Summary of Updates regarding Adelanto’s Adult-Use Ordinance (Ordinance 588)

The following information consists strictly of updates to the Municipal Code, effective June 22, 2018. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all relevant cannabis codes, and is strictly intended to summarize the most recent cannabis updates. For more information please refer to the following sections of the Adelanto Municipal Code, available on the city website.

Relevant Code Sections:

- 17.80.080 (Cannabis Cultivation)
- 17.80.090 (Cannabis Water Requirements)
- 17.80.100 (Cannabis Distribution)
- 17.80.101 (Cannabis Transportation)
- 17.80.110 (Cannabis Testing)
- 17.80.120 (Cannabis Dispensaries)

Code Updates:

- There are no longer any restrictions on the number of permits which can be held by an individual and operated at a single location, it is no longer required to have separate facilities for the following uses: manufacturing, cultivation, distribution/transportation, nurseries. This change serves to allow the State issued Microbusiness permittees to operate under one structure, however the application process for each cannabis use will remain the same at the City level.

- Adult-Use cannabis activities (dispensary, cultivation, manufacturing, distribution/transportation, testing, and nursery) are permitted in the city of Adelanto with a Conditional Use Permit and cannabis use permit within the same zones as Medical Cannabis.

- Medical use permittees are not automatically permitted to operate adult-use businesses, there will be an expedited application process for these businesses.

- Anything permitted by State law but not expressly permitted by City law remains prohibited.

- All cannabis facilities must be at least 600 feet from sensitive uses, this distance has been reduced from 2500 feet. Sensitive uses include schools, public playgrounds and parks, child care or day care facilities, youth centers, and churches.

- Manufacturing permittees operating a medical cannabis kitchen may ingest cannabis product on the site for purposes of tasting and quality control only. This in no way allows for on-site smoking, ingestion, or consumption of cannabis on site at any other types of cannabis facilities, including dispensaries.

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• The City Manager’s designees shall have the right to enter adult-use or medical cannabis facilities for the purpose of making reasonable inspections to observe and enforce compliance. The city must provide at least 12 hours notice.

• Cannabis permits can be transferred only under the following circumstances: the permittee changed the corporation type or business type on file with the Secretary of State, the transfer is necessary to reflect the death or disability of the person on file with the City, or to reflect a bona-fide transfer of the permit as a part of a transfer of the permitted operation. The new permittee must apply with the City to transfer the permit.

• A violation of the code is grounds for revocation of the associated permit and a fine of up to $1,000, pending a 60 day cure period for the applicant to fix any violations. The following potential violations are those that are subject to the cure period: transferal of permit to a third party without the proper application process, the facility fails to maintain 120 hours of security recording, the cannabis operation ceases operation for 90 days, or the facility fails to provide remote access to the security cameras.

• The maximum number of dispensaries is no longer tied to the population of the City, however, the City is not taking dispensary applications at this time.