

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings for the Meeting of May 12, 2026**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26 – 51**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
REVOKING RICARDO VARGAS ZONING CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE, RECORD NUMBER PLN-  
2022-17642 FOR APN 221-131-023**

**WHEREAS**, On, February 18, 2022, Ricky Vargas submitted an application for a Zoning Clearance Certificate for cannabis cultivation on APN 221-131-023; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2022, the permit was approved for an existing 2,000 square feet of outdoor cannabis cultivation; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2025, Board of Supervisors directed the Planning and Building Department to schedule revocation hearings for all permits that had not entered a payment plan and still owed Measure S taxes as of December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, this permit holder has unpaid Measure S taxes of \$220.00 and did NOT establish a payment plan for those taxes owed; and

**WHEREAS**, a letter was sent to the permit holder on January 28, 2026, notifying them that the permit had been suspended for unpaid Measure S taxes, and that the permit was being scheduled for revocation by the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, the January 28, 2026, letter identified that if the Measure S taxes were paid by March 31, 2026, the permit would be removed from the agenda for consideration of permit revocation; and

**WHEREAS**, the required Measure S taxes had not been paid by March 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors held a duly-noticed public hearing on May 12, 2026, and reviewed, considered, and discussed the revocation for this Zoning Clearance Certificate and reviewed and considered all public testimony and evidence presented at the hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors makes all the following findings:

- 1. FINDING:**                    **Project Description:** Revocation of a Zoning Clearance Certificate for cannabis cultivation on APN 221-131-023 for lack of payment of

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processing costs and not addressing the Measure S obligations associated with the permit.

**EVIDENCE:** a) Project File: PLN-2022-17642

b) Humboldt County Code Section 312-14.2 allows revocation of a permit when the permit has been exercised contrary to the terms and conditions of the permit or in violation of any statute, code section law or regulation.

**2. FINDING:** **CEQA:** The requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act have been complied with as this action is exempt from environmental review.

**EVIDENCE:** a) CEQA Guidelines Section 15321 exempts enforcement actions by a regulatory agency including actions to revoke permits.

**3. FINDING:** The permit has been exercised contrary to the terms and conditions of approval and/or in violation of the County Code.

**EVIDENCE:** a) Section 55.4.11 (a) of the Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance states: *Cannabis cultivation and other commercial cannabis activity shall be conducted in compliance with all laws...*

b) Section 55.4.3.8 of the Humboldt County Code states “*Zoning clearance certificates and permits issued for commercial cannabis activities pursuant to the commercial medical marijuana land use ordinance (CMMLUO) as set forth in this section shall remain valid, and shall be governed by the terms and conditions of this section until such time as the permit is modified*” thus references to the CMMLUO are treated as sections of the Humboldt County Code for permits issued under the CMMLUO.

c) Section 719-4 of the Humboldt County code states: *In addition to any requirements imposed by Title III, each person issued a commercial marijuana cultivation permit shall pay an annual tax of one dollar (\$1.00) per square foot of outdoor cultivation area, two dollars (\$2.00) per square foot of mixed-light cultivation area or three dollars (\$3.00) per square foot of indoor cultivation area.* The permit holder

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is responsible for paying the taxes imposed under this section of the code.

- d) The permit holder has failed to pay required Measure S taxes as outlined in Humboldt County Code This sum currently amounts to \$220.00.

**4. FINDING:** Notice of this hearing was given as required by Section 312-14.2.6 of the Humboldt County Code and Section 65091 of the California Government Code.

- EVIDENCE:**
- a) A Notice of Revocation Hearing was sent to the permit holder's address on record on April 22, 2026, by certified, return requested mail, as required by Section 312-14.2.6 of the Humboldt County Code.
- b) A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the permit holder, property owner and agent, and all property owners and occupants of record within 300 feet and was published in the local newspaper on April 22, 2026, as required by Section 65091 of the California Government Code.

**DECISION**

**NOW, THEREFORE,** based on the above findings and evidence, the Board of Supervisors does hereby:

- a. Revoke the Zoning Clearance Certificate for APN 221-131-023.

The foregoing Resolution is hereby passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2026, by the following vote:

Dated: 5/12/2026



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Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, Vice Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Bushnell, Seconded by Supervisor Madrone, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: -- Arroyo, Bohn, Bushnell, and Madrone

NAYES: Supervisors: -- None

ABSENT: Supervisors: -- Wilson

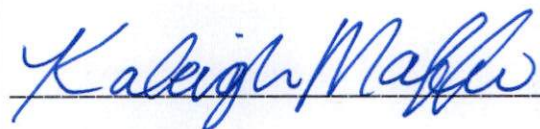
ABSTAIN: Supervisors: -- None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Humboldt

I, Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board  
of Supervisors.



Kaleigh Maffei  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California