BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE PRE-APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION USE PERMITS EXCEPT FOR A LIMITED NUMBER EACH MONTH

WHEREAS, the County of Lake Community Development Department is presently short-staffed with multiple pressing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department wishes to ensure that those pre-applications and applications for commercial cannabis cultivation use permits which have already been submitted as of the date this urgency ordinance is adopted are processed expeditiously whenever possible and that department believes it can additionally accommodate only a limited number of pre-applications and applications for such use permits at the present time; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lake wishes to consider how best to address the time needed for required reviews by all County departments involved in the permitting process for commercial cannabis cultivation to ensure that said process is both sufficient to address environmental impacts, reliable, and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake finds that a temporary moratorium on the un-metered processing of pre-applications and applications for commercial cannabis cultivation use permits is necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare in that approval of an un-metered flow of such applications could result in conflicts with proposed amendments to the Lake County Zoning Ordinance designed to improve said process and coordinate review among local stakeholders, while still balancing the interests of neighboring property owners and thereby compromise the adoption of such amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake hereby ordains as follows:

Section One: Pursuant to Section 65858 of the California Government Code, no preapplications or applications for use permits for commercial cannabis cultivation shall be accepted for processing during the 45 day period from _______, 2019, to _______, 2019 except as follows:

- 1. Beginning April 1, 2019, the Community Development Department shall accept, on a first-come, first-served basis, a maximum of twelve (12) preapplications for use permits for commercial cannabis cultivation each month and a maximum of twelve (12) applications for use permits for commercial cannabis cultivation each month.
- 2. For purposes of determining the point at which the maximum number of twelve (12) applications and/or twelve (12) pre-applications has been reached, the month shall begin as of April 1, 2019 and will run consecutively through the end of that month, inclusive of holidays and weekends. Should this urgency ordinance be extended beyond the 45 days noted here, each month shall begin on the first and continue through to the last day of said month.

Section Two: This moratorium shall have no force nor effect on any applications and/or pre-applications for commercial cannabis cultivation use permits which have been submitted to the Community Development Department as of the date this urgency ordinance is adopted.

Section Three: It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this interim ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

Section Four: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and no further.

1	Section Five: This ordinance shall go into effect immediately, and before the expiration of
2	fifteen days after its passage, it shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general
3	circulation printed and published in the County of Lake. Furthermore, this Ordinance shall
4	be of no further force and effect 45 days after its adoption unless extended pursuant to
5	Government Code Section 65858.
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7	The Foregoing Ordinance was introduced before the Board of Supervisors on the
8	day of, 2019, and passed by the following vote on the day
9	of, 2019.
10	AYES:
11	NOES:
12	ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:
13	COUNTY OF LAKE
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15	Chair, Board of Supervisors
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17	ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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22	APPROVED AS TO FORM: ANITA L. GRANT County Counsel
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