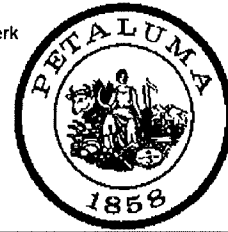


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City of Petaluma, Community Development Department
11 English Street
Petaluma, CA 94953



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Sonoma County Clerk
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Title: City of Petaluma Cannabis Ordinance to Allow up to Three Cannabis Storefront Retailers
Project Applicant: City of Petaluma City Manager, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94953; (707) 615-6568
Project Location: Within the BP, I, C1, and C2 Districts - Petaluma, Sonoma County, CA

Project Description: The City of Petaluma's Cannabis Ordinance amends Table 4.4 and Chapter 28 "Glossary" of the Petaluma Implementing Zoning Ordinance to make on-site retail cannabis sales in up to three locations in Commercial 1, Commercial 2, Business Park and Industrial zones a permitted land use, subject to applicable buffer zones, relocate the City's cannabis regulations in Chapter 10.15 of the Municipal Code to a new Chapter 6.10 of the Petaluma Municipal Code entitled "Cannabis," and continue in effect existing commercial cannabis regulations, and allow up to three retail storefront cannabis businesses in Commercial 1, Commercial 2, Business Park, and Industrial Districts in Petaluma in accordance with the Implementing Zoning Ordinance. The project also adopts updated administrative regulations to help to ensure that nuisance conditions do not result from commercial cannabis activity in the community and include security requirements for each operator.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Exemptions

{Article 18: Section 21080; 15260}
 Ministerial {Sec.15268}
 Consistent with General Plan {Sec.15183}
 General Rule {Sec.15061(b)(3)}

Categorical Exemptions

{Article 19: Section 21084; 15300}
 Existing Facilities {Sec.15301}
 Replacement or Reconstruction {Sec.15302}
 New Construction {Sec.15303}

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project, to amend the City of Petaluma Municipal Code and Implementing Zoning Ordinance to allow up to three cannabis storefront retailers in the City's C1, C2, BP, and I, Zones is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) as there is no possibility that the proposed amendment to the City's Cannabis Ordinance will result in a significant effect on the environment as adoption of the Ordinance is limited to establishing regulations for storefront retail cannabis uses, and no specific businesses will be approved to operate as part of this action. There is also no possibility that implementation of the Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment as future storefront retail cannabis businesses will be limited to three for the entire city and will be located on developed properties where similar retail and service commercial uses are already operating or permitted to operate. Additionally, the Project is exempt under Section 15183 as storefront retail cannabis uses have been determined to be similar to retail and service commercial uses that are already permitted to operate within areas designated as BP, I, C1, and C2 in the General Plan. Specifically, storefront cannabis retail is classified as both a retail and service commercial use as it includes the sale of goods/merchandise (retail) as well as a customer service component (service commercial). Furthermore, adoption and implementation of the proposed amendments and associated Ordinance will not result in new or more severe impacts previously analyzed and disclosed in the General Plan EIR. Additionally, the project is consistent with guiding principles, goals, policies, and programs of the General Plan. Lastly, the project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15302, and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines, in that the proposed zoning amendments will allow commercial cannabis businesses with a City of Petaluma issued Commercial Cannabis Permit to: 1) re-tenant existing commercial and industrial facilities designed to support such uses; 2) replace, modify or otherwise reconstruct existing commercial and industrial facilities with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose and capacity; and/or 3) construct new small structures including fences, gates, greenhouses, and small scale commercial and industrial facilities. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other factors that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Lead Agency: City of Petaluma City Manager 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94953

Department/Contact Person: Brian Oh, Community Development Director

Phone: (707) 615-6568

[Signature]

Environmental Planner, Planning Division

July 10, 2024

Date



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 49-07102024-214

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PETALUMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/10/2024
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PROJECT TITLE
 CITY OF PETALUMA CANNABIS ORDINANCE TO ALLOW UP TO THREE CANNABIS STOREFRONT RETAILERS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF PETALUMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 815-6568
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 11 ENGLISH ST	CITY PETALUMA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94953

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)


Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ _____
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other
- TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ _____ \$50.00

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