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SEC. 2-15.00 MEDICAL MARIJUANA IDENTIFICATION CARD PROGRAM.

Existing state law prohibits the prosecution of qualified patients and their designated primary caregivers, who, upon written recommendation of a physician, possess and cultivate marijuana for medical purposes. State law further prohibits the prosecution, punishment or denial of any privilege to physicians who recommend marijuana to qualified patients for medical purposes. As set forth in California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.7 *et seq.*, the Medical Marijuana Program is a comprehensive, voluntary state identification card program for qualified medical marijuana patients and their designated primary caregivers administered by each county health department in the State of California, in accordance with protocols established by the California Department of Health Services.

The City of Hayward will comply with and abide by the provisions of the Medical Marijuana Program, as set forth in California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.7 *et seq.*

SEC. 2-15.01 IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY ORDINANCE. Until such time as the state Medical Marijuana Program referenced in Section 2-15.00 is fully operational, the City of Hayward will recognize any valid medical marijuana identification card issued pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the governing body of any California county or municipality. Once the state Medical Marijuana Program becomes fully operational, this section shall be without further force or effect.