

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL June 4, 2019; 6:00 p.m.

## Amendments to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Goleta City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adopting amendments to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (Case No.: 18-135-ORD). The date, time, and location of the public hearing is set forth below. The agenda and staff report for the hearing will be posted on the City website (www.cityofgoleta.org).

HEARING DATE AND TIME: PLACE:

Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. City of Goleta, Council Chambers 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B Goleta, California 93117

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The amended regulations would apply citywide, including the area of the City within the Coastal Zone.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City has an adopted Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (Ord. No. 18-03) that allows for and regulates a range of cannabis uses throughout the City. With direction given during a Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Workshop held by the City Council on January 23, 2019, a recommendation hearing before the Planning Commission on March 11, 2019, and a hearing in front of the City Council on April 16, 2019, the City Council will consider several amendments to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance, including:

- Eliminating zoning permit requirements for cannabis businesses in the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and relying on the recently adopted Cannabis Business License Ordinance (Ord. No. 19-07) to ensure implementation of standards and requirements.
- Adopting buffers for storefront retail cannabis uses near sensitive receptors, including residential land uses, schools, and the Goleta Valley Community Center.
- Adopting a greater separation requirement between storefront retail cannabis uses.
- Allowing non-storefront cannabis retailers in the Regional Commercial (C-R) and Community Commercial (C-C) land use designations.
- Reducing the storefront cannabis retail use cap.
- Allowing storefront cannabis retailers in General Industrial (I-G) land use designations only in locations where a cannabis dispensary was located prior to June 16, 2009, the date of the City's former ban on cannabis businesses.
- Allowing cannabis distribution in Business Park (I-BP) land use designations but limiting the floor area of each licensed distributor to a maximum of 30,000 square feet per parcel.
- Allowing cannabis microbusiness licensing in I-G and Service Industrial (I-S) land use designations without storefront cannabis retailers, except for existing storefronts.
- Allowing cannabis microbusiness licensing in General Commercial (C-G) land use designations only where a cannabis business legally existed prior to June 16, 2009.
- Deleting standards that have been moved to the recently adopted Cannabis Business License Ordinance.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15061(b)(3) this proposed, amended Ordinance is exempt from CEQA because there is no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. In addition, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15060(c), the proposed amended Ordinance is not subject to CEQA because the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (see §15060(c)(2)) and because the project does not qualify as a "project" for the purposes of CEQA because the Ordinance does not result in

either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (see §15060(c)(3) and §15378(a)).

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The staff report may be obtained at the City of Goleta, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117 and on the City's web site at www.cityofgoleta.org at least 72 hours ahead of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to present written and/or oral comments. Written submittals concerning agenda items may be sent to the City Clerk Group e-mail: cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org; or mail: Attn: City Council and City Clerk at 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B Goleta, California 93117. In order to be disseminated to the City Council for consideration during the Council meeting, written information must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than Monday at noon prior to the City Council meeting. Material received after this time may not be reviewed by the City Council prior to the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Additional information is on file at the Planning and Environmental Review Department, Goleta City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117. Contact Anne Wells at (805) 961-7557 or awells@cityofgoleta.org for more information regarding the project or visit http://www.cityofgoleta.org/projects-programs/studies-and-other-projects/cannabis-regulations. [Para información en español, por favor llame Sr. Jaime Valdez, (805) 961-7568.]

**Note:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 961-7505. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable City staff to make reasonable arrangements

**Note**: If you challenge the City's final action on this project in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City on or before the date of the hearing (Government Code §65009[b][2]).

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