

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

Resolution Number: 26-014

Records Number: PLN-12005-SP

Assessor's Parcel Number: 222-251-004-000

Resolution by the Zoning Administrator of the County of Humboldt certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and denying the Empire Pharms, LLC Special Permit.

WHEREAS, Empire Pharms, LLC, submitted an application on December 19, 2016, for a Special Permit for existing cannabis cultivation of outdoor 1,500 square foot, mixed light 6,200 square foot, and indoor 2,000 square foot; 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 Special Permit for existing cannabis cultivation of outdoor 1,500 square foot, mixed light 6,200 square foot, and indoor 2,000 square foot;

EVIDENCE: a) Project Files: PLN-12005-SP

- 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

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- 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 Special Permit for Empire Pharms, LLC, 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.



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