

# ***Cannabis Land Use Penalty Relief (Transition Period) Application***

**PURPOSE:** A key goal of the Sonoma County Cannabis Program is to bring existing operators into the regulated market. Recognizing this goal, the Board adopted a Land Use Penalty Relief Program on May 23, 2017, creating a transition period to allow qualifying medical cannabis businesses to come into compliance with the new regulations. Cannabis businesses which meet the program's requirements may avoid land use fines while their permit applications are being reviewed, while they find a new location for their operation, or otherwise work to bring their operations into compliance with the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance.

In order to qualify for the transition period and penalty relief, operators must complete this form, fall into one of the categories below, operate in compliance with the operating requirements listed, and submit initial and/or complete applications by the applicable due date. Cannabis operations may still be subject to other penalties such as building, grading, etc. The transition period ends on Jan 1, 2018.

**Table 1: Penalty Relief (Transition Period) Operator Qualifications and Compliance Requirements**

<b>Operator Status</b>	<b>Existing Operators (Non-permit-eligible)</b>	<b>Existing Operators (Permit-eligible)</b>	<b>Current Operators (Permit-eligible)</b>
<b>Operation Start</b>	Prior to January 1,	Prior to January 1, 2016	Prior to July 1, 2017
<b>Initial Application Requirements</b>	None	All permit requirements except: 1. Biotic assessment 2. Hydro-geologic study 3. Issued Regional Water Board (RWB) permit	All permit requirements due, unless applicant can show that biotic assessment, hydro-geologic study, or Regional Board NOI were infeasible.
<b>Initial Application Due Date</b>	N/A	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2017
<b>Complete Application Due Date (With Biotic Assessment, Hydro-Geologic Study &amp; Regional Board NOI)</b>	N/A	January 1, 2018	
<b>Operating Requirements</b>	1.No increase in cultivation area (if applicable) 2.Compliance with Operating Standards 3.Compliance with Best Management Practices 4.Tax Compliance		



**Penalty Relief Application**

Type of Cannabis Operation (i.e. cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Status (Existing or Current as described in the table above): \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Eligible Location? Yes No

Date of application submittal (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

File Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Location (Site Address and Parcel Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate start date of the existing or current operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Cultivation area (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Below:

\_\_\_\_ I certify that operation is in compliance with the operating standards.

\_\_\_\_ I certify that the operation is in compliance with the Best Management Practices.

\_\_\_\_ I certify that I understand that I am responsible to pay taxes as required in the Cannabis Business Tax ordinance.

\_\_\_\_ I understand providing false or misleading information in the permitting process will result in rejection of the application and/or nullification or revocation of any issued permit.

\_\_\_\_ I affirm I am the authorized owner, operator, or sole proprietor.

Print Operator/Applicant Name Below:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I \_\_\_\_\_ authorize entry by the agency having jurisdiction and its contractors onto any and all areas where the cannabis operation is occurring under this application at all reasonable times to determine whether I am in compliance with the above listed requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Operator/Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

