

**RESOLUTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**Resolution Number: 26-034**

**Records Number: PLN-2019-16088**

**Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 522-051-003-000**

**Resolution by the Zoning Administrator of the County of Humboldt certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and denying the Matthew Penner Zoning Certificate Clearance and Special Permit.**

**WHEREAS, Matthew Penner**, submitted an application on December 27, 2019, for a Zoning Clearance Certificate for 5,200 square feet of existing outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation and a Special Permit to reduce the 600-foot setback to public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant was generally unresponsive to requests for information necessary to review and analyze the proposed application; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines (projects which are disapproved); and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Zoning Administrator held a duly-noticed public hearing on January 15, 2026, and reviewed, considered, and discussed the application for a Conditional Use Permit, and reviewed and considered all evidence and testimony presented at the hearing.

**Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Zoning Administrator makes all the following findings:

- 1. FINDING:**                      **Project Description:** Denial of a Zoning Clearance Certificate for 5,200 square feet of existing outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation and a Special Permit to reduce the 600-foot setback to public lands.

**EVIDENCE:**      a) Project Files: PLN-2019-16088

- 2. FINDING:**                      **CEQA.** The requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act have been complied with. The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA as it is a project which is not approved.

**EVIDENCE:**      a) Section 15270 of the CEQA Guidelines

## FINDINGS FOR ZONING CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE AND SPECIAL PERMIT

3. **FINDING:** The proposed development is not consistent with the requirements of the CMMLUO Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

**EVIDENCE:** a) Additional information necessary to determine consistency with the ordinance has not been submitted. Requests for information were sent to the applicant, and the County did not receive the requested information. Correspondence on file with the applicant indicated that unless a response was received the application would be prepared for hearing with the information currently available in the file, which would likely result in a recommendation of denial. No response has been received to date.

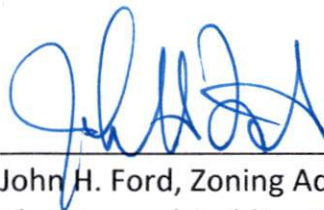
## DECISION

**NOW, THEREFORE,** based on the above findings and evidence, the Humboldt County Zoning Administrator does hereby:

- Adopt the findings set forth in this resolution; and
- **Deny** the Zoning Clearance Certificate and Special Permit for Matthew Penner based upon the Findings and Evidence; and

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on **January 15, 2026**.

I, John H. Ford, Zoning Administrator of the County of Humboldt, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the action taken on the above-entitled matter by said Zoning Administrator at a meeting held on the date noted above.



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John H. Ford, Zoning Administrator,  
Planning and Building Department