

## CEQA Notice of Exemption

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Exemption Number: CE23-161

Project Title (Application Number): PLNE56408

Project Location – Specific: 1542 E 7th Street

Project Location – City/County: **City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California**

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project involves establishing an adult & medical-use cannabis 3rd party distribution business within an existing structure located at the address mentioned above.

Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Long Beach, California**

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 1542 7th Inc

Exempt Status: **(Check One)**

Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Existing Facilities, Section 15301

Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The existing business of an adult & medical-use cannabis 3rd party distribution business is permitted as a matter of right within the existing building. No expansion of the building is proposed.

### Lead Agency

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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT  
CLASS 1 (EXISTING FACILITIES)  
EXEMPTION DETERMINATION**

**1542 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
PLNE56408  
April 9, 2024**

Section 15300 through 15333 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) establishes certain classes of projects as categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA because they do not ordinarily result in a significant effect on the environment.

**Lead Agency:** City of Long Beach Community Development Department

**Applicant Entity/Business Name:** 1542 7<sup>th</sup> Inc

**License Type(s):** Business License for Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Distributor License

**Project Description:**

The project is located at 1542 E 7<sup>th</sup> St., Long Beach, CA 90813 within Los Angeles County (Figure 1 – Vicinity & Aerial Map). The site is on the southern side of East 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Nebraska Avenue and Walnut Avenue. The nearest intersection is East 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Walnut Avenue. The site parcel, APN 7266-017-005, features an area of 5,600 square-feet.

The 5,600-square-foot subject site and surrounding properties are located on relatively flat lots. There are no natural features in the immediate quarter-mile vicinity.

The subject site is within the Community Pedestrian-Oriented (CCP) Zoning District and has a General Plan Land Use PlaceType designation of Neighborhood-Serving Center and Corridors-Moderate (NSC-M).

The subject site is currently developed with a 1,208 square-foot single family dwelling that is approximately 14' 8" in height and a 2,287-square-foot commercial building and is approximately 14' 5" in height. The proposed Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Distribution License will be located in a 941 square-foot unit located within the existing commercial building. The site features no curb cuts along 7<sup>th</sup> Street or Walnut Avenue.

The project proposes minor interior and exterior improvements to the commercial building. Exterior improvements include the installation of new garage door with glass panels and new stucco to satisfy building design requirements within the Long Beach Municipal Code. Interior improvements include general clean-up and maintenance and the installation of furniture needed to operate the distribution businesses.

The project will require city approved permits which include a building permit, health permits, and a business license.

The primary operations will occur entirely within enclosed structures and pose limited potential for environmental impacts on neighboring uses. All medical-use cannabis facilities are subject to stringent rules and regulations governed by Long Beach Municipal Code Title 5 – Regulation of Businesses, Trades, and Professions.

**1. Is the project site currently operating as a cannabis cultivation site or a similar use, or has it recently operated for this purpose?**

The site was previously used for retail use. The previous use was a candle and oil shop. The site is in an existing commercial district that is served with existing public infrastructure which includes sewer, water, and gas services. The previous use dates to 2016 and was licensed until May 10, 2019.

**2. Does the project involve an expansion of existing structures that would be considered only minor?**

The existing 941-square-foot unit footprint will not be expanded. Minor improvements proposed include minor interior and exterior alterations, plumbing, and similar typical minor tenant improvements.

**3. Project Expansion:  
Size of expansion in square feet:**

This question is not applicable as this project consists of only interior tenant improvements and a facade remodel to an existing 941-square-foot commercial unit.

**4. Is the project site served by all public services sufficient to serve the project (e.g., water, sewer, electricity, and gas)? The preparer should indicate which public services serve the site.**

The project site is currently served by all city public services which include sewer, water, and gas infrastructure as confirmed by the current internal GIS city-data accessed on April 7, 2024. The site is also serviced by Southern California Edison (SCE) for electrical needs as confirmed by SCE's service territory map accessed April 7, 2024. As a condition of approval on the project, the applicant will be required to confer with applicable infrastructure departments to obtain approvals for any improvements on private property.

<https://www.sce.com/about-us/who-we-are/leadership/our-service-territory>

**5. Is there evidence that the project site is located in an environmentally sensitive area?**

This project is not located in an environmentally sensitive area as verified on the GeoTracker website on April 7, 2024. This site itself is located in an industrial zoning district which allows for heavy industrial uses and not in any proximity to any important mineral resources; protected aquatic habitats, including wetlands; environmentally sensitive wildlife habitat; or areas known to include cultural, paleontological, and/or historical resources.

(<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/map/?myaddress=California&from=header%20&cqid=9041135489>)

**6. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment?**

This project does not require a water right permit or another environmental permit. The project is fully developed and served by existing utilities as detailed in response 4.

## **EXCEPTIONS TO EXEMPTIONS**

**7. Scenic Highways**

This is not applicable as this project is not near or visible from an official State Scenic Highway as confirmed from the Long Beach General Plan Mobility Element and the Caltrans website verified on April 7, 2024

(<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>)

**8. Is the project located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 (Cortese List)?**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control does not identify this site as a hazardous site ([calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/](http://calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/)) as confirmed on April 7, 2024.

**9. Would the project result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource?**

This project is not located in an area of significant historic resources as verified in the city's GIS system that listed historical database the National Register of Historic Places as verified on April 7, 2024. This existing 2,287-square-foot commercial building is not a recognized historic landmark nor a historic building.

(<https://www.nps.gov/maps/full.html?mapId=7ad17cc9-b808-4ff8-a2f9-a99909164466>)

**10. Is there evidence of the potential for the project to contribute to a significant cumulative impact?**

This project proposes to reuse an existing 2,287-square-foot industrial building for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party distribution. The operations of this facility do not provide evidence of the potential for the project to contribute to a significant cumulative impact as the use is located in a commercial zoning district which allows for cannabis industrial uses. The proposed project is a use anticipated by the City of Long Beach General Plan and Land Use Element and would not contribute to a significant cumulative impact that was previously not analyzed. The Long Beach General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was adopted in December of 2019 (State Clearinghouse No. 2015051054). The project's impacts are furthermore mitigated by conditioned compliance with applicable code requirements which include, but not limited to, noise, discharges, and material handling.

**11. Is there evidence of a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental impact due to unusual circumstances?**

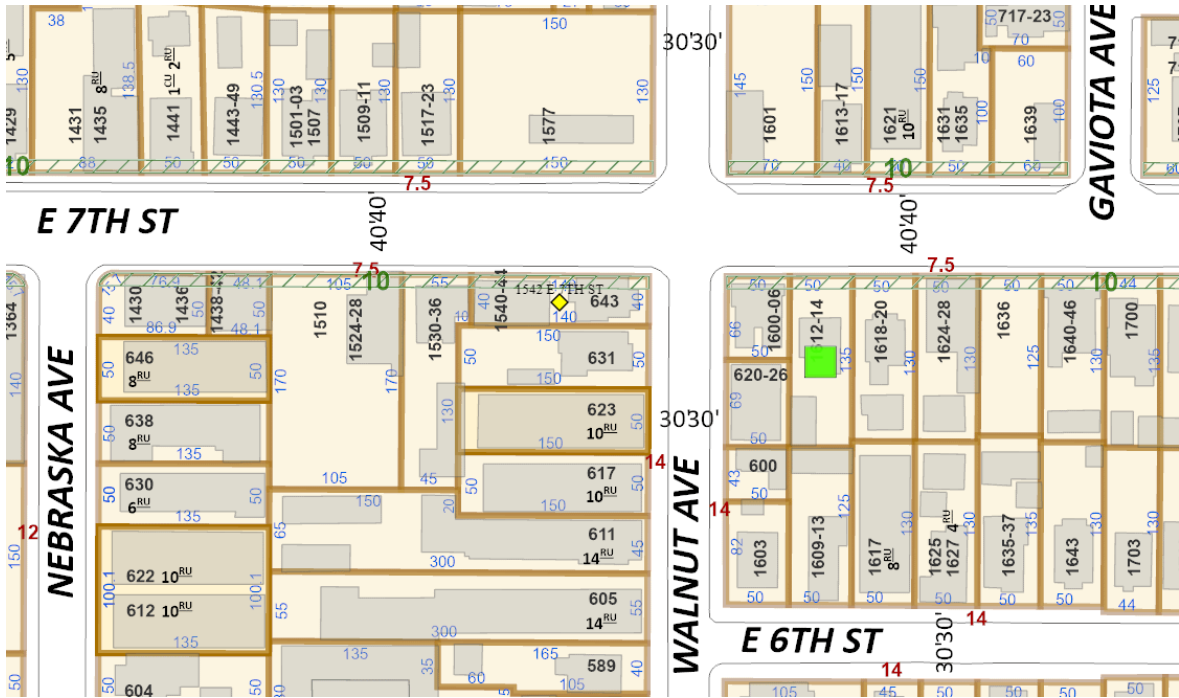
The project does not contain any unusual aspects in the ongoing operations that may lead to a more substantial impact. The proposed use is consistent with industrial uses allowed in the zoning district.

**Eligibility Determination**

Based on information contained in the administrative record, as reflected in the answers provided to Questions 1-11 above, the project or project element(s) are eligible for a Class 1 categorical exemption. The project or project element(s) fit(s) within the parameters included in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and none of the exceptions to this exemption defined in Section 15300.2 apply.



Figure 1 – Vicinity & Aerial Map



\*The Yellow Diamond on the map(s) is representative of the location.

