



# SONOMA COUNTY CANNABIS ORDINANCE OVERVIEW

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**SONOMA COUNTY CANNABIS**

# SONOMA COUNTY CANNABIS ORDINANCE GOALS

- Protect Health, Safety, and Environment
- Provide Safe Access to Medicine
- Provide Regulatory Path for Industry
- Allow Existing Agriculture to Diversify
- Create Bright Line for Enforcement



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# PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Town Hall Meetings
  - 5 total, 600-1,000 attended
- Survey (1,100 responded)
- Social Media Updates



- Website
- Project Email
- Email List
- 4 Planning Commission Meetings
- Board of Supervisors



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# SONOMA COUNTY CANNABIS ORDINANCES



- Adopted Land Use, Health, and Tax Ords (Dec 2016)
- Measure A: Cannabis Business Tax (March 2017)
- Permit Application Acceptance (July 2017)

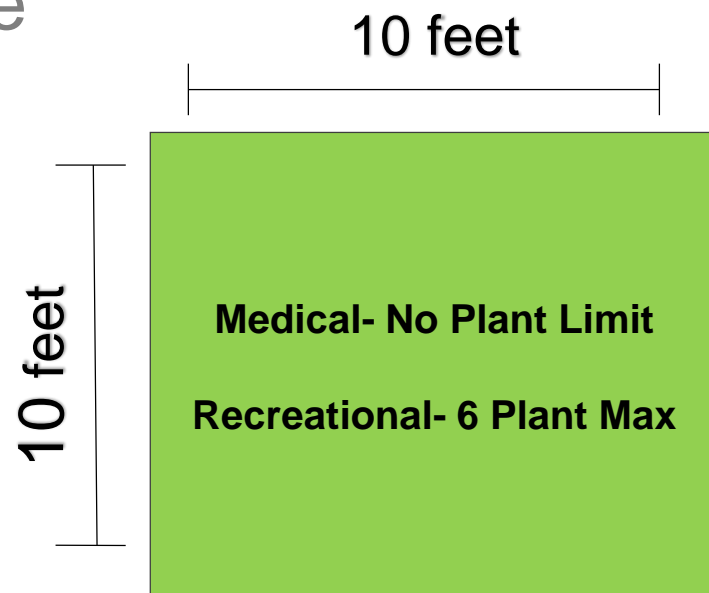


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# Personal Cultivation

- 100 sq. ft. per residence
- 6 plant limit on nonmedical (Prop 64)
- No outdoor in multi-family, R2, R3
- Landlord approval required
- Shall not be visible



# Commercial Cannabis Permitting Standards

- Annual Permits
- Multiple Operators Allowed
- Priority Processing for Local Applicants
- Transition Period
- Standards

No....

- Recreational
- Residential
- Volatile Manufacturing
- Events/Tasting



1,000 ft from sensitive uses



300 ft from occupied residences and business



100 feet from property lines



# Workshop Series

1. Sonoma County Cannabis Program Overview
2. Cultivation 101
3. Ordinance Standards and BMP Compliance
4. Water and Wastewater
5. Cultivation Infrastructure
6. Manufacturing
7. Dispensaries
8. Energy
9. Taxation
10. Security



# WHAT CHANGED JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>?

- State Licensing Required
- New Regulations
- No Changes to County Ordinances Yet





# CANNABIS PROGRAM: 2018

- Transition Period End: June 1, 2018
- Harmonization with State Regulations
- Inclusion/Exclusion Zones
- Recreational?



# CANNABIS PERMITTING UPDATE

- 137 applications submitted as of 1/22/18
  - Most are a Combination of Cultivation
  - 10 Manufacturing
  - 5 Distributors
  - 2 Labs
  - 3 Pending Dispensaries
    - (5 Operating/Approved)
- Dry Creek Area Applications
  - Wallace Creek Rd, 1 acre cultivation
  - Mill Creek Ln, 2,400 sq ft cultivation



# Cannabis Code Enforcement



- Cannabis Ordinance Enforcement Tools
  - Civil Penalties
  - Administrative Citations
  - Three Strikes Penalty
  - Liens
- Over 500 cases since Ordinance adoption
  - 60% in Rural Residential areas
  - 130 have been closed
  - 7 destroyed by fire

Violation	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Exceedance of Allowed	\$20 per sf	\$30 per sf	\$50 per sf
Non-compliance	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Unpermitted Cannabis Use	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000



# Questions



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