Amendments to Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Goleta City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adopting amendments to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (Case No.: 18-135-ORD) and the General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan) (Case No.: 18-134-GPA). A separate discussion action item will be on amendments to the Cannabis Business License and associated fees. The date, time, and location of the public hearing is set forth below. The agenda and staff report for the hearing will be posted on the City website (www.cityofgoleta.org).

HEARING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: City of Goleta, Council Chambers
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, California 93117

PROJECT LOCATION: The amended regulations would apply citywide, including areas of the City within the Coastal Zone.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City has an adopted Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (Ord. No. 18-03) that allows for and regulates a range of cannabis uses throughout the City. The Cannabis Land Use Ordinance currently requires all cannabis businesses to obtain a zoning permit of some type. The City also has an adopted Cannabis Business License Ordinance (Ordinance No. 18-02) to govern licensing procedures and business operational requirements.

With direction given during a Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Workshop held by the City Council on January 23, 2019 and following a recommendation hearing before the Planning Commission on March 11, 2019, the City Council will consider several amendments to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance with associated amendments to the City’s General Plan, including:

- Eliminating zoning permit requirements for cannabis businesses in the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and relying on the Cannabis Business License Ordinance to ensure implementation of standards and requirements.
- Adopting standards in the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance for cannabis uses near sensitive receptors, including residential land uses, schools, and the Goleta Valley Community Center.
- Adopting a greater separation requirement between storefront cannabis retailers in the Cannabis Land use Ordinance.
- Amending the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance to allow non-storefront cannabis retailers in the Regional Commercial (C-R) and Community Commercial (C-C) land use designations.
- Clarifying the policy framework for accessory uses in the General Plan.
- Amending the General Plan and Cannabis Land Use Ordinance to allow storefront cannabis retailers in the General Industrial (I-G) land use designation but only in locations where a cannabis dispensary was located prior to June 16, 2009 (the date of the City's former ban on cannabis businesses).
- Amending the General Plan and Cannabis Land Use Ordinance to allow cannabis distribution in the Industrial Business Park (I-BP) land use designation where each licensed distributor shall not exceed 30,000 square feet of floor area.
- Amending the General Plan and Cannabis Land Use Ordinance to allow cannabis microbusinesses in the I-G and Service Industrial (I-S) land use designations without storefront
cannabis retail (except for existing storefront cannabis retailers), and for an existing dispensary in General Commercial (C-G).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA,) City staff drafted an Addendum to the City’s General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan 2006 Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), 2009 Supplemental EIR for the project. The Addendum did not identify any new impacts not identified in the previous CEQA documents.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The staff report may be obtained at the City of Goleta, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117 and on the City’s web site at www.cityofgoleta.org at least 72 hours ahead of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to present written and/or oral comments. Written submittals concerning agenda items may be sent to the City Clerk Group e-mail: cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org; or mail: Attn: City Council and City Clerk at 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B Goleta, California 93117. In order to be disseminated to the City Council for consideration during the Council meeting, written information must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than Monday at noon prior to the City Council meeting. Material received after this time may not be reviewed by the City Council prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information is on file at the Planning and Environmental Review Department, Goleta City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117. Contact Anne Wells at (805) 961-7557 or awells@cityofgoleta.org for more information regarding the project or visit http://www.cityofgoleta.org/projects-programs/studies-and-other-projects/cannabis-regulations. [Para información en español, por favor llame Sr. Jaime Valdez, (805) 961-7568.]

Note: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (805) 961-7505. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable City staff to make reasonable arrangements.

Note: If you challenge the City’s final action on this project in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City on or before the date of the hearing (Government Code §65009[b][2]).

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