

UL-P19.

**Cannabis Cultivation.** Cultivation of medical cannabis shall be regulated by ordinance to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the community, but shall not interfere with a patient's right to medical cannabis.

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#### 4.3.4 Standards

UL-IM12.

**Cannabis Cultivation and Dispensary Ordinance.** Develop an ordinance for medical cannabis cultivation and dispensing that protects health, safety and welfare and ensures the cultivation and dispensing sites are compatible with neighboring uses.

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G-S5.

**Planning Advisory Committees.** Planning Advisory Committees (PAC) may be created to help educate and facilitate public participation, and review and prepare recommendations concerning updates and special or technical planning matters that may have countywide significance. Such PAC's should:

- A. Be established and appointed, subject to Board concurrence, by the Planning Commission;
- B. Report directly to the Commission;
- C. Be charged with a specific list of tasks and a schedule for completion;
- D. Not be created as a standing committee; and
- E. Be composed of lay citizens and technical advisors.

G-S6.

**Community Advisory Committees.** Community Advisory Committees (CAC's) should be created to review and prepare recommendations on planning matters that affect their individual communities. Such CAC's should:

- A. Be formed in the community;
- B. Be representative of the community make-up, report on the selection process used to form the CAC and be confirmed by the Board based on a recommendation by the Commission;
- C. contain not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members;
- D. Adhere to common CAC organizational guidelines adopted by the Board;
- E. In cooperation with County staff, direct all comments and questions on planning matters to the Planning Commission; CAC's will be provided County staff for answering questions, and making recommendations to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors;
- F. Establish a work program, regular meeting schedule and completion date;
- G. Prepare a map showing the limits of the community's area of interest and all such limits should be approved by the Planning Commission;
- H. Designate a contact person who will communicate with the Planning Commission and inform the public;
- I. Hold local workshops and public meetings to receive public comments.
- J. Educate the public about its community plan and other planning programs that affect the community;
- K. Provide a forum for citizen comments, and provide a mechanism for relaying those comments to the Planning Commission;

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

Good morning I am Thomas Mulder CEO of Humboldt Redwood Healing and an active community member. I come before you today to ask you to support the cannabis industry and make it one we as a community can look forward to passing to the next generation. People move to areas for stability and the ability to provide for their families and the next generation. We have seen an influx over the generations but I am concerned of a mass exodus of great community minded individuals if something isn't done immediately.

Measure S is one thing that is breaking some families , yes they are "pre existing" farms but they didn't have the benefit of the interim permit through the growing season as many cultivated through the season with the institutional fear we have all grown up with especially with DFW cutting down a few farms that were "in the process" last season. One "new" farm that in my opinion still was able to fully utilize the growing season got roughly a 38% discount which was just over \$116k . They were able to operate without that fear unlike many current interim permit holders. So if that discount is good for one farm it should be good for all farms or simply back charge and have all farms pay the full price like the interims issued in December are being billed. Another possible solution is work with farms and give them up to a 6 month grace period for the tax penalties and if they don't pay retroactively implement those existing fee structures. Another possible Carrot would be give up to a 15% tax credit if the farmer can show proof of fixing existing culverts or environmental issues associated with their farm over the next year with proof of the cost to match the discount . This would help alleviate DFW concerns and farmers cash strapped concerns as well as improve the environment.

We as an industry need to demand elected officials and county paid staff to support and respect this industry. Two examples of that not happening are , our DA has had a case of a "white collar" crime committed on this industry since 2016 and has yet to prosecute that individual. The second which I've patiently waited for an apology for is more frustrating . Our county council Openly down talks our industry and speaks as if we don't pay taxes in an interview with KMUD. Many farmers such as myself have been paying all taxes associated with that business as well as sales tax since our corporations were formed. We aren't "complaining about taxes" we just want equality if one can get a 38% reduction then all should. It is wrong of any staff member to lump all people unregulated and regulated into one group. County officials and employees need to embrace this industry if the county wants to see it succeed.

Some have done Just that since 2015 the ag commission has never once made me feel unsupported. The building/planning department works with me and treats me as a regular business as well as environmental health and sheriff Honsal. I believe it is time you demand your employees and we demand our elected officials for equality, respect and support of this industry.

Thank you.

Thomas Mulder

