

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND
PUBLIC HEARING FOR
A MEDICAL CANNABIS LAND USE ORDINANCE AND
INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

WHO: The County of Sonoma is proposing a Medical Cannabis Land Use Ordinance to consider a range of land uses related to the cannabis industry. **PRMD File No. ORD15-0005.**

WHAT: The proposed land use Zoning Ordinance would permit cannabis uses consistent with the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, including cultivation (both personal and commercial), nurseries, laboratories, manufacturing, distribution, transportation, and to amend the existing code sections related to dispensaries. The proposed changes affect all zoning districts countywide. Additional combining zones to either exclude or include cannabis uses are also being considered to provide flexibility to ensure land use compatibility.

The Sonoma County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the proposed cannabis ordinance. All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments.

The potential impacts of the proposed ordinance have been analyzed and an Initial Study and Negative Declaration are available for review at the address below. The Negative Declaration finds that the proposed Ordinance will not have any significant impacts.

**WHERE &
WHEN:**

An informational public workshop will be held on **Thursday, October 6, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Glaser Center located at 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa.**

The Planning Commission public hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 1:05 p.m. in the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa. Additional meetings at the Planning Commission are scheduled for October 27th and November 3rd.**

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the matter at a later date and will be publically noticed at that time.

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION:**

The Negative Declaration will be available at PRMD, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa and the following website: <http://www.sonomacounty.ca.gov/cannabis> on October 1, 2016. The draft ordinance, staff report and other related materials will be available at the address and website above on October 5, 2016.

The public review period for the Negative Declaration is October 1- 30, 2016.

HOW TO

GET INVOLVED: To provide comments or ask questions on the proposed Medical Cannabis Land Use Ordinance, you may email Cannabis@sonoma-county.org. The project planner, Amy Lyle, is also available at amy.lyle@sonoma-county.org or by phone at (707) 565-7389.

Written comments may be submitted prior to, or at the hearing. Please submit written materials prior to the hearing date so that it can be distributed and considered by the Planning Commission.

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to PRMD at or prior to the public hearing.

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