



## NOTICE REGARDING UNLICENSED CANNABIS FACILITIES

It is unlawful to operate unlicensed cannabis facilities within the City of Bellflower. While the City has accepted applications for medical cannabis permitting, the City Council has not issued *any* permits to legally operate cannabis facilities.

The Bellflower Municipal Code (“BMC”), as amended by Ordinance No. 1338 on June 21, 2017, imposes criminal and civil liability on persons responsible for operating, owning, maintaining, or assisting unlicensed cannabis facilities (“UCF”) in the City of Bellflower. Those persons are not just owners or lessees of real property; individuals and corporations that assist UCFs in any way within the City may also be held liable. That includes property management companies, realtors, and brokers.

The new law allows the City to shut off water, power, and gas to all locations at which UCFs exist. Additionally, persons responsible for the UCF are liable to the City for civil **penalties** up to a combined total of **\$10,000 per day**; all costs incurred by the City to remove the UCFs including, without limitation, attorney’s fees; and such additional damages that are allowed by applicable law.

The BMC allows the City Attorney’s office to undertake immediate enforcement efforts without the need for additional City Council authorization.

## NOTICE REGARDING CANNABIS TAX

Beginning July 1, 2017, all cannabis facilities are required to pay a cannabis tax to the City in accordance with the BMC. Paying the cannabis tax does not allow operation of UCFs; only a conditional use permit (“CUP”) and medical cannabis operations permit (“COP”) issued by the City Council can authorize a cannabis facility. Failure to pay the cannabis tax is unlawful and can result in criminal and civil liability. The tax schedule is listed below.

Activity	Tax
Commercial cannabis cultivation, excluding nurseries	\$15.00 per fiscal year, per square foot of canopy space authorized by each City permit or by each state license, not deducting for unutilized square footage
Cultivation of cannabis as a nursery as defined by the BMC	\$2.00 per square foot of canopy authorized by each City permit or by each state license, not deducting for unutilized square footage
Cannabis transportation business	\$1,500.00 per year
Dispensary, manufacturer, testing laboratory, or distribution facility, or engaging in delivery of cannabis in the City	5% of the gross receipts per fiscal year

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The cannabis tax is imposed on a fiscal year basis and is due and payable in quarterly installments. Each person or business owing a cannabis tax must, on or before the last day of the month following the close of each quarter remit to the administrator the tax due. Each person required to remit a tax must file a return with the City on or before the due date. A person who fails to remit the required cannabis tax by the deadline is subject to penalties and interest (BMC § 3.37.140).

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or the City's regulations, please contact the City's Code Enforcement Division at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2284.

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