



CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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**REPORT ON MEASURES TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE CONDITIONS THAT LED TO
THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 972-2021, AN UNCODIFIED
URGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 45-DAY MORATORIUM ON
APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS FOR CANNABIS
DISPENSARIES IN THE INLAND ZONING AREA**

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2021
TO: GENERAL PUBLIC
**FROM: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY
 OF FORT BRAGG**

On September 27, 2021, the Fort Bragg City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 972-2021 that placed a 45-day moratorium on the approval of applications and permits for cannabis dispensaries in the City's Inland Zoning Area. The moratorium was established to allow the City the opportunity to study and possibly revise the existing cannabis dispensary ordinance regulations in order to address the unique health, safety and welfare impacts of such businesses.

Ordinance No. 972-2021 was adopted pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858 and provides that the ordinance shall expire 45 days from its date of adoption, unless the ordinance is extended by the Fort Bragg City Council after additional notice and a public hearing.

The noticed public hearing will be held on November 8, 2021, and the Fort Bragg City Council will be asked to consider extending the interim moratorium by adopting a new ordinance, as authorized by Government Code Section 65858. Staff will recommend an extension of the moratorium for a period of three to four months, as provided for in Government Code Section 65858. However, completion of and possible adoption of the revised Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance may take less time. In which case, staff will request that the City Council terminate the temporary moratorium prior to its expiration date.

California Government Code Section 65858(d) requires that at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration (November 1, 2021) of the moratorium or any extension, the City Council issue a written report describing the measures taken to alleviate the conditions which led to the adoption of the ordinance. This memo serves as the required report.

Since the adoption of the moratorium, the Community Development Department staff has researched options and possible revisions that can address the possible health, safety and welfare impacts of Cannabis Dispensaries on the City. The City Council will meet on October 25, 2021 to review the elements of the current Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance and will discuss possible revisions and/or additions. Based on those discussions and direction provided to staff, revisions to the existing ordinance may be proposed and adopted.

As set forth above, staff continues to work diligently on addressing the health, safety and welfare impacts of Cannabis Dispensaries' locations and operations but the work is not complete. Staff anticipates that the City Council will have an opportunity to review and consider revisions to the existing ordinance before the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2021) and it could be adopted and effective as early as January, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council
Fort Bragg, California