



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

April 18, 2021

Re: Agenda Item 3a – Cannabis Facilities Ordinance

Dear Chair Gjerde and Members of the Board:

The Cannabis Business of Mendocino County offers its full support for the proposed revisions to the Cannabis Facilities Ordinance to enable cannabis agritourism activities. This ordinance is nothing less than historic for our county, allowing local cannabis tours, tasting rooms, events, lodging, tasting rooms, and farmers markets. These uses will put Mendocino on the map as a unique and desirable cannabis destination, and support us building a brand for our region.

Regarding the Planning Commission's recommendations, we have feedback on two items:

D) We suggest one small edit to the language, to allow for consideration of tours of over 25 people via a minor use permit. Please see our suggested amendment below in red:

D. Modify section 20.243.040(D)(7)(b) and section 20.243.040(D)(9)(a) to reflect the following:

*Farm tours of parcels with frontage on a publicly maintained road may have up to 3 tours per week as an accessory use to the cannabis cultivation, with each tour not to exceed 25 persons. For more than 3 tours per week, **or more than 25 people per tour**, a minor use permit shall be required, which shall be under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission.*

E) We recommend aligning the setbacks in section 20.243.050(B) with State law per CCR Sec 5026(a):

A premises licensed under this division shall not be located within a 600-foot radius of a school providing instruction in kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12, day care center, or youth center that is in existence at the time the license is issued.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you to the Board, staff, and Planning Commission for bringing forward this important ordinance.

Sincerely,

Joshua Keats

President, Cannabis Business Association of Mendocino County