



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: General Government Standing Committee

From: Supervisor Haschak

Meeting Date: July 31, 2023

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Time Allocated: 30 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request that Staff Include a Five (5) Year Renewal Cycle for Cannabis Cultivation Permits as Part of Future General Government Committee Cannabis Ordinance Update Item

(Sponsor: Supervisor Haschak)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Request that staff include five (5) year renewal cycle for cultivation permits as part of future GGC Cannabis Ordinance update item.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

County Code 10A.17.090 and various other locations in the Cannabis Cultivation ordinance were approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Summary of Request/Referral:

Efforts have been made to streamline Ordinance 10A.17. A second round of changes are forecasted to take place this summer. One item which needs to be reconsidered is the annual renewal of permits. If a permit is in good standing and isn't a change in size or type, the renewal period should be increased to every 5 years.

Currently, applications for cannabis cultivation need to be renewed annually as stated in 10A.17.090 (see below). When the permit is in good standing and has not changed in size or type, this renewal process is an unnecessary bureaucratic step. Permits in good standing should require the minimal amount of review and that the renewal take place every 5 years. This would decrease the amount of fees paid by the cultivator, decrease the time and staffing required of staff, and allow the Mendocino Cannabis Department to focus on more pressing issues.

There are notations in 10A.17 in various sections referring to annual renewals. 10A.17.070(H)(1), 10A.17.090 and others.

Direction should be given to staff to find applicable references and change these as needed to streamline the ordinance. This could be done in coordination with the second round of edits to the ordinance which is forecasted to take place later this summer

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: Fees may need to be modified-
Current expense reduction of approx. \$500,000 annually

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: July 31, 2023

Final Status: Approved

