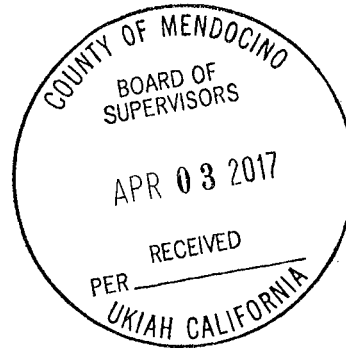


March 31, 2017

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
501 Low Gap Road, RM 1010  
Ukiah, Ca 95482



Honorable Board Members:

Thanks for your service in bringing forth this Ordinance. I live in a remote area between Willits and Covelo. All of my neighbors are at least ¼ mile away, if not more. I have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on land development projects to bring my property up to code to meet upcoming regulations. I cultivate using organic practices & plan to invest \$200,000 or more in a renewable energy system over the next two years. Sustainability is very important to me. I currently use an environmentally friendly method to ventilate my site and do not want to have to upgrade my entire facility to force air through a less efficient filtration system when there is no neighbor nearby to be bothered by any odors.

I have ridge vents that open at the top and roll-up side walls and end walls that provide natural air conditioning. This low-energy method is mutually beneficial to the environment and the crop, and there is no one around to be bothered by it. I hope you can consider adding some kind of exception for requiring filtration for people that don't have neighbors nearby, or aren't bothered by it. I have heard that State laws will require sites to be 600-1000 feet from schools and other similar facilities, so maybe a similar rule can apply here as the odor does not carry indefinitely – there is a point after which even if the air is not filtered the odor is no longer a nuisance. Appreciate your thoughtfulness in reviewing this and taking remote sites into consideration before finalizing the Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Ethan Baybutt