



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
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November 11th, 2019

Re: Agenda Item 5H for 11-12-19 BOS meeting

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

The Mendocino Cannabis Alliance (MCA) has reviewed the following agenda item and has provided specific comments below. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to engage in this process.

Agenda Item 5H

Discussion and Possible Action Including (1) Introduction and Waive First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18.04 of the Mendocino County Code and Adopting by Reference, with Local Amendments, Selected Provisions, Chapters and Appendices of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, 2019 Editions of the California Building Standards Code, and Adopting Local Findings, and (2) Setting the Date of December 10, 2019, for a Noticed Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Ordinance (Sponsors: Planning and Building Services and County Counsel)

MCA looks forward to the upcoming public hearing regarding the potential adoption of the 2019 California Building Standards Codes and applicable local amendments. We will be hosting a conference call (open to the public) on Thursday, November 14, 2019, from 7-8:00 pm to receive stakeholder input regarding building permit and code requirements, and to begin discussing possible requests for additional local amendments.

Specifically, our organization is interested in how local amendments to the Codes may increase the viability of small scale agricultural operations and practices, including but not limited to: the use of buildings for post-harvest processing activities, storage of harvest material and other relevant items, permanent and temporary structures for the growing of plants, agricultural exemption, and administrative or procedural streamlining of building permit issuance processes.

We intend to explore these and other concerns which our community may have that impact cannabis cultivators as well as other small scale farmers, food producers, and cottage businesses in general. We believe that all allowable amendments which increase the viability of our local economy without causing risk to public safety or the environment should be considered.

Sincerely,

The Mendocino Cannabis Alliance