



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

**Date:** March 16, 2021

**To:** The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Bruno Sabatier, Chair and District 2 Supervisor

**Subject:** Consideration of (a) Resolution regarding Early Activations for Cannabis Cultivation (b) new Ad Hoc Committee to review, revise, and revamp the cannabis cultivation ordinance of Chapter 21, Article 27.13 (at)

**Executive Summary:** (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

**(a) Resolution**

Early Activation has been a useful tool in getting cannabis cultivation applicants started as quickly as possible. However, certain aspects of the process need to be clarified to ensure that applicants are aware of what is required from them and what is required of the county to ensure compliance with CEQA. Good standing such as paying taxes, being appropriately licensed, and no violations of local or state code is necessary in order to request any new early activation permit if you are still working towards obtaining a use permit. All Early Activation processes require CEQA documentation to allow staff the ability to review the project impacts to the environment in order to make a decision on whether or not an Early Activation permit is appropriate for a project. A circulation of the project to the public and to the local agencies is a requirement of CEQA as well.

**(b) Ad Hoc Committee**

It has become more evident the more discussions that are had about our cannabis cultivation ordinance that it requires a full review. The ordinance was built prior to the final rules of the state and has been partially amended to fix certain aspects of the ordinance that were posing problems. However, it is my understanding that there may be a lot of room for improvement which can truly help reduce the timeline required to approve these applications. This would be greatly beneficial to both the applicants and staff in dealing with such a large volume of applications. I am requesting that the board approve the creation of an ad hoc committee dedicated to reviewing and revising the current ordinance. The committee would be made up of a 9 member group as suggested below:

- 2 Board of Supervisors (Crandell, Sabatier)
- 2 Planning Commissioners (Brown, Williams)
- 1 Law Enforcement (Sergeant Keithly)
- 1 Farm Bureau (Brenna Sullivan)
- 1 Ag Commissioner (Steve Hajik)

- 1 Community Development (Tocarra Thomas)
- 1 Lake County Cannabis Alliance (Jennifer Smith)

**If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:**

Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Budgeted: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Future Annual Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan** (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents         | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure   | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery                      | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Technology Upgrades</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Revenue Generation</i>  |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cost Savings</i>                   |

**If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:**

Which exemption is being requested?  
How long has Agreement been in place?  
When was purchase last rebid?  
Reason for request to waive bid?

**Recommended Action:**

- (a) Adopt Resolution regarding Early Activations for Cannabis Cultivation (b) Approve the creation of the new ad hoc committee to revise 27.13 (at) Cannabis Cultivation ordinance.