

SUMMARY

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE CULTIVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MENDOCINO COUNTY PENDING THE STUDY AND CONSIDERATION OF LAND USE AND OTHER REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SUCH CULTIVATION

This urgency ordinance adopts a moratorium on the cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined in the ordinance, for a period of 45 days. Under the ordinance, the cultivation of industrial hemp for any purposes is prohibited and the County shall not issue any permit, registration or approval related to industrial hemp cultivation. Cultivation of industrial hemp in violation of the ordinance constitute a public nuisance which may be enforced or abated by any means available by law, including but not limited to Mendocino County Code Chapters 1.08 and 8.76. The ordinance contains findings establishing the urgency as required by Government Code section 65858. If adopted, the ordinance will be effective for a 45-day period, which may be extended by the Board of Supervisors following notice and a public hearing.