to Planning Department

Pass

Step Seven **

Proceed to Public Hearing

Approved at Hearing

Step Eight

Appeal/Appeal Period

Pass

Step Nine

CEQA & CDFW Fees

Fees Paid

Phase 2

Steps to Legal Commercial Cannabis Operations within San Luis Obispo County - Phase 2 of 2: Post-Approval

Step Ten ***

- Conditions of Approval Compliance
- Enroll in California Cannabis Authority (CCA METRC)
- Submit Building Plans

Pass →

Step Eleven ***

Final Inspection

Pass →

Step Twelve***

Final Background Check

Pass ↓

Step Thirteen***

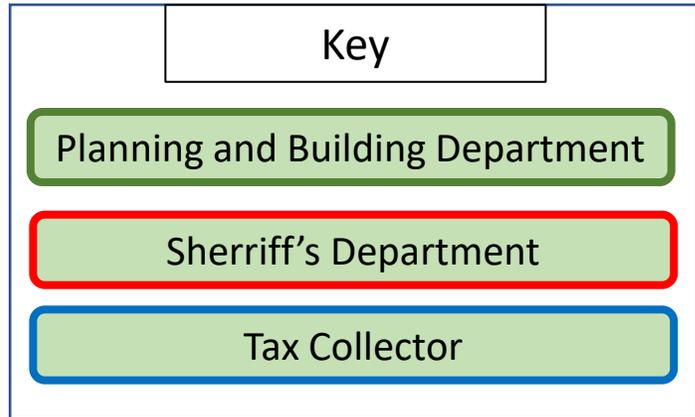
Renew Business License 60 days prior to expiration ([Here](#))

May be subject to entitlement review

Annual Background Check

Pass ←

Legally permitted Commercial Cannabis Cultivation



* Failure at pre-application meeting, background check, and Sherriff Pre-inspection will result in full project stoppage

** Denial at Hearing results in full project denial

*** Failure to uphold conditions of compliance, pass compliance inspections, pass final permit background check, or pass annual background checks will result in enforcement action listed in San Luis Obispo County Municipal Code Sections 22.40.130 and 23.08.432.