



**STAFF REPORT
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: August 4, 2025
REPORT # Community Development-2025-48**

AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CANNABIS DISTRIBUTION REGULATORY PERMIT RENEWAL 2025/2026 FOR WHERE2DISTRO LLC

DEPARTMENT: Community Development
DEPARTMENT HEAD: Rod Powell, Assistant City Manager
STAFF CONTACT: Maria C. Mendez, Cannabis Affairs Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution approving the renewal of a regulatory permit for Where2Distro LLC to operate a cannabis distribution facility located at 1891 Airway Drive.

DISCUSSION: On August 6, 2024, the Hollister City Council approved a cannabis regulatory permit for Where2Distro LLC to operate a cannabis distribution facility at 1891 Airway Drive (Resolution No. 2024-118).

As required by the City's Municipal Code, Where2Distro LLC is requesting annual renewal of the regulatory permit for the 2025–2026 period.

According to Section 5.42.050 of the City of Hollister Municipal Code, the renewal of a regulatory permit is subject to approval by the City Council. Under HMC § 5.42.070(A), the City Council may only reject the renewal if any specific findings are made. Where2Distro LLC has consistently adhered to all operational requirements and has paid all necessary fees and staff have not identified any findings or compliance issues that would justify rejection of the renewal application.

Allowing the renewal of this regulatory permit will enable Where2Distro LLC to continue its operations into the 2025/2026 period, ensuring the business' continued contribution to the local economy and industry. Given the applicant's compliance history, staff recommend approval of the permit renewal.

FISCAL IMPACT: As a regulatory permittee, Where2Distro LLC is required to pay quarterly taxes to the city. Non-approval of an applicable regulatory permit would result in a loss of current tax revenue.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL OR COMMISSION ACTION: On August 6, 2024, the Hollister City Council approved a regulatory permit for Where2Distro LLC to operate a cannabis distribution facility at 1891 Airway Drive (Resolution No. 2024-118).

CEQA: Exempt: Section 15301 The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, which applies to the operation and maintenance of existing facilities. This exemption is appropriate as the project involves the renewal of a regulatory permit for an established cannabis cultivation facility, with no significant changes or expansion of operations anticipated. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Regulatory Permit Application
2. Resolution