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*City of Merced*  
**MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** August 21, 2024  
**TO:** Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Jonnie Lan, AICP, Principal Planner  
**SUBJECT:** ZOA #24-01 (Cannabis Ordinance Update MMC 20.44.170)

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Honorable Commission:

Since posting the public hearing, it was necessary to make additional changes to the Cannabis Ordinance. These changes were made to further clarify the role of the Development Services Director in supporting the correction of clerical and mathematical errors related to candidate scoring and the timeline of such possible correction. Please see the proposed changes below:

Page 63, MMC 20.44.170(L) (1) (g) (iv), 5<sup>th</sup> sentence would read:

“The Director of Development Services may correct any clerical or mathematical errors in the calculation of the average score and the rankings within 10 days of the rankings being released or the rankings being re-released upon the availability of a permit.

Page 64, MMC 20.44.170(L)(1)(g)(iv)(d) would read as follows:

“If a business with an approved retail permit fails to become operational within the time required by MMC 20.44.170(L)(1)(g)(iv)(c), and after ~~determination~~ confirmation by the Development Services Director of the previously-determined average scores and rankings of the remaining applicants by the Selection Panel, the top-ranked next-business on the Qualified Commercial Cannabis Business Application List—Dispensaries/Retail will be considered for the available permit by the Planning Commission. The considered business will undergo updated Phase 2 screening prior to public hearings.

Thank you.