

Sonoma County Cannabis Zoning

Retail Facilities are allowed at	C1 C2 LC
Distribution Facilities are allowed at	MP M1 M2
Cultivation Facilities are allowed at	
Mixed light	LIA LEA DA RRD
Indoor	LIA LEA DA RRD MP M1 M2 MP
Outdoor	LIA LEA DA RRD
Manufacturing Facilities are allowed at	MP M1 M2 M3

Recommendations:

- a. Small Business, roll out plan, application, with phase in process. Submit full Microbusiness Application, with timeline to open each of the four departments
- b. Delivery should qualify as retail under microbusiness.
- c. Identify which zones may be appropriate for which type of Microbusiness combinations
- d. Consumption: (1) allow consumption onsite; (2) allow consumption in limited area on the premises

12. Processor License. In order for cultivators to process (dry, cure, trim, package) their cannabis, significant investment is required to upgrade structures, including costly infrastructure such as sprinklers and ADA restrooms. The state now offers a processor license type for cultivators to bring their cannabis to for processing. This type of business would be beneficial to the local operators who cannot afford to build processing facilities on their permitted properties.

Recommendation: Allow processing licenses on parcels zoned agricultural and industrial.

13. Clarify Permit Renewal Process and Fees. At this time, cannabis permits in Sonoma County are annual. The current ordinance does not clarify the process or costs to renew a cannabis permit. With permits starting to be issued, the uncertainty about renewal makes it difficult for businesses to develop their operations or attract investor funds. If operators are in good standing, their permits should be renewed through a less rigorous process that costs less than the initial application.

Recommendation: Provide a clear process for permit renewal that reflects a lesser amount of scrutiny and costs less due to reduced staff time.

