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Sensitive Use Topographical and Constructed Barrier Form

Pursuant to EMC Chapter 9.25, retailers shall maintain a 1,000-foot separation from sensitive uses, including day care centers, playgrounds, and schools. Pursuant to state law, retailers shall maintain a 600-foot separation from youth centers. By default, the Development Services Department will measure the buffer distance in GIS as a straight line from the closest property line of the cannabis premise to the closest property line of the sensitive use, or the closest boundary line of a playground.

Measure H allows an exception to the straight-line measurement methodology if there are natural topographical barriers and constructed barriers such as freeways, flood control channels, or railroad tracks without pedestrian or automobile crossings that would impede direct physical access between the uses. In such cases, the separation distance shall be measured as the most direct route around the barrier in a manner that establishes direct access.

If you are requesting an exception to the straight-line measurement methodology, please identify the proposed retail location, the nearest sensitive use(s), and the type of geographic barrier in question. Provide any additional information that is relevant to the request. In addition, all requests shall include an exhibit that visually depicts the most direct route around the barrier in a manner that establishes direct access. Please provide this document as an attachment to this form.

Proposed Retail Location: _____

Nearest Sensitive Use: _____

Geographic Barrier Type: _____

Additional Information: