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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Amendments to... Municipal Code Chapter 9.30.. and Title 18 ...to Regulate Cannabis Businesses

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Project Location: Fort Bragg, Mendocino County
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project amends Municipal Code 9.30 Cannabis Business to add operating regulations for retail businesses and to add a specified buffer between cannabis activities and schools or youth Center. The project also includes amendments to Title 18 Inland Land Use and Development Code which will establish new land use regulations to conditionally allow indoor commercial cannabis cultivation in the industrial zones and makes minor modifications to existing regulations for commercial cannabis activity in commercial zones. These proposed changes only apply to areas that fall under the jurisdiction of the Inland Land Use and Development Code which regulates the inland (non-coastal) area of Fort Bragg and applies to Industrial Light and Heavy Zones, Central Business District, General Commercial Zone, and Highway Visitor Commercial Zone. The proposed ordinance does not change the zoning of any parcels in the City limits and no physical development is proposed.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project will have no impact on the environment.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Cannabis, in and of itself, is a complex and controversial subject. Because of the historic activities related to cannabis in the County, local residents tend to have very strong feelings, both in advocates for and opponents to cannabis. However, cannabis is now legal in California for both recreational and medicinal uses and the City's regulations are crafted to protect the public health and safety based on the best available information within the scope of the law and without prejudice.

Owners of residential properties in the Central Business District have expressed opposition to the location of any cannabis businesses on the east side of Franklin Street in commercial zones because of its proximity to residential neighborhoods. However, City Council has determined that a fully licensed retail cannabis dispensary is no different from any other allowable retail operation, and that based on existing dispensaries they would not have any more impacts than any other allowable permitted by-right retail use.

Residents of Fort Bragg have expressed concern about commercial cannabis cultivation and manufacturing taking place in the Central Business District (CBD). For this reason, the allowable non-retail activity is limited to artisan production which is already an allowable use in the CBD. Also, cannabis microbusinesses will require a minor use permit which will ensure that when a future project is proposed, a review for compatibility and consistency will be conducted.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Department of Cannabis Control