

Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance

Cultivation Ordinance - Chapter 10A.17



Chapter 10A.17 - Mendocino Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance

This Chapter is known and may be cited as the Mendocino Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance ("MCCO"). Chapter 20.242 of the Mendocino County Code, titled Cannabis Cultivation Sites, is complementary to this Chapter and together the chapters may be cited as the Mendocino Cannabis Cultivation Regulation ("MCCR").

It is the purpose and intent of this Chapter, together with complementary regulations found in Chapter 20.242 of the Mendocino County Zoning Code, to regulate the cultivation of cannabis within the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County in a manner that is consistent with State law and which promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and businesses within those areas by balancing the needs of medical patients and their caregivers for enhanced access to medical cannabis, the needs of neighbors and communities to be protected from public safety and nuisance impacts, and the need to limit harmful environmental impacts that are sometimes associated with cannabis cultivation.

Adoption of this Chapter will protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Mendocino by adopting regulations regarding the cultivation of cannabis by individuals consistent with the provisions of State law and a local regulatory structure that will operate in conformance with State licensing requirements for the commercial cultivation of cannabis.

All cultivation of cannabis within the County of Mendocino, except for cultivation allowed pursuant to Chapter 9.31, shall comply with the provisions of the MCCR, as well as all applicable state and local laws, regardless of whether the cultivation site existed or occurred prior to the adoption of the MCCR.

March 2024 Amendment



The introduction and first reading of the ordinance amending Chapter 10A.17 of the Mendocino County Code to further streamline the Cannabis Cultivation Business License process occurred on January 23, 2024. The second reading occurred at the February 6, 2024, Board of Supervisor's meeting. On March 8, 2024, amendments to the ordinance were officially adopted by the Mendocino County Board of

Supervisors.

Once the adopted amendments are available on MuniCode, a link will be provided here.

Please see the following documents for additional information:

- [Ordinance - Summary](#)
- [Ordinance - Redline and Highlight](#)
- [Ordinance - Clean](#)

May 2023 Amendment



On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, amendments to the ordinance were officially adopted by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors. To view the adopted amendments, please visit:

https://library.municode.com/ca/mendocino_county/ordinances/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=1218360.

On Monday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 23, the Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to Chapters 10A.17 and 20.242 of the Mendocino County Code. Please see the following documents for additional information:

- [Agenda Summary](#)
- [Ordinance – Redline and Highlight](#)
- [Ordinance – Clean](#)
- [CEQA Resolution, including Addendum and Amended MMRP](#)
- [Amended MMRP – Redline](#)

Cultivation Sites Chapter 20.242



Cannabis Cultivation Sites Chapter 20.242

This chapter 20.242 ("Chapter") is intended to provide land use regulations for the County of Mendocino where cannabis may be cultivated, subject to the limitations established of this chapter and the provisions of Mendocino County Code Chapter 10A.17, the Mendocino Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance ("MCCO"). The objective of this Chapter is to allow the cultivation of cannabis in locations that are consistent with the intent of the base zoning district and to help ensure that its cultivation and related activities will not create adverse impacts to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Mendocino.