



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Meeting Minutes Special City Council

*THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY AS  
THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1  
AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR  
AGENCY*

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Thursday, May 20, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Video Conference

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### Cannabis Ordinance

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, all Councilmembers appearing via video conference.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Bernie Norvell, Vice Mayor Jessica Morsell-Haye, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Marcia Rafanan

#### 1. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 1A. [21-243](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff on Where Commercial Cannabis Cultivation, Should be Allowed as a Primary Use.

Associate Planner Gurewitz presented the staff report on this agenda item.

Public Comment : None.

Direction: Council directed that cannabis businesses may be allowed in the Light Industrial (IL) and Heavy Industrial (IH) zoning districts with an administrative permit, and in the Highway and Visitor Commercial (CH) and General Commercial (CG) zoning districts with a use permit. It was reported that the attorney recommended that the "should's" need to be "shall's" in the verbiage. Council also provided updates to the ordinance to include "alternative water sources" and for "Community Choice Clean energy" to be added.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff**

- 1B. [21-248](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff on Whether to Create a Cannabis Microbusiness Category or Enhance the Accessory Use Definition in Inland Land Use and Development Code Section 18.42.057

Associate Planner Gurewitz gave the staff report for this agenda item.

Public Comment: None.

Direction:

Council directed staff to create a "Cannabis Microbusiness" that does not allow manufacturing or cultivation as an accessory use in the Central Business District (CBD). Nursery accessory is allowed with retail only if it is clearly subordinate to the primary use. In addition, they agreed to allow nursery, processing and retail in the General Commercial (CG) as accessory uses,

but not manufacturing. Also the General Commercial must include retail as the primary frontage. Limiting wholesale distribution, manufacturing and processing to the Heavy Industrial district (IH) and Light Industrial (IL). Highway Commercial (CH) should have the same stipulations as General Commercial.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.**