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Cannabis Ordinance Update

DATE: August 11, 2023

TO: Members of the Public

FROM: Drew Plebani, Cannabis Division Director

RE: 2023 Cannabis Ordinance Update

This document highlights the primary topics and sections of cannabis ordinances that are being addressed via the cannabis ordinance update process. This is not an exhaustive list of changes that are being considered.

Please note that the cannabis ordinance ad hoc committee is tasked with preparing recommendations for consideration by the public, the planning commission and the board of supervisors. Ultimately, it is up the board of supervisors to determine which (if any) of the recommendations are adopted.

Highlights of topics/ sections to be addressed in Ordinance updates:

Consolidation

All existing Cannabis Ordinances will be combined into a single Ordinance.

Definitions

The definition sections will be consolidated into one definitions section and any additional required terms included.

County use of the word License versus Permit

Use of the word “license” from a county perspective conflicts with the State of California Department of Cannabis Control as the licensing authority, whereas the county regulates the land use process of determining whether or not the potential cannabis cultivator has met the ordinance conditions and approves (through the land use permit process) the use of the land for such purposes.

Stacking

Stacking of licenses was at first prohibited due to county process, but given the County Cannabis Program has matured, it is proposed to allow more than one 10,000 square foot license and still comply

with the EIR. Proposed that “stacked” operations will apply for a use permit (DUP or CUP). Stacking will not be permitted in established Opt-Out Zones that specifically prohibit expansion.

Establish methodology and standards

Ordinance updates are proposed to include a methodology for verifying odor complaints and quantifying odors using an olfactometer.

CCVs to Buffer zones

The concept of buffer zones is being proposed to replace the current Commercial Cultivation Variance process (CCV), buffer zones would provide the same setback (buffer) requirements as currently established.

Establish a formal opt-out/ opt-in process including establishment of overlay zone(s)

A formal opt-out/ opt-in process will be established as part of the ordinance updates.

Denial/ Revocation

Updates will be made to the Denial/ Revocation section.

Enforcement

An enforcement section will be added to create a more robust framework to ensure ongoing compliance.

Timeline for initial public input

- First Draft Ordinance distributed to public no later than 9/18/23.
- Public workshops 9/26/23 & 9/27/23 (times and location to be finalized)

Please submit comments via email to cannabis.ordinance@trinitycounty.org