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*Siskiyou County Clerk, 311 Fourth St., Rm 201, Yreka, CA 96097*

# **Agenda Worksheet**

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| **Regular** | **[x]**  |  | **Time Requested:** | **5 minutes** | **Meeting Date:** | **November 14, 2023** |
| ***OR*** |
| **Consent** | **[ ]**  |  |
| **Contact Person/Department:** | **Bill Carroll, Assistant County Counsel** | **Phone:** | **842-8100** |
| **Address:** | **311 Fourth Street, Room 102, Yreka** |
| **Person Appearing/Title:** | **Bill Carroll, Assistant County Counsel or Natalie Reed, County Counsel** |
| **Subject/Summary of Issue:** |
| Staff recommends amending Section 10-14.100 of the Siskiyou County Code, which regulates administrative civil penalties for cannabis violations. On 10/8/23, Gov. Newsom approved AB 1684, which amends the underlying statutory authority for this code section, limiting immediate fines to $1,000 per violation or $10,000 per day. Staff is proposing a number of amendments to ensure the County’s Code conforms with the new statutory langauge, which becomes effective 1/1/24. Staff also recommends deletion of subsection (g)(3) of this ordinance, which authorizes property liens as one mechanism among others for collecting unpaid civil fines. This recommendation conservatively addresses any doubt created by the unpublished federal court decision of Mechammill v. City of San Jacinito. While the case's holding goes to the powers of cities, not counties, the court observed Governor Brown twice vetoed legislation explicitly authorizing this power. It is recommended that until such time as state law is amended to more explicitly provide for the County's use of liens to enforce fines, the lien provision be removed.  |
| **Financial Impact:** |
| **NO** | [x]  | *Describe why no financial impact:* . |
| **YES** | [ ]  | *Describe impact by indicating amount budgeted and funding source below* |
| Amount: |       |  |  |  |  |
| Fund:  |       |  | Description: |       | Org.: |       | Description: |       |
| Account: |       |  | Description: |       |  |
| Activity Code:  |       |  | Description: |       |  |
| Local Preference: YES [ ]  NO [ ]  |
| For Contracts – *Explain how vendor was selected:*       |
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| Additional Information: |       |
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| **Recommended Motion:** |
| That the Board: (1) Introduce, waive, and approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 10-14.100 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding administrative civil penalties; (2) Find the ordinance is exempt from the California Enviornmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15061(b)(3); and (3) direct the clerk to schedule a public hearing on, and second reading of, the ordinance.  |
| **Reviewed as recommended by policy:** |  | ***Special Requests*:** |
| County Counsel |       |  |  |
|  |  |  | *Certified Minute Order(s)* |       | *Quantity:* |       |
| Auditor |       |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Personnel |       |  | *Other:* |       |
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***NOTE: For consideration for placement on the agenda, the original agenda worksheet and backup material must be submitted directly to the Board Clerk (after reviewing signatures have been obtained) by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday the week prior to the Board Meeting.*** Revised 8/09/2021