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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Monthly Reporting on Non-Compliant Marijuana-Related Use Enforcement Action

MOVER: Councillor De Genova

SECONDER: Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. On the weekend of April 30, 2016, City By-law Inspectors began enforcement action on non-compliant medical marijuana-related use (MMRU) businesses that continued to operate without a business licence;
2. Enforcement action will include ticketing as well as appropriate legal action;
3. Marijuana-related stores that are issued a ticket for operating without a business licence will face a fine of \$250 for every day they continue to operate;
4. Preliminary development permit applications for 140 marijuana-related businesses were refused by the City of Vancouver because they were not in permitted zones or did not meet distancing regulations;
5. Enforcement action by City by-law inspectors on the weekend of April 30, 2016, resulted in the issuance of 44 violation notices and confirmation that 22 non-compliant locations had already closed by the six month deadline;
6. City staff will continue the enforcement of non-compliant marijuana-related stores as well as focusing on compiling the information necessary to take appropriate legal action against stores that continue to operate outside of the City's by-law regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to prepare and distribute a monthly public report to Council on non-compliant medical marijuana-related use enforcement actions including, but not limited to, the following information:

- The number of By-Law Inspectors assigned to the task of enforcement actions in each month;
- The cost to the City each month to carry out these enforcement actions;
- The number, and total amount, of fines issued to non-compliant marijuana stores during the month, along with the amount collected by the City;
- The cost of other City staff time, such as legal services, related to the enforcement of non-compliant marijuana stores during each month;
- The cost of any associated legal action each month proceeding from enforcement action;
- The number of non-compliant marijuana stores that remain open each month, including a breakdown of the number of stores that close and the number of new dispensaries that may have opened during each month.

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