CHAPTER 26 OF THE SONOMA COUNTY CODE

I. Amendments to Definitions (Section 26-02-140)

Cannabis: All parts of the plant Cannabis sativa Linnaeus, Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, or any other strain or varietal of the genus Cannabis that may exist or hereafter be discovered or developed whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. "Cannabis" also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. "Cannabis" does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination. For the purpose of this section, "cannabis" does not mean "industrial hemp" as defined by Section 81000 of the California Food and Agricultural Code or Section 11018.5 of the California Health and Safety Code Chapter 37 of the Sonoma County Code, or the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other product. Cannabis is classified as an agricultural product separately from other agricultural crops.

Industrial hemp or hemp: has the same meaning as that term is defined by Chapter 37 of the Sonoma County Code.

Agricultural Processing: means the act of changing an agricultural product from its natural state to a different form, as grapes to wine, apples to juice or sauce, agricultural crops to extracted oils, etc.

Crop production: The commercial growing and harvesting of agricultural crops including horticultural or ornamental shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, industrial hemp, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops or agricultural commodities, except for cannabis or other controlled substances, which shall be defined and classified separately.

II. Amendments to Zoning Districts

A. Industrial hemp production allowed – clarifying changes

The following Subsections of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code are amended for Permitted Uses as follows:
“Outdoor crop production including wholesale nurseries, for growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, industrial hemp, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops other than cannabis, conducted and maintained in compliance with Article 65, RC Riparian Corridor Combining Zone;”

“Indoor crop production including wholesale nurseries for growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, industrial hemp, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops other than cannabis, in greenhouses or similar structures less than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet, conducted and maintained in compliance with Article 65, RC Riparian Corridor Combining Zone;”

“Indoor growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, industrial hemp, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops other than cannabis, in greenhouse or similar structures less than eight hundred (800) square feet, conducted and maintained in compliance with Article 65, RC Riparian Corridor Combining Zone;”

“The growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, industrial hemp, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops, including wholesale nurseries, conducted and maintained in compliance with Article 65, RC Riparian Corridor Combining Zone”

“The outdoor growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, industrial hemp, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops”
The following Subsections of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code are amended for Uses Permitted with a Use Permit:

**Section 26-10-020(h) – RRD Resources and Rural Development**
**Section 26-16-020(d) – AR Agriculture and Residential**

“Indoor growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, industrial hemp, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops other than cannabis, in greenhouses or similar structures of eight hundred (800) square feet or more, conducted and maintained in compliance with Article 65, RC Riparian Corridor Combining Zone”

**B. Industrial hemp production prohibited**

The following Subsections of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code are amended for Permitted Uses as follows:

**Section 26-18-010(e) – RR Rural Residential**

“Outdoor crop production including wholesale nurseries, for growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, trees, vines, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops, other than cannabis and industrial hemp, conducted and maintained in compliance with Article 65, RC Riparian Corridor Combining Zone”

**Section 26-18-010 (g) – RR Rural Residential**

“Indoor growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops, other than cannabis and industrial hemp, in greenhouse or similar structures less than eight hundred (800) square feet, conducted and maintained in compliance with Article 65, RC Riparian Corridor Combining Zone”

**Section 26-20-010(g) – R1 Low Density Residential**
**Section 26-22-010(i) – R2 Medium Density Residential**
**Section 26-24-010(i) – R3 High Density Residential**

“The outdoor growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops, other than cannabis and industrial hemp”

**Section 26-26-030(g)(2) – PC Planned Community**

“The growing and harvesting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees, vines, fruits, vegetables, hay, grain and similar food and fiber crops, including wholesale nurseries, but **
excluding cannabis and industrial hemp, conducted and maintained in compliance with Article 65, RC Riparian Corridor Combining Zone”