Commercial Cannabis Land Use Classifications
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18.40.040 Commercial Use Classifications

Nurseries and Garden Centers. Establishments primarily engaged in retailing nursery and garden products, such as trees, shrubs, plants, seeds, bulbs, and sod that are predominantly grown elsewhere. These establishments may sell a limited amount of a product they grow themselves. Fertilizer and soil products are stored and sold in package form only. Cannabis nurseries may only produce clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically for the planting, propagation, and cultivation of cannabis. This classification includes wholesale and retail nurseries offering plants for sale.

Cannabis Dispensary. An establishment where cannabis, cannabis products, or cannabis products are offered, either individually or in any combination for retail sale, including an establishment that delivers cannabis or cannabis products as part of a retail sale. [Cannabis Dispensaries are not permitted in the City of San Carlos]

18.40.50 Industrial Use Classifications

Industry, General. Manufacturing of products from extracted or raw materials or recycled or secondary materials, or bulk storage and handling of such products and materials. This classification includes operations such as agriculture processing, biomass energy conversion; food and beverage processing; production apparel manufacturing; photographic processing plants; leather and allied product manufacturing; wood product manufacturing; paper manufacturing; chemical manufacturing; plastics and rubber products manufacturing; nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing; primary metal manufacturing; fabricated metal product manufacturing; and automotive and heavy equipment manufacturing.

Research and Development. A facility for scientific research and the design, development, and testing of electrical, electronic, magnetic, optical, pharmaceutical, chemical, and biotechnology components and products in advance of product manufacturing. Includes assembly of related products from parts produced off site where the manufacturing activity is secondary to the research and development activities.

Wholesaling and Distribution. Indoor storage and sale of goods to other firms for resale; storage of goods for transfer to retail outlets of the same firm; or storage and sale of materials and supplies used in production or operation, including janitorial and restaurant supplies. Wholesalers are primarily engaged in business-to-business sales, but may sell to individual consumers through mail or Internet orders. They normally operate from a warehouse or office having little or no display of merchandise, and are not designed to solicit walk-in traffic. This classification does not include wholesale sale of building materials (see Building Materials and Services).

Cannabis Microbusiness. A business that cultivates cannabis on an area less than 10,000 square feet and acts as a licensed distributor, Level 1 manufacturer as defined by the State, and retailer, provided such licensee can demonstrate compliance with all requirements imposed by the State on licensed cultivators, distributors, Level 1 manufacturers, and retailers to the extent the licensee engages in such activities. While the State Microbusiness permit may allow retail cannabis uses, retail cannabis sales are prohibited in the City [City of San Carlos].