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SCH #: 2022020425

Project Title: Amendments to Title 18 Inland Land Use and Development Code 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 Title 18 Inland Land Use and Development Code to establish new land use regulations to conditionally allow indoor commercial cannabis cultivation in the industrial zones and modify 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 activity in the Central Business District (CBD). For this reason, all cannabis uses require a minor use permit. Additionally, the proposed modifications include additional requirements for odor control, lighting and screening, on-site consumption, and location requirements.

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

Department of Cannabis Control