

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE ON THE PROCESSING OF COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION PERMITS WITHIN THE  
UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the voters of Lake County approved Measure C on cannabis cultivation within our County; and

**WHEREAS**, since legal approval of recreational cannabis in Lake County, more than 1231n 150 cannabis projects have been approved, which comprises 28% of all permitted square footage cultivation in the state of California; and

**WHEREAS**, dozens of cannabis project applications remain to be completed by the Community Development Department (CDD), many marked as incomplete having been on the list for 3 to 4 years with no activity on behalf of the applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, permitted cannabis cultivation has seen a 50% decline; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDD is in the process of drafting a proposed amendment of the cannabis ordinance in its entirety; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed redraft of the cannabis ordinance is still in progress, potentially leading to substantial changes to permissible cannabis uses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the Lake County Board of Supervisors hereby ordains as follows:

**Section One:** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake finds that:

- A. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as set forth in full and that these recitals support the adoption of this Ordinance and are relied upon by this Board for its adoption of this Ordinance.
- B. Based on the findings set forth above, the Board finds and declares that there is a need to amend its ordinance, as permitted under Government Code §25120 *et. seq.*, to prohibit the acceptance of commercial cannabis cultivation permit applications and the processing of commercial cannabis applications not deemed to be complete.

**Section Two:** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake hereby amends Chapter 21, Article 27, Section 27.13(at).1.ii.(h) of the Lake County Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“(h) Qualifications for a Minor or Major Use Permit:

*The County shall deny a minor or major use permit (permit) or the renewal of a permit if any of the following conditions apply:*

- (1) Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter, including but not limited to, any requirement imposed to protect natural resources, in-stream flow, water quality, and fish and wildlife.

(2) The applicant has failed to provide information required by the Lake County Zoning Ordinance.

(3) The applicant, property owner, or permittee has been convicted of an offense that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made, except that if the Lake County Sheriff finds that the applicant, owner, or permittee is otherwise suitable to be issued a permit, and granting the permit would not compromise public safety, the Lake County Sheriff shall conduct a thorough review of the nature of the crime, conviction, circumstances, and evidence of rehabilitation of the applicant or owner, and shall evaluate the suitability of the applicant, owner, or permittee to be issued a permit based on the evidence found through the review.

(4) The applicant has failed to submit an application which has been deemed complete prior to the effective date of the adoption of this section.

A. Chapter 21, Article 27, Section 27.13(at).1.ii.(h)(4) of this Code shall be in effect only until one of the following occurs:

(i) An ordinance enacted after the effective date of this ordinance repeals this section; or

(ii) An ordinance enacted replacing Chapter 21, Article 27, Section 27.13(at) of this Code is adopted.

B. For purposes of this section, “deemed complete” shall mean that the applicant has been notified in writing sent via certified mail by the Community Development Department that all of the requirements specified in the relevant list compiled by the County pursuant to Section 65940 of the California Government Code available at the time when the application was submitted have been met.”

**Section Three:** The Board of Supervisors independently finds and determines that this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) in that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question will have a significant impact on the environment. CEQA Review.

**Section Four:** This ordinance shall take effect on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025, and before the expiration of fifteen days after its passage, it shall be published, at least once, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Lake.

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The Foregoing Ordinance was introduced before the Board of Supervisors on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and passed by the following vote on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

By:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
LLOYD C. GUINITVANO  
County Counsel

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