

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE 27 OF THE LAKE COUNTY CODE PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION**

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are consistent with the provisions of the Lake County General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are necessary to protect the health and safety and welfare of the County.

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments will advance the goals of the County by supporting local and emerging businesses in the county.

WHEREAS, it can be seen with certainty that these proposed amendments will have no significant affect on the environment.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Subsection (a) of Section 27.3(at)(2)(i)(b) of Chapter 21 of the Lake County Code is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

- a. The property proposed for commercial cannabis cultivation shall be enrolled with the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board or State Water Resources Control Board for water quality protection programs as of October 31, 2020, or the applicant shall provide written verification from the appropriate board that enrollment is not necessary.

**Section 2.** Subsection (g) of Section 27.3(at)(1)(ii) of Chapter 21 of the Lake County Code is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

- (g) Application for Background Clearance
  - (1) An applicant for a commercial cannabis cultivation permit shall do all of the following:
    - (i) Each applicant, and employee shall electronically submit to the Department of Justice fingerprint images and related information required by the Department of Justice for the purpose of obtaining information as to the existence and content of a record of state or federal convictions and arrests, and information as to the existence and content of a record of

state or federal convictions and arrests for which the Department of Justice establishes that the person is free on bail or on his or her own recognizance, pending trial or appeal.

- (ii) An applicant shall not be eligible to receive a permit until electronic fingerprint images have been submitted to the Department of Justice as described in this Section and the Lake County Sheriff Department or Lake County Community Development Department has reviewed the resulting background information provided by the Department of Justice and determined that the applicant is eligible to receive a permit, as the case may be.
- (iii) Due to the nature of agricultural work, an employee may be permitted to work temporarily upon submitting their electronic fingerprint images and related information. Once the application has been reviewed by the Lake County Sheriff Department or Lake County Community Development Department, the applicant must remove any and all employees who have failed the background checks from the cultivation site or any other operations related to the Use Permit.
- (iv) The Sheriff's Office shall request from the Department of Justice subsequent notification 24 service, as provided pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code, for applicants.
- (v) The applicant will be responsible to pay any fee the Department of Justice charges as set by the Department of Justice and sufficient to cover the reasonable cost of processing the requests described in this paragraph.

**Section 3.** Subsection (v) of Section 27.3(at)(3)(iii)(b)(a.)(6) of Chapter 21 of the Lake County Code is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

- (v) The surveillance system shall operate continuously 24 hours per day and at a minimum of 30 frames per second during the period of time that cannabis operations are actively taking place.

**Section 4.** Subsection (iv) of Section 27.3(au)(21) of Chapter 21 of the Lake County Code is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

- (iv) The surveillance system shall operate continuously 24 hours per day and at a minimum of 30 frames per second during the

period of time that cannabis operations are actively taking place.

**Section 5.** Subsection (1) of Section 27.3 (aac) of Chapter 21 of the Lake County Code is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

- (1) May act in part or whole as a Distributor, Type 6 Non- Volatile Cannabis Manufacturer, retailer, and cultivator, on an area less than 10,000 square feet. An applicant for a microbusiness must have a Type 1 and or 2 Commercial Cannabis Cultivation License and at least two (2) or more of the following Licenses:
  - a. Type 13 Cannabis Distributor Transport Only, Self-Distribution License
  - b. Type 6 Non-Volatile Cannabis Manufacturing License
  - c. Type 10 and 10A Dispensary License
    - i. Type 10 and 10A Dispensary Licenses are not allowed as part of a microbusiness unless it is applied for in coordination with a resort application and only accessible by its guests, not the general public.

**Section 6.** Table B of Section 27.11 of Chapter 21 of the Lake County Code is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:  
(aac) Microbusiness (includes Type 13 Distribution License, Type 1 or Type 2 Cultivation License, Type 6 Manufacturing License, and Type 10 or 10A Dispensary License)

**Section 7.** CEQA. The Board of Supervisors independently finds and determines that this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26055(h) for the adoption of an ordinance, rule, or regulation by a local jurisdiction that requires discretionary review and approval of permits, licenses, or other authorizations to engage in commercial cannabis activity where the discretionary review in any such law, ordinance, rule, or regulation includes any applicable environmental review pursuant to Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code; and, under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, as an activity that is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The general exemption applies in this instance because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments could have a significant effect on the environment, and thus are not subject to CEQA. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Section 8.** Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end,

provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.

**Section 9.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and within fifteen (15) days after adoption of the ordinance, the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors shall publish a summary of the ordinance with the names of those supervisors voting for and against the ordinance and the clerk shall post in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors a certified copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance along with the names of those supervisors voting for and against the ordinance.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced before the Board of Supervisors on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and passed by the following vote on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

SO ORDERED:

COUNTY OF LAKE

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

CAROL J. HUCHINGSON

Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANITA L. GRANT

County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Community Development Department

