



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: Board of Supervisors**

**From:** County Counsel and Agriculture

**Meeting Date:** October 6, 2020

**Department Contact:** Jim Donnelly  
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**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 30 minutes

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Introduction and Waive First Reading of an Ordinance Adding Chapter 10A.18 - Industrial Hemp Cultivation Pilot Program to the Mendocino County Code  
(Sponsors: Agriculture and County Counsel)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance adding Chapter 10A.18 - Industrial Hemp Cultivation Pilot Program to the Mendocino County Code.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

On February 26, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted an urgency ordinance, Ordinance No. 4426, establishing a temporary moratorium on industrial hemp cultivation. On April 9, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted an extension of the moratorium by Ordinance No. 4430. On September 20, 2019, the Board of Supervisors referred the development of an industrial hemp cultivation ordinance to the Cannabis Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee. On February 4, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted a second extension of the moratorium by Ordinance No. 4458.

**Summary of Request:**

Since September 2019, the Cannabis Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee has worked with staff and stakeholders in the community to consider options for a limited pilot program for industrial hemp cultivation. Staff has prepared an ordinance for the consideration of the Board of Supervisors. This item was originally agenzized for March 24, 2020, but due to the COVID-19 emergency was rescheduled for October 2020.

Please see the attached memorandum for additional information. If adopted, the current moratorium on industrial hemp cultivation would be terminated.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Provide alternative direction.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

source of funding: n/a

current f/y cost: n/a

annual recurring cost: n/a

budget clarification: n/a

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

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CEO Liaison: Sarah Dukett, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Choose an item.

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: OCTOBER 7, 2020

Final Status: Approved

