

SUMMARY

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE CULTIVATION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS 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 extends the temporary moratorium on the cultivation of genetically modified organisms, as defined in the ordinance. This urgency ordinance is extending the provisions of the urgency ordinance adopted on February 26, 2019, by Ordinance No. 4426, for an additional period of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days, or until February 24, 2020. Under the ordinance, the cultivation of genetically modified organisms for any purposes is prohibited and the County shall not issue any permit, registration or approval related to the cultivation of genetically modified organisms. Cultivation of genetically modified organisms 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 8.75; if the cultivation includes genetically modified cannabis, the cultivation may be abated pursuant to Chapter 8.76. The ordinance contains findings establishing the urgency as required by Government Code section 65858.