

SUMMARY OF URGENCY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. XXX-2021

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENSION OF TWELVE MONTHS ADOPTING AN INTERIM MORATORIUM ON THE CULTIVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP FOR ALL PURPOSES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO PENDING THE STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF REASONABLE REGULATIONS

Pursuant to California Government Code sections 65858(a) and 65090, the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado hereby gives notice that, on December 7, 2021 at 2:00 pm in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, it will hear and vote on the passage of Urgency Ordinance XXX-2021 that would, effectively immediately, extend the temporary moratorium, which was originally imposed by Ordinance number 5137 and 5138, on the cultivation of industrial hemp for all purposes, including cultivation by a hemp breeder or by an Established Agricultural Research Institution, in the unincorporated area of the County for twelve months. The Board is proposing to adopt this as an urgency ordinance extension pursuant to Government Code section 65858 for the immediate preservation of the public safety, health, and welfare in order to give County staff time to determine the impact of unregulated cultivation of hemp and develops reasonable regulations to mitigate those impacts. The Ordinance would prohibit any person or entity from cultivating industrial hemp for any purpose within the unincorporated areas of the County. The Ordinance would deem the cultivation of industrial hemp in violation of the Ordinance a public nuisance that is enforceable under existing provisions of the County Code of Ordinances. The Ordinance would be effective immediately if adopted by at least four-fifths vote of the County Board of Supervisors, and will remain in effect for twelve months after adoption and shall be in effect through December 6, 2022.

A full and complete copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for viewing in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, California.

All persons interested are invited to write their comments to the Board of Supervisors in advance of the hearing. In light of COVID-19, all persons are encouraged to observe and participate in the hearing remotely, and in-person attendance may be restricted depending on the current COVID-19 recommendations as the hearing date approaches. For the current remote options, including whether in-person attendance is allowed, please check the meeting Agenda no less than 72 hours before the meeting, which will be posted at <https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. If you challenge the application in court, you may be limited to raising only those items you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Any written correspondence should be directed to the Board of Supervisors at 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667 or via e-mail: edc.cob@edcgov.us.