

Ben # 25 BOS 11/14/2017

Moving From Medical/Recreational Cannabis Cultivation Regulations To A More General Cannabis Cultivation Regulatory Framework In El Dorado County.

I will just start by saying that I believe in the individual's right to self-medicate. But it seems to me that a large percentage of medical cannabis being sold in El Dorado County is being used recreationally.

I feel that we need to either make some actual distinctions between medical and recreational cannabis or just do away with both terms and begin referring just to cannabis. Even though there is a long history of medicinal cannabis cultivation, use and enforcement in El Dorado County, that history should not be used as an argument against moving forward with a more streamlined and efficient regulation program for the cultivation and eventual sale of cannabis.

I would recommend that El Dorado County simply begin referring to both medical and recreational cannabis as simply Cannabis. And begin the process of drafting regulations for the cultivation, processing and sale of Cannabis.

Doing this should have no foreseeable adverse effects. Some have mentioned that they fear losing access to their medicinal cannabis, but I think they need to be reassured that in the future there is going to be a much more ample supply of cannabis being sold and donated across the state, in new and ever more interesting ingestible forms.

Existing medical dispensaries should be allowed to continue operating freely as they have under the existing medical regulations, but after a year or two, when the county switches over to a new set of Cannabis regulations, the existing medical dispensaries will need to adhere to the new set of cannabis regulations if they wish to continue to operate.

I must also mention that I would like to see a personal outdoor cultivation license be created and issued to El Dorado County residents. I am currently able to legally grow a few plants inside recreationally but in order for me to grow a few plants outside legally I need to obtain a medical recommendation, this is just one example of the irregularities seen when comparing both sets of regulations, and further reason to combine both sets into a more efficient set of regulations.

This personal outdoor cultivation license would function much like the current medicinal outdoor grow license and will most likely be used for that purpose. I have prepared a few introductory thoughts on this personal outdoor cultivation license and placed them at the back of the room for your approval.

I would also like to mention that there have been, are, and will continue to be those who maintain large grows in El Dorado County for the purposes of shipping product out of state. But that is a problem for another day and one we should not be concerned about here.

Small Scale Outdoor Cultivation Of Cannabis

By small I mean six plants or less

Growing Cannabis Outdoors

Limiting small personal cannabis gardens to indoor spaces will adversely impact the gardeners ability to grow their cannabis in a sustainable and organic way.

We can adopt some of the language of Ordinance 5000 (5067) and apply it to a new Ordinance for the regulation of Cannabis cultivation in general.

It is felt that the wording in Ordinance 5000 (5067) concerning distances to youth centers and property lines can stay, but that the wording concerning garden size should be replaced with a more general wording of six plants per individual gardener.

A Personal Outdoor Cultivation License

To allow those with an interest in pursuing the growth of organic cannabis outdoors, to do so openly and freely.

- A gardener will obtain a low cost license from the county.
- A six plant limit per individual licensed gardener, with a maximum of three licenses per garden.
- Will define a maximum allowable garden space
- Can involve same zoning regulations as Ordinance 5000 and 5067
- A gardener will agree to not sell the cannabis flowers produced in their private garden

R. Miller #25 BOS 11/14/2017

November 14, 2017

El Dorado County
Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 25 File 17-1238 version 1 Commercial Cannabis Permitting

Dear Supervisors:

We recognize your work to preserve patients access to medical cannabis. We encourage you to have a realistic and forward-thinking approach to permitting commercial recreational cannabis as well.

You have established a civil fine system for the existing community of El Dorado County Cannabis growers. It would be unjust to not also provide a permit system for them to be legal businesses pursuant to state law. El Dorado County cannabis growers are our community members who want to comply with building rules and permits, be inspected and pay taxes. It is wrong to not allow them to do so.

Making the cannabis businesses fully legal in the County will be an instant economic development boom.

Colorado local governments have realized significant tax revenue gains from cannabis. For example, the County of Pueblo is providing a \$1000 scholarship to every high school graduate towards local college expenses from cannabis taxes.

<http://county.pueblo.org/nearly-475000-available-pueblo-county-mj-scholarship>.

States that have legalized cannabis have not seen an increase in teenage cannabis use.

<http://www.newsweek.com/marijuana-legalization-legal-states-teens-572312>

We will work with you get to a permit ordinance that works for growers, residents and county government. It is our hope that any new advisory committee will include members of the growing community and dispensaries.

Any tax ballot measure should be a general tax and a majority vote.

In this interim period, during implementation of the new law and regulations to ensure that medicine is available for patients, you should make it explicit that dispensaries, distributors and their local grower suppliers have the permits necessary to provide medicine. The medicine supply chain could be broken without the permit authorization.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rod Miller
Erin O'Neil
El Dorado County Grower's Alliance



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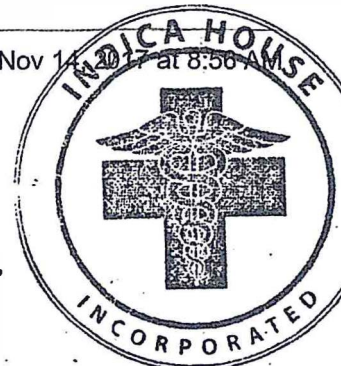
Fwd: Temporary Commercial Permit for an Existing Cannabis Business

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Subject: Temporary Commercial Permit for an Existing Cannabis Business

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CC:

Hello, my name is Kent Davis, CFO and co-founder of Indica House Inc. We are non-profit cannabis company that has provided El Dorado County patients with raw cannabis infused CBDa and THCa products for the past six years. This product has proven effective for epilepsy, cancer, PTSD and pain management.

We began in 2012 working legally through one of El Dorado county's permitted dispensaries. As time went by we noticed many patients were from L.A., Bakersfield, Vallejo and Clearlake. They were travelling to acquire our version of medication for its quality and affordability. In an effort to relieve the hardship of such long drives for the severe patients, Indica House Inc was founded in 2015. Our extracts have continued to grow in popularity and are currently available in dispensaries state wide.

The infusion process uses only cured cannabis and palm fruit vegetable glycerin. The USDA, food-grade glycerine is non flammable, non volatile and water based having no harmful fumes or waste. Our use of raw plant material maintains the CBDa and THCa values of the plant making this a non-psychoactive product.

We are up to date with the current suggested Prop 64 testing and quality control regulations. Our state and federal taxes were successfully filed and are current for both the business and all six, full and part-time, El Dorado County employee residents. We donate 12% of our production directly to the Weed For Warriors Project to assist our veterans that struggle to keep up with the high cost of medication.

Over the summer I attended several BOS meetings where all indications were that permitting and regulations were the course. I, Looking forward to hearing the results of suggested license fee and tax rates, I attend last week's meeting. To my surprise, an announcement of a temporary ban was made.

In an effort to remain in El Dorado County, Indica House Inc. would like to ask the BOS to consider the possibility of a temporary commercial use permit, or a possible an exclusion from the ban due to our pre-existing business status. Similar to the exclusion of the existing dispensaries from the 4999 ban of 2013.

We are eager to comply and work with the BOS any way possible to help the regulatory process move forward. Our intended license type for 2018 is listed as a microbusiness. The state has defined microbusinesses to include limited cultivation at 10,000sq ft, non-volatile manufacturing, and limited distribution to testing facilities and dispensaries.

I feel the county must start somewhere with this regulatory program. Indica House would be more than willing to work side by side with the El Dorado County BOS to move this growing industry forward in a way that all can agree on. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kent Davis
Indica House inc.

M. Fadel, # 25 BUS 11/14/17

11/14/2017

Mitch Fadel
American Alliance for Medical Cannabis
El Dorado County Director

Good afternoon Madame Chair and fellow supervisors,

I am Mitch Fadel, El Dorado County Director of the American Alliance for Medical Cannabis. On behalf of all the medical cannabis patients of El Dorado County, I come before this board in the best interests of all the citizens of this county in regards to the safe and affordable access to medicinal cannabis as well as seeking to maintain the quality of life the residents of this county deserve.

Twelve years ago, I stood in these chambers seeking solutions for the safe and affordable access to medicinal cannabis in the county's first public workshop on the subject of dispensaries . Ultimately, nothing was accomplished in light of the hope, the federal or state government would clarify the matter. In 2016, the state passed the Medical Marijuana Regulation & Safety Act. Since then, the bill has had two name changes and has been merged with Prop. 64. To make things even more complicated, the governor has tweaked the bill even further to where this whole process may not be up and running until 2019.

Today, we stand at a crossroad of decisions, trying to navigate which road to choose in regards to medical cannabis. I believe we have been chasing our tail long enough. Today, here and now, this is where the rubber meets the road. How long is it going to take for us to realize that we the people of this county need to resolve this situation? We at least have a state law in place to work from and move forward in a direction that will only enhance life in El Dorado County.

I would like to encourage our Board of Supervisors to enact a temporary ban on the commercial cultivation, sales and manufacturing of medical cannabis so we can employ the ad hoc committee to wisely study the many aspects and impacts of this industry. Only then, will we be able to establish a strong foundation to build this process on. If we just rush into this without the proper insight, we run the risk of failure, and that is not an acceptable option for patients who will rely on this process.

I know there are many folks out there that have a hope of getting involved in this process in some manner in the very near future. I can only ask for their patience and understanding, if we stand any chance of success. There are many hurdles that stand in the way of us moving forward. First, there is the question of funding the oversight and enforcement of a medical cannabis program. The red tape is long and unlike the unregulated market, this is all uncharted area. As for the monetary gains perceived from the cannabis industry, we must not forget that the cannabis plant was put here on earth as medicine not only to the individual, but to society as a whole. Any monetary gains that come about from the cannabis industry should go back to healing our community through both health and education.

In closing, I want the board to know that the American Alliance for Medical Cannabis stands committed to a continuing dialogue with this county with both hope and faith that we can continue in creating medical cannabis ordinances that are acceptable to the residents of El Dorado as a whole. Please allow us to pursue a process that is beneficial to all. Thank you!

Respectively, Mitch Fadel



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Fwd: marijuana ordinance

1 message

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Dear BOS,

I've stopped attending the marijuana ad-hock meetings because each time I attended I would be subject to stare downs, people standing in my way then come home to have my pot growing neighbor throw rocks at my house and shooting arrows into the roof of my house. I called EDSO and unless I have video proof they can't do anything. I can't sell my house without disclosing the problem and I've found that discounting my house by \$50,000 below what was considered fair market value during the "hot" real estate market we had this spring and summer, I still couldn't sell it. I've felt compelled to move my family out for their safety and health at a great cost and inconvenience to me. I'm currently pursuing civil litigation. I can't in good conscience put long term renters in so have resorted to trying to get value out of my property by listing it on Airbnb and VRBO. I understand the County is trying to figure out how to regulate and tax the shared home economy. If you are unable to get medical marijuana growers to register their grows please don't come after me to register my Airbnb.

Please make your decisions by holding them up the County mission statement of being "Safe, healthy and Vibrant".

Living in a community where there are Pot grows is NOT safe or healthy or vibrant! Everyone seems to be racing to take advantage of a "tax windfall" that will supposedly come from the marijuana industry. Just like our forbearers of 1849 that raced here to find gold please remember most found themselves destitute and dead. I implore you to take a contrarian approach and start running in the opposite direction. No good will come from getting in bed with the pot industry. Please hold our County out as a "SAFE" place to raise a family, a "HEALTHY" place to retire and a "VIBRANT" place to own a business a County that doesn't put up with Pot industry shenanigans.

Adam Anderson

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