Direction Related to Amendments to Commercial Cannabis Ordinance

City Council

February 16, 2021



Recent Actions / Current Status

- October 6, 2020 1st reading of Ordinance No. 3289
- November 17, 2020 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 3289
- **December 15, 2020** Urgency Ordinance to prevent further action on commercial cannabis failed (3-2)
- December 15, 2020 Resolution adopting fees associated with Commercial Cannabis
 Ordinance continued to March 16, 2021
- December 21, 2020 City Council approved a tolling agreement with the City of Buena Park to delay implementation of Commercial Cannabis Ordinance until March, 2021
- January 19, 2021 City Council voted to continue action to provide direction on Cannabis
 Ordinance amendments to February 16, 2021.



Current Ordinance Components

- Allows retail, manufacturing, cultivation, transportation/distribution and testing in certain zones.
- Retail cannabis (storefront and non-storefront) would be permitted in:
 - General Commercial (G-C)
 - Commercial Manufacturing (C-M)
 - Manufacturing Park (M-P)
 - Manufacturing, General (M-G)
- Manufacturing, Distribution/Transportation, Cultivation, Microbusinesses and Testing would be permitted in:
 - Manufacturing Park (M-P); Manufacturing, General (M-G) zones
 - Commercial Manufacturing (C-M)



Current Ordinance Components

- Limit Commercial Cannabis Business Permits by type as follows:
 - Maximum of five (5) retail cannabis facilities (storefront and non-storefront)
 - Maximum of five (5) manufacturing facilities (non-volatile solvents)
 - Maximum of five (5) distribution/transportation facilities
 - Maximum of five (5) cultivation facilities (indoor only)
 - Maximum of two (2) Microbusiness facilities
 - No limit on the number of testing facilities



Current Ordinance Components

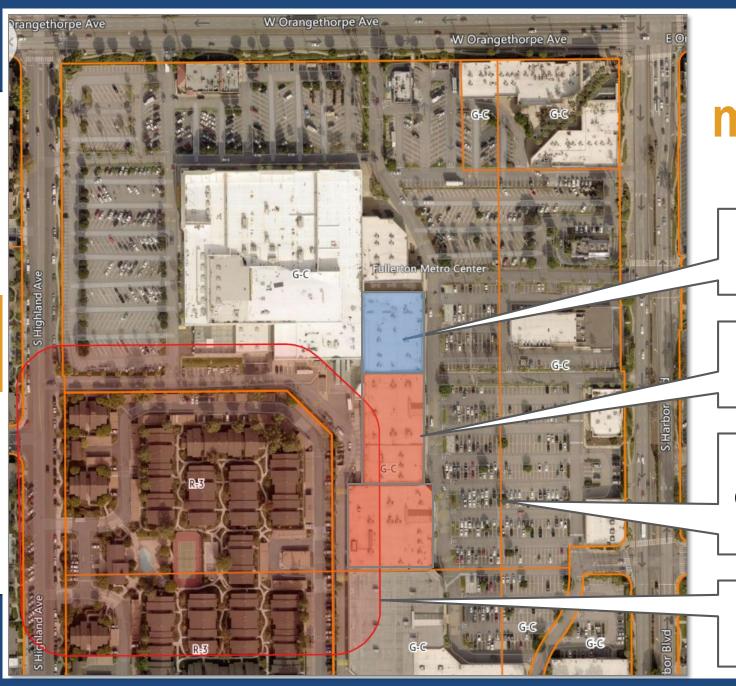
- Separation (buffer) requirements of 800-feet from:
 - Schools (Preschool through High School)
 - State Licensed Daycare
 - Youth Center (defined term) which includes parks/sports fields
- 300-feet separation between retail locations
- No more than (2) Retail Permits per City Council District
- No more than (3) Retail Permits allowed south of Chapman/Malvern Avenue



How separation buffers are measured

• FMC Section 3.88.250.A.1.c -

"The distance measurements [for Commercial Cannabis Permits] shall be the horizontal distance measured in a straight line from the nearest property line of [sensitive uses] to the nearest point of the building or tenant space (if within a multi-tenant building) in which the cannabis business is located"



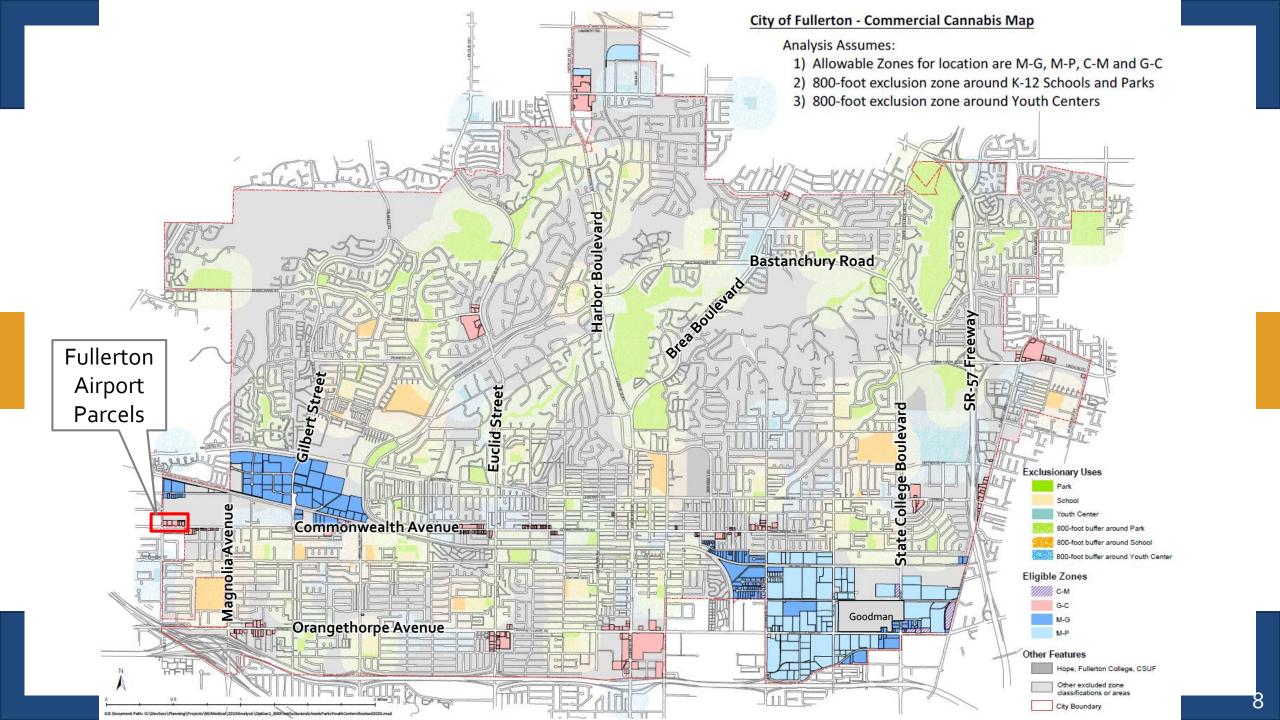
Separation buffer measurement example

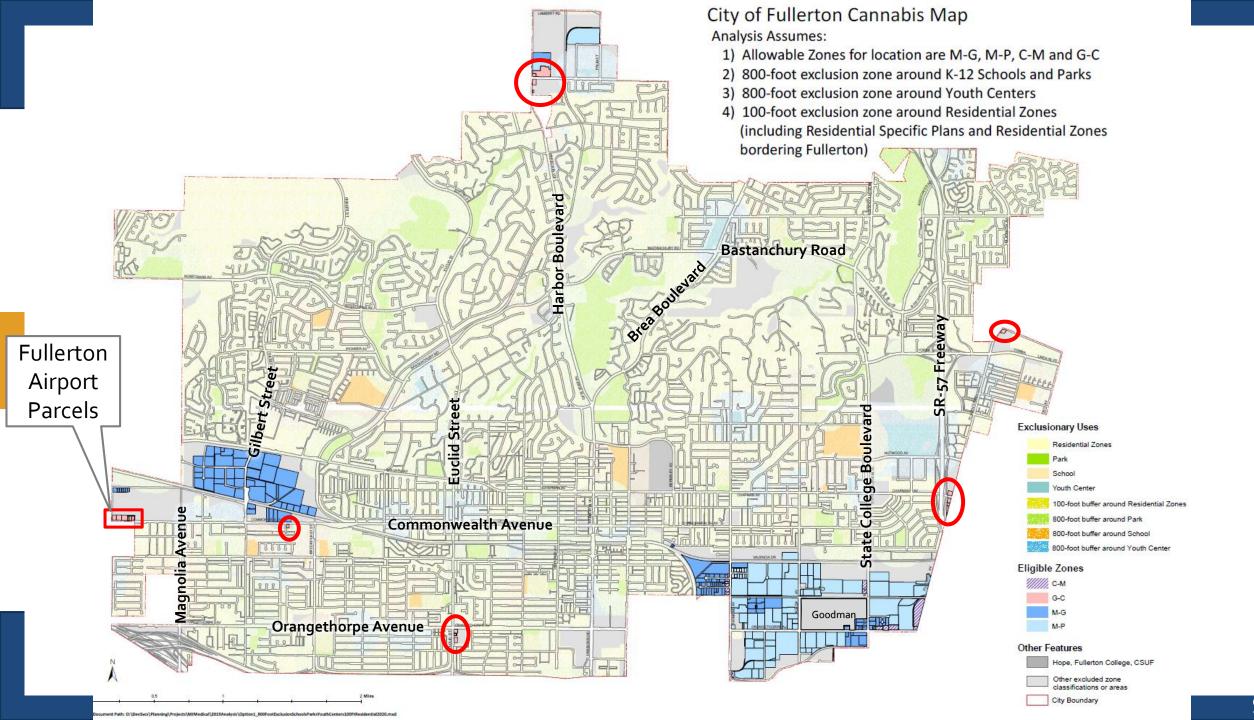
Potentially eligible business location

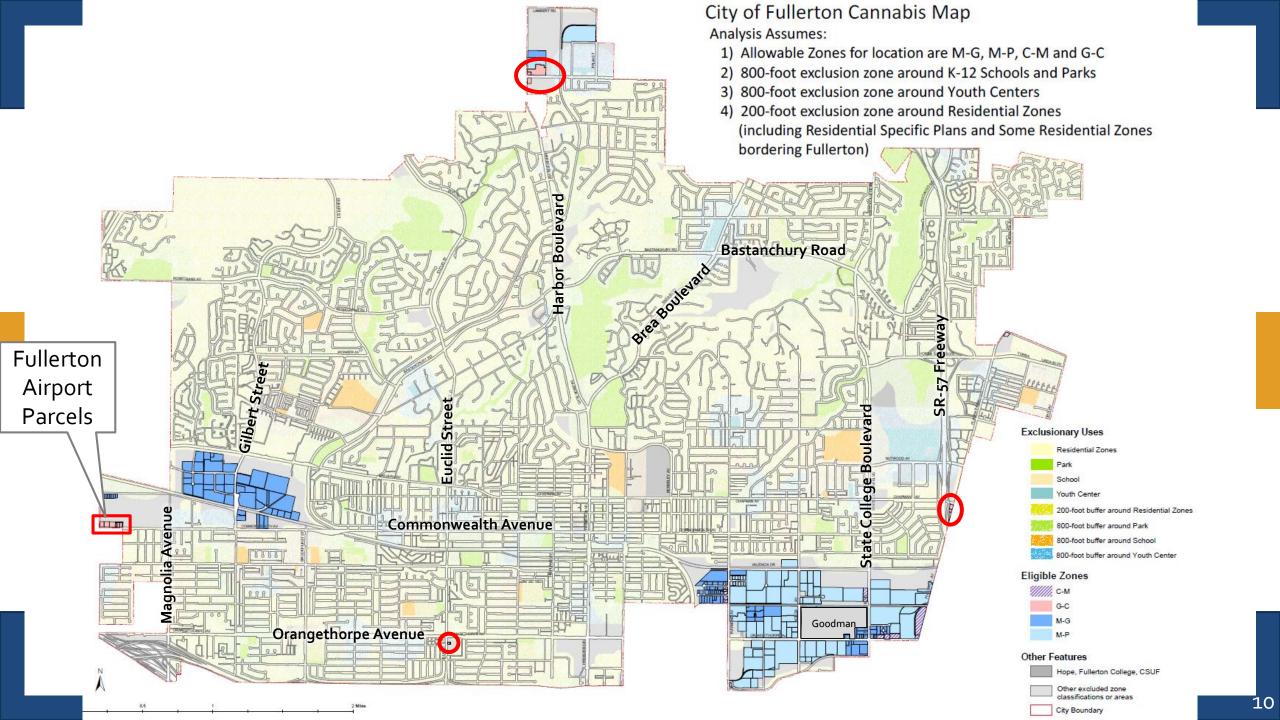
Ineligible business locations - buffer touches building wall

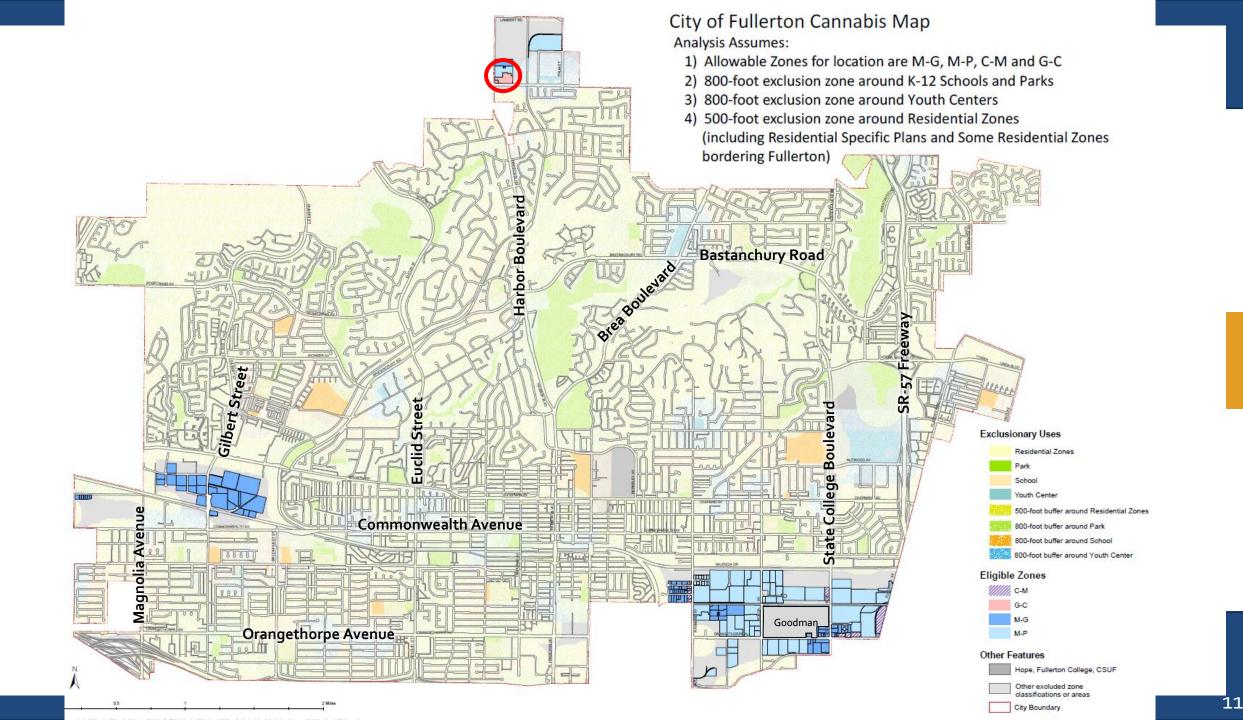
Parcel shown as ineligible on cannabis map because a portion of the parcel is within buffered use

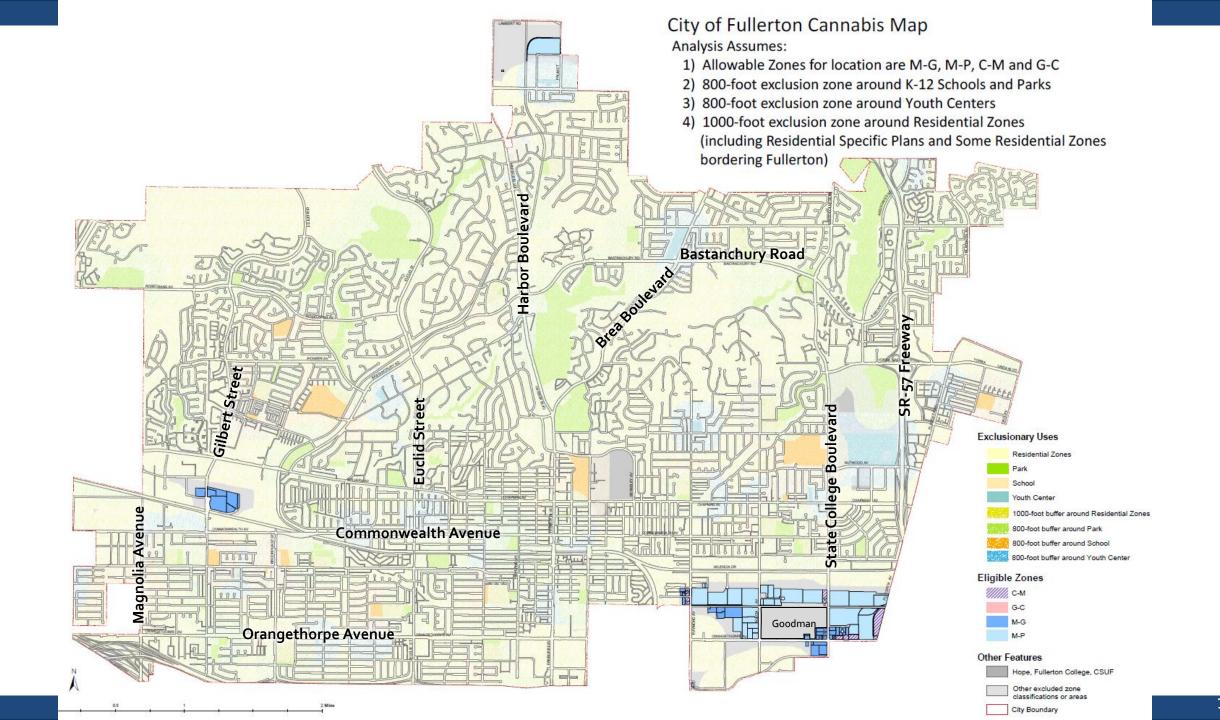
100-foot residential buffer













Proposed Ordinance Components

- Selected through a merit-based point system
- Permits renewed annually
- Community benefits required
- Local hiring requirements
- Labor peace agreement
- Development Agreement required
- Extensive security requirements / standards
- Community relations representative for ongoing outreach / education

Recommended Action

Provide Staff direction related to amendments to Title 3, specifically Chapter 3.88 of the Fullerton Municipal Code, related to commercial cannabis operations including, but not limited to, location of cannabis businesses by type, buffer distances, zones and other location restrictions.

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