



# Comprehensive Cannabis Policy for the City of Fort Bragg

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# Process



- ▶ Received Council Direction
- ▶ **Confirming council direction**
- ▶ Draft Ordinance and Initial Study
- ▶ Planning Commission for review and recommendation
- ▶ City Council Introduction
- ▶ City Council Adoption

# Commercial Cultivation and Retail



- ▶ Commercial Cultivation of Mature Plants in Industrial Areas only with provisions for water and energy usage.
  - ▶ Accessory store front retail allowed
- ▶ Retail Cannabis
  - ▶ 100 ft buffer zone around schools
  - ▶ Cannabis dispensaries allowed by right in Commercial with a Cannabis Business Permit which is discretionary
  - ▶ Maximum of three dispensaries in the CBD, no limit elsewhere
  - ▶ Checklist

# Council Direction – Accessory Uses



## ▶ Accessory Uses

- ▶ Non-flowering/nursery cultivation in all commercial zones
- ▶ Distribution and wholesale in Highway Visitor and General Commercial
- ▶ Artisan manufacturing in CBD
- ▶ Manufacturing in Highway Visitor and General Commercial
- ▶ Based on square footage – objective and consistent measure with all other uses in the land use code, no other use has different definition
- ▶ Does Council want to change the “serves the property” language?

# Microbusiness



- ▶ Microbusiness
  - ▶ More than two types of cannabis activity = microbusiness
  - ▶ Distribution for the purpose of selling on-site grown nursery plants does not count as distribution for zoning purposes.
  - ▶ Uses for microbusiness are the same as allowable accessory uses, the difference is the size of operation and the number.

# Checklist



- ▶ Most jurisdictions use checklists if there is a maximum number of allowable businesses.
- ▶ A checklist could be developed for CBD because there is a limit of three.
- ▶ Criteria needs to be objective and fair
- ▶ Could delay the development of the ordinance as it will require more research, drafting, and review by legal counsel.

# Questions and Comments



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