

### NOTICE OF RULEMAKING HEARING

The State Licensing Authority ("State Licensing Authority") of the Colorado Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division ("Division"), will consider the promulgation of additions and amendments to the State Licensing Authority's Rules, as authorized by Article XVIII, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Marijuana Code, sections 44-10-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S. ("Marijuana Code"). For specific information regarding the proposed changes and new rules, please refer to the contents of this Notice. Initial proposed rules will be made available on the <u>Division's website</u> and will be presented to stakeholders and other interested parties. Additional details regarding the initial proposed rules, public meetings, and opportunities for public comment are provided below.

### STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR RULEMAKING

The State Licensing Authority promulgates these rules pursuant to the authority granted in the Colorado Marijuana Code, 44-10-101, C.R.S., *et seq.*, Article XVIII, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution, and section 24-4-103, C.R.S., of the Administrative Procedure Act.

#### SUBJECT OF RULEMAKING

Pursuant to section 24-4-103(2), C.R.S., the Division will initiate at least one (1) public meeting of a representative group of participants with an interest in the subject of the rulemaking ("stakeholder meeting") on **Friday, May 21, 2021**. Additional information related to this meeting can be accessed on the <u>Division's website</u> and the Division will send notification of the meeting to licensees and other stakeholders subscribed to receive updates from the Division. During the stakeholder meeting, the Division will present proposed new and/or amended rules and will provide opportunities for public comment on proposed rule changes. Written and recorded materials from the stakeholder meeting will be made available on the Division's website and will also be included in the rulemaking record.

The Division will retain a record of the initial proposed rules as part of the rulemaking record. The initial proposed rules, which will be made available on the Division's website, are intended to provide interested persons with the initial drafts of the permanent rules. Initial proposed rules may be amended during the stakeholder engagement process and based on information received through written and oral comments.

The Division intends to recommend to the State Licensing Authority for his consideration the promulgation of new and amended rules on the subjects outlined below. This includes reinstating fees that were reduced in 2016.

Please take note that in addition to the subject matters addressed in the initial proposed rules, the State Licensing Authority may consider additional rules

consistent with any subject matter needed to implement and interpret the Colorado Marijuana Code, and Article XVIII, Sections 14 and 16 of the Colorado Constitution.

# RULES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION PURSUANT TO THE MARIJUANA CODE

The Marijuana Rules at 1 CCR 212-3 will include amended rules to reinstate fees reduced in 2016.

# Part 2 - LICENSING AND INTERESTS

Rule 2-205 - Fees

Any other rules necessary to implement the Marijuana Code may be adopted

## RULEMAKING RECORD AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1. <u>Official Rulemaking Record</u>. The official rulemaking record will include the written and recorded materials from the stakeholder meetings and any written comments or oral testimony submitted or presented.
- 2. <u>Written Comments</u>. The State Licensing Authority encourages interested parties to submit written comments on the proposed rules by **Friday**, **May 28**, **2021** in order to provide the Division and the State Licensing Authority with sufficient time to review comments prior to the rulemaking hearing. Written comments will also be accepted after that date. The deadline to submit written comments is **Friday**, **June 4**, **2021**.

The State Licensing Authority will accept all written comments, but strongly encourages written comments to be submitted on the <u>Marijuana Enforcement Division Suggested Revision to Rules Form</u> ("Rule Form").

Interested parties may also submit written comments in hard copy to the Division's Lakewood office at 1697 Cole Blvd., Ste. 200, Lakewood, CO 80401 (Attn.: MED Rulemaking Comment).

3. <u>Oral Comments</u>. The State Licensing Authority may also afford interested parties an opportunity to make brief oral presentations at the rulemaking hearing.

### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

Date: Friday, June 4, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (proceedings may conclude early)

**Place**: Online Virtual location

Instructions to join the virtual rulemaking hearing will be published on both the Division's website and the Secretary of State's website. The full set of proposed rules and other relevant information the Division will present at the rule hearing will be posted on the Division's website no later than **May 28, 2021**.

If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this rulemaking hearing, please contact Danielle Henry at Danielle.Henry@state.co.us by Friday, May 28, 2021.

The hearing may be continued at such place and time as the State Licensing Authority may announce. The State Licensing Authority will deliberate upon the rulemaking record including oral testimony and written submissions presented as well as applicable law. The State Licensing Authority will adopt such rules as in his judgment are justified by the rulemaking record and applicable law.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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