## **Department of Excise & Licenses**



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Loretta Koehler President, InterNeighborhood Cooperation (INC)

Dear Ms. Koehler,

Thank you for your letter dated January 11, 2021 regarding the Department of Excise and Licenses' proposed changes to the Denver Marijuana Code.

Our team will gladly present additional information at the February 13 Delegate meeting of the InterNeighborhood Cooperation (INC) and accept feedback and comments from community members, RNOs, and INC following the presentation.

The January 15, 2021 deadline was announced to encourage stakeholders to provide feedback on the first draft of the three bills comprising the proposal. This feedback will be reviewed and considered as we update the draft language, and will inform any such modifications. We intend to release updated draft language during the first week of February. As such, we cannot extend the deadline for this round of feedback to February 22, 2021 as requested.

However, we do intend to share this updated draft language with INC, as well as a description of the overall proposal and a list of modifications between the first draft to the second draft. We can provide details about the updated draft language at the February 13 Delegate meeting, and accept subsequent feedback and comments from community stakeholders.

We are currently working with City Council to schedule a time to present the proposal for the Finance and Government (FINGOV) Committee during the second half of February. The FINGOV Committee must recommend that the bills move forward before the bills would be filed for full City Council consideration. We believe this timeline provides sufficient opportunity for interested community members to voice their concerns and opinions both before and during the public legislative process.

We are committed to finding the proper regulatory balance when it comes to the ever-evolving marijuana industry and its effects on Denver residents and communities. Please know that all feedback that we receive is carefully considered and weighed against our values as we develop public policy.

In partnership,

Ashley Kilroy Director, Denver Department of Excise and Licenses

