

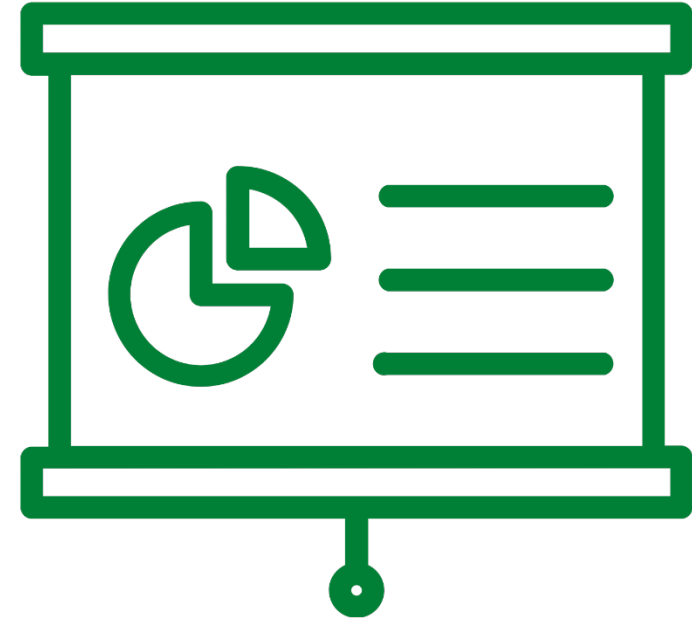
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Presentation Outline

- Regulatory Overview
- State Regulations
- Local Regulations
- Pilot Program



Events: Regulatory Overview

- In order to obtain a Temporary Cannabis Event license, operators in San Francisco must abide by multiple sets of regulations (including but not limited to):
 - DCC Commercial Cannabis Regulations
 - Business and Professions Code (BPC) Division 10
 - Article 16 of the San Francisco Police Code
 - CCSF City Partners
 - DPH, SFPD, SFFD, etc.

State Regulations

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Events: Application Process Overview

1: Obtain a Cannabis Event Organizer License

The DCC requires temporary cannabis event organizers to obtain two separate licenses, the first of which is the “Cannabis Event Organizer License” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, § 15600). Only cannabis event organizers licensed by the DCC can move forward through the process and eventually obtain the second required license (a “Temporary Cannabis Event” license).

2: Obtain Written Local Jurisdiction Approval

Afterward, event organizers must secure “written approval from the local jurisdiction authorizing the applicant to engage in onsite cannabis sales to, and onsite consumption by, persons 21 years of age or older at the temporary cannabis event at the proposed location.” Locations such as stadiums and concert halls are explicitly allowed, but other restrictions apply (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, § 15601(e)).

3: Obtain a Temporary Cannabis Event License

Organizers must apply to the DCC at least 60 days in advance for a Temporary Cannabis Event License, which can be issued for 1 – 4 consecutive days (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, § 15601(c)). Obtaining a Temporary Cannabis Event License requires meeting a host of additional State requirements, which will be outlined in the following slides.

Events: State Regulations (1)

- General Event Regulations:
 - 1 – 4 (Consecutive) Days (§15601(c))
 - Location restrictions (§15601(e))
 - Alcohol and tobacco restriction (§15601(f))
 - Security presence (§15601(h))
 - Track and Trace (§15601(k))
 - Designated Limited-Access Areas (§15601(n))

Events: State Regulations (2)

- Event Sale Regulations:
 - ID Checks (Must be 21+) (*§15602(a)*)
 - Must have a designated retail section (*§15602(b)*)
 - Retail restrictions – licensed retailers (*§15602(c)*)
 - Cannabis transportation – licensed distributors (*§15602(g)*)
 - Must have secured storage on site (*§15602(h)*)
 - Retail requirements (*§15602(i - p)*)

Events: State Regulations (3)

- Event Consumption Regulations:
 - Public visibility must be obscured (*§15603(b)*)
 - Alcohol and tobacco restrictions (*§15603(c)*)
 - Local regulation compliance (*§15603(d)*)

Local Regulations

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Note on Duplicative Regulations

- Many local regulations are duplicative of State regulations in order to ensure full compliance
 - Duplicative requirements will not be outlined here
 - We will discuss any local-specific regulations, and any local regulations that are interpretations of State law

Events: Local Regulations (1)

- Local regulation:
 - Submit application 90 days in advance (*1621.5(b)*)
 - Access and Equity (*1621.5(d)(1 - 2)*)
- State law interpretation:
 - Security Plan & Premises Diagram (*1621.5(f – i)*)
 - Alcohol & Tobacco (*1621.5(l)(1 - 5)*)
 - Enforcement (*1621.5(o)(1 - 4)*)

Events: Local Regulations (2)

- Event Sale & Exhibition Regulations:
 - Local regulation:
 - Licensed Retailers must be from San Francisco
(1621.5(s)(1))
 - Time Restrictions *(1621.5(s)(6))*

Events: Local Regulations (3)

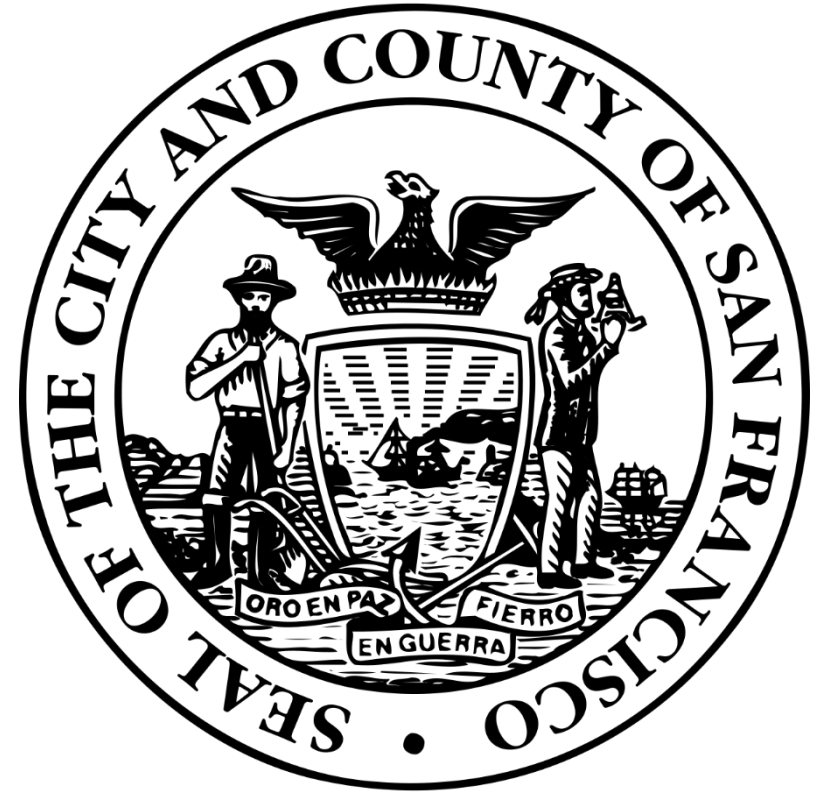
- Event Consumption Regulations:
 - Local regulation:
 - Potable Water (*1621.5(t)(5)*)
 - Restrooms (*1621.5(t)(6)*)
 - State law interpretation:
 - Buffer Area (*1621.5(t)(2)*)
 - Neighboring Locations (*1621.5(t)(4)*)
 - Pre-Event Plan (*1621.5(t)(7 - 9)*)

Events: Local Regulations & City Partners

- Other City departments will have their own restrictions that will be event specific
 - For example:
 - Indoor consumption restrictions
 - Fire lanes
 - Securing other permits (e.g. street closures)

Pilot Program

Section 1621.5(k)



Events: Pilot Program

- Pilot Program requires:
 - The event had previously been held on a regular basis
 - The event, in prior years, had received a City-issued permit
 - The event had significant unregulated cannabis sales or consumption
- Currently set to expire December 31, 2023

Events: Limitations from the State

- These events will still need to abide by State regulations
 - 2 State licenses
 - Age restrictions
 - Obscuring public visibility
 - Security requirements
 - Transportation requirements
 - Designated retail area
 - Limited access areas
 - Designated on site storage

Events: Practical Effects of State Regulations (1)

- Costs prohibitive for event organizers, especially smaller and mid-sized events
 - Fencing, mesh coverage to obscure visibility, security personnel, local partnerships
- Time intensive
- Identifying a viable location is very challenging
- State regulations primarily favor large, outdoor events
 - Space is required to meet all of the requirements

Events: What to expect if Pilot Program Expires

- **Influx of applications** from event organizers **without a corresponding increase** in issued temporary event permits
 - Significant processing demand on OOC, whether a permit is issued or not, that will impact other core functions
- **Significant investment of applicant time and money**
 - Ultimately, an inaccessible opportunity

Events: OOC Recommendation

- Extend the Pilot Program
- During that time, engage State for regulatory changes
- Continue to work with other City departments and stakeholders to identify possible locations for event permits

Q & A

Thank You!

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