



CANNABIS AD HOC COMMITTEE



PUBLIC MEETING

APRIL 25, 2017



Agenda

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- **Introduction**
- **Fees and Taxation**
- **Land Use Permitting**
- **Business Licensing**
- **Public Comment**





Ground Rules

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Introductions

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- ❑ **First District Supervisor**
- ❑ **Fifth District Supervisor**
- ❑ **Agricultural Commissioner**
- ❑ **County Counsel**
- ❑ **District Attorney**
- ❑ **Executive Office**
- ❑ **Planning & Development**
- ❑ **Public/Environmental Health**
- ❑ **Sheriff Office**
- ❑ **Tax Collector**



Background

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- Medical cannabis cultivation banned since January 2016 with two limited exceptions
- Non-medical cannabis activities now banned temporarily while regulations are developed
- Registry program for existing and intended operations is now operational through June 30th
- Board appointed Ad Hoc Subcommittee has been meeting regularly since March 2nd
- Looking at three elements: land-use permitting, business licensing, and taxation



Registry

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- ❑ **Collect Data**
- ❑ **Inform Studies**
- ❑ **Establish Pool of Registrants**
- ❑ **Possible Priority Review of Permits**
- ❑ **Open until June 30, 2017**

<https://secure.countyofsb.org/cannabis/registration>



What is the difference between permitting and licensing?

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- **Land-use permitting specifies:**
 - Where you can engage in cannabis operations
 - How you must conduct your cannabis operations
- **Business licensing specifies:**
 - Who is involved in cannabis operations
 - What cannabis activities are allowed



Fees and Taxes

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- **Fees are collected for licensing & permitting activities**
 - ▣ Based on cost of reviewing the license or permit

- **Taxes can be collected on cannabis operations**
 - ▣ Requires voter approval
 - ▣ Special tax or general tax



Current Medical Marijuana Regs

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- **Allowed**
 - ▣ Personal medical cultivation less than 100 square feet
 - ▣ Medicinal cannabis cultivation (legal nonconforming)
 - Established prior to January 19, 2016
 - Compliant with existing state laws
- **To Maintain Legal Nonconforming Status**
 - ▣ The land activity or buildings cannot have been enlarged or changed in footprint



Cannabis Land Use Ordinance

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- **Planning and Development**
 - ▣ Developing Regulations
 - Where various activities are allowed
 - Conditions of approval
 - ▣ Conducting CEQA Environmental Analysis
 - Analyze effects of regulations
 - Mitigate detrimental impacts
 - ▣ Developing Permit Paths
 - LUP, CDP, MCUP, or CUP



Types of Cannabis Land Uses

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- **Land Uses**
 - ▣ Cultivation
 - ▣ Manufacturing
 - Non-volatile
 - Volatile
 - ▣ Testing
 - ▣ Retail/Dispensary
 - ▣ Other
 - Distribution
 - Microbusiness Cultivation



Proposed Timeframe

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- June
 - Approve Contract for Consultant
 - Publish the Notice of Preparation for the EIR
 - Hold Public Scoping Meetings
- September
 - Publish Draft EIR
 - Hold EIR Public Meeting
- November
 - Publish Final EIR
- December
 - Planning Commissions' Review
- February
 - Board of Supervisors Adoption



Business Licensing

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□ **County currently licenses certain businesses**

- ▣ General licensing outlined in Chapter 22
- ▣ Examples of specific licensing requirements:
 - Tobacco retailers outlined in Chapter 37A
 - Vendors and peddlers outlined in Chapter 30
 - Second hand dealers outlined in Chapter 26A
 - Sales of Firearms outlined in Chapter 14B
 - Filming outlined in Chapter 14C

□ **Licensing regulations include**

- ▣ Application process, licensing standards & fees
- ▣ Conditions required for license
- ▣ Renewals, denials, delinquency & appeals process



Discussion



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- **What are your suggestions...**
 - ▣ What operations should be licensed?
 - ▣ Who should qualify as an applicant?
 - ▣ What limits should be placed on licenses?
 - ▣ What limits should be placed on land use permits? Conditions?
 - ▣ Where should operations be allowed or prohibited?
 - ▣ Other thoughts...?





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- Visit our website at:
<http://www.countyofsb.org/cannabis-committee.sbc>
- Send your public comments on the future of cannabis operations to:
cannabisinfo@countyofsb.org

