

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

Resolution Number: 24-

Records Number: PLN-12097-ZCC

Assessor's Parcel Number: 304-061-060

Resolution by the Zoning Administrator of the County of Humboldt certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and denying the CG Pods Zoning Clearance Certificate.

WHEREAS, CG Pods, submitted an application on December 20, 2016, for a Zoning Clearance Certificate for new 9,500 square-feet (sf) mixed light commercial cannabis cultivation operation. The applicant proposes two (2) cultivation cycles per annum. In addition, up to 950 sf ancillary propagation area is proposed within an existing on-site accessory building. Annual projected water use is 100,000 gallons (9.6 gallons per square foot including ancillary propagation area) and is sourced from a permitted well. Water storage totals 10,000 gallons. Processing is proposed to occur off-site at a licensed third-party processing facility until the applicant is able to retrofit an existing structure to commercial standards. Power is supplied by PG&E and solar panels.; 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 November 21, 2024, 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:** A Zoning Clearance Certificate for new 9,500 square-feet (sf) mixed light commercial cannabis cultivation operation. The applicant proposes two (2) cultivation cycles per annum. In addition, up to 950 sf ancillary propagation area is proposed within an existing on-site accessory building. Annual projected water use is 100,000 gallons (9.6 gallons per square foot

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EVIDENCE: a) Project Files: PLN-12097-ZCC

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

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 for CG Pods, based upon the Findings and Evidence; and

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on **November 21, 2024**.

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