

# 5.5 Industrial Hemp Ordinance

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Item 5.5 - Industrial hemp ordinance

To: Moke Simon, chair

Lake County Board of Supervisors

I'm writing to register my support for the adoption of the draft industrial hemp ordinance as posted for Tuesday's agenda. I have reviewed the document, and it accurately reflects the minor amendment made at the March 17 board meeting. This ordinance is critical to creating practical site and operational standards for hemp growers, and for complying with applicable state and federal laws.

I note the companion Zoning Ordinance text amendment has been continued to April 10, if not later, presumably because of the Covid-19 emergency. This is unfortunate because it will delay the creation of the industrial hemp zoning permit process in the Community Development Department, which is prerequisite to obtaining county and state authorization to conduct hemp cultivation. I would ask the April 10 date be made certain to ensure the permit process opens in time to accommodate applications for spring planting. My understanding is that only a first reading is required prior to adoption.

On that same date, I would ask for a separate agenda item, if needed, to continue authorization for the industrial hemp ad hoc committee to meet quarterly through at least Q1 2021. This committee has been very successful in identifying and resolving technical and practical issues related to industrial hemp and cannabis cultivation, and its expertise will continue to be useful as the kinks of the new hemp ordinance are being worked out. Allowing the committee to continue its work, and to advise the board if and when fixes are needed, will help the full board to focus its time and energies on the many other pressing matters facing the county.

Thank you.

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Thank you for taking the time to develop reasonable regulations for the emerging Hemp industry. The ad-hoc committee worked in good faith for many weeks to craft a great program. As a farmer adjacent to one of the largest hemp projects in the county, I am left with only one last concern that I feel can be mitigated.

3.84-3 That speaks to pollen producing plants. Per previous discussion, greenhouse structures will be allowed for seed production. While I appreciate that HEPA or like filters will be required to prevent pollen from escaping the structure, that point is really moot since greenhouses open up the sides to regulate temperature. Thus, pollen will easily escape through means other than the filter systems. I would like to once again advocate for seed production to be indoors in fully sealed buildings that must remain sealed at all times. If language could be added to prevent the open air greenhouses from regulating via open walls, I think we would have all concerns alleviated while not forcing a farmer into a multi-million dollar buildout.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Erin McCarick, District 2 (Clearlake)

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Quick note as my laptop is having internet log jam - I support measures to ensure enough funding for Ag department to enforce and implement this ordinance

Thanks for all you all do,  
Erin McCarrick  
Clearlake