

Notice

The following is a summary of a proposed Ordinance intended to be considered for passage by the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California at the Board's regular meeting on April 7, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Siskiyou County Courthouse, 311 Fourth Street, Yreka, California.

An Ordinance of the County of Siskiyou Adding Chapter 16 to Title 10 of the Siskiyou County Code, which would allow and regulate cultivation of industrial hemp within AG-1 and AG-2 zoning districts with a minimum parcel size of 40 acres, and a minimum of 80 acres for parcels in the Hemp (H) combining district.

The purpose of the provisions within the proposed Ordinance is to allow and regulate cultivation of industrial hemp within AG-1 and AG-2 zoning districts with a minimum parcel size of 40 acres, and a minimum of 80 acres for parcels in the Hemp (H) combining district. The Ordinance would add Chapter 16 to Title 10 of the Siskiyou County Code. The stated purpose and intent of the proposed Chapter 16 is to establish standards, requirements, and regulations governing industrial hemp cultivation, and through such regulations, to protect the County's residents, neighborhoods, businesses, and the environment from disproportionately negative impacts caused by industrial hemp cultivation, and to enforce rules and regulations consistent with state and federal law. Under the regulations, indoor cultivation of industrial hemp would be prohibited, excepting for the cultivation of hemp transplants or seed production, which would be subject to setback requirements. The ordinance would also limit hemp cultivation by Established Agricultural Research Institutions to a total area of one acre. The Ordinance would require individuals to obtain a license issued by the Agricultural Commissioner prior to the cultivation of hemp, including cultivation for research purposes. A license by the Agricultural Commissioner does not grant any entitlement, interest in real property, or create any interest of value and does not run with the land. The license would be non-transferable and would automatically terminate upon transfer of ownership. In addition, individuals seeking to cultivate hemp within Siskiyou County would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to such cultivation, including the duty to register. The proposed Ordinance would also include sections pertaining to violations, fines, and penalties for violations, enforcement, and cost recovery/remedies for non-compliant cultivation of hemp within Siskiyou County. The cultivation of industrial hemp in violation of federal, state, and local laws and/or rules and regulation, including the proposed Chapter 16, or other local regulation constitutes a public nuisance subject to abatement and the imposition of administrative penalties under Title 1, Chapter 5 of the Siskiyou County Code. Each day a violation of this chapter exists constitutes a separate and distinct violation.

Copies of the full text of the proposed Ordinance may be examined at the Siskiyou County Clerk's Office at 510 N. Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097, Monday through Friday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The full text of this ordinance is also available online at the County of Siskiyou website: <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/sites/default/files/agendas/Questys/PublishedMeetings.htm>, under the Board's April 7, 2020 meeting agenda and supporting document links.

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