



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

May 25, 2021

RE: 4ak) Adoption of Ordinance Amending Mendocino County Code Chapter 6.36 and Chapter 20.243 Regarding Cannabis Facilities

Honorable Supervisors,

MCA supports the forward motion of the Facilities Ordinance Amendments. There are two items that while discussed previously have not yet been implemented and we urge you to reconsider incorporating them into the ordinance before passage.

- 1) **Cannabis Events.** MCA finds it to be inconsistent and prejudicial to restrict the sale of cannabis products at cannabis events. We recommend amending §20.243.110 (A)(5) to read:
"If a special event includes the provision of cannabis and alcohol, the sale and use of alcohol and alcohol products shall be conducted in a secure and secluded location at the event only accessible by a controlled entrance."
- 2) **Microbusiness.** We strongly recommend that the County create a stand-alone Microbusiness permit on any parcel with cultivation.
 - a. Remove "cottage" or "home occupation" from the Microbusiness section of the ordinance.
 - b. Expand zoning in which Microbusiness can occur to all zones where cultivation is allowed.
 - c. Stipulate that a Microbusiness permit will not be issued to operations greater than 10,000 SF or in addition to any other license type on the same parcel, with the exception of nursery.
 - d. Relieve Microbusinesses of the burden of paying business license taxes on any of the three business activities not in operation.

Under §20.243.030 Definitions

- a. Remove references to Home Occupation or Cottage Industry as stipulations for Microbusiness permitting.
- b. Remove references to number of employees and square footage of floor space (as defined in relation to Home Occupations and Cottage industries).

§20.243.040 (F) Microbusinesses

- a. Add that "All Microbusiness activities must be conducted within 10,000 sf on the permitted parcel."
- b. Under (7) delete "(a) the microbusiness either (i) qualifies as a home occupation pursuant to Chapter 20.156 or (ii) is permitted as a cottage industry pursuant to Chapter 20.160; and (b)" to read that "Notwithstanding Table 1 of Section 20.243.060, a microbusiness may be allowed in any zoning district cultivation can be permitted pursuant to the Mendocino County Code."

- c. Delete paragraph under (7) that describes Cottage and Home Occupation employee and floor space stipulations.
- d. Under (8) remove “which are either a home occupation or cottage industry”.
- e. Under (8) remove restrictions regarding the number of daily customers that a Microbusiness may serve.
- f. Add to (9) “... and shall occur within the allotted 10,000 sf.”

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

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