



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Counsel and Agriculture

Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 15 Min.

Agenda Title:

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

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt 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. Intro and waive reading occurred on October 6, 2020.

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:

Do not adopt Ordinance and 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

CEO Liaison: Sarah Dukett, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: October 21, 2020

Final Status: **Adopted**

Executed Item Type: **Ordinance** Number:
4471

