



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
501 Low Gap Road  
Ukiah, CA 95482

April 27, 2021

## **RE: Standalone Microbusiness License Recommendations**

Honorable Supervisors,

MCA fully supports the development of a standalone Microbusiness permit.

### **General Recommendations**

1. MCA recommends that the County issue a stand-alone Microbusiness permit distinct from other activity classifications such as “cottage” or Home Occupation” activities.
2. Remove “cottage” or “home occupation” from the Microbusiness section of the ordinance.
3. Create a separate permit for Craft Cannabis which will distinguish small, high quality craft flower production from larger extraction-focused cannabis cultivation.
4. Expand zoning in which Microbusiness can occur, to all zones where cultivation is allowed.
5. Stipulate that a Microbusiness permit will not be issued to operations greater than 10,000 SF or in addition to any other license type on the same parcel, with the exception of nursery or craft permits.
6. Relieve Microbusinesses of the burden of paying business license taxes on any of the three business activities not in operation.

### **Under §20.243.030 Definitions**

1. Remove references to Home Occupation or Cottage Industry as stipulations for Microbusiness permitting.
2. Remove references to number of employees and square footage of floor space (as defined in relation to Home Occupations and Cottage industries).

### **§20.243.040 (F) Microbusinesses**

1. Add that “All Microbusiness activities must be conducted within 10,000 sf on the permitted parcel.”
2. Under (7) delete “(a) the microbusiness either (i) qualifies as a home occupation pursuant to Chapter 20.156 or (ii) is permitted as a cottage industry pursuant to Chapter 20.160; and (b)” to

read that “Notwithstanding Table 1 of Section 20.243.060, a microbusiness may be allowed in any zoning district cultivation can be permitted pursuant to the Mendocino County Code.”

3. Delete paragraph under (7) that describes Cottage and Home Occupation employee and floor space stipulations.
4. Under (8) remove “which are either a home occupation or cottage industry”.
5. Under (8) remove restrictions regarding the number of daily customers that a Microbusiness may serve.
6. Add to (9) “... and shall occur within the allotted 10,000 sf.”

Thank you for your hard work and for consideration of these important changes.

Respectfully,

Mendocino Cannabis Alliance