

Meribeth Dermond - Comments on Agenda Item 5F for Board of Supervisors Meeting May 8th 2018

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These comments relate to the proposed changes to the Cannabis Facilities Ordinance, and are structured around the memo from county staff. As such, they are numbered in order from the memo. Each item is noted as "support", "neutral", or "opposed".

1. **Medical/Adult Use References:** Support for this item.
2. **20.243.030 Definitions "Microbusiness":** Support for this item.
3. **Section 20.243.040(E) Use Classifications - Distribution:** Support for allowing the expanded distribution option, but curious why staff proposes to limit only to cannabis products grown or manufactured onsite? The regulatory costs for Distribution from the BCC (24 hour surveillance, specific and expensive premises requirements, etc) make it unpalatable for many who would like to operate a microbusiness. Limiting to only product grown onsite is counterproductive to creating economically sustainable business models that would support the community by being able to help move product from other farms.
4. **Section 20.243.040(F)(8) Use Classifications - Microbusinesses:** See comment for #3 above, same applies here.
5. **Section 20.243.040(F)(9) Use Classifications - Microbusinesses:** Oppose this recommendation as the State is expected to remove the single-premises requirement.
6. **20.243.060 Table 1(B) Permit Types and Zoning Districts - Non Storefront Retail:** Strong Support for this item.
7. **Minor Rewording:** Neutral.

Items for Consideration (Staff Memo ctnd)

8. **Section 6.36.020:** Support for an Administrative Permit process to reduce setbacks below the 1000 feet required in county ordinance. Support for removing churches from sensitive receptors list, and also for lowering the setbacks for Cannabis Facilities to 600 feet to match state requirements.
9. **Section 6.36.150(D) Temporary Cannabis Facility Business Licenses (CFBL):** Support for extending the date until December 31st, 2018.
10. **Microbusinesss- Multiple Premises:** Support for this item, and a suggestion that the County send a letter to the Bureau of Cannabis Control supporting this change.

11. **Square Footage of Home Occupations/Cottage Industry Microbusinesses:** Support for the proposed definition of square footage, and that it exclude the cultivation and processing of product cultivated onsite.
12. **Section 20.243.040(F)(2) Use Classification- Microbusinesses Without Cultivation:** Support for proposed staff process to discern what would be required for this provision to move forward.
13. **Churches as Sensitive Receptors:** Support for removing churches from the sensitive receptor list.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and for the time and effort that goes into this process!

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