

INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 16-2153

**AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON
NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, MARIJUANA CULTIVATION
FACILITIES, COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES AND MARIJUANA
TRANSPORT AND DELIVERIES WITHIN THE CITY OF CUPERTINO PENDING
COMPLETION OF AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S ZONING CODE**

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption and implementation of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, and the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(1), 15061(b)(2), and 15061(b)(3). Moreover, the adoption of this Ordinance is further exempt from CEQA because the Ordinance does not change existing City law and practice.

WHEREAS, the City Council is the decision making body on this Ordinance, and before taking action on it, using its independent judgment, finds such CEQA exemptions to apply;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Authority. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions set forth in Government Code sections 36937(b) and 65858(a) (b) and pursuant to other applicable law.

SECTION 2. Findings. In adopting this Ordinance, the City Council finds:

A. In 1970, Congress enacted the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) which, among other things, makes it illegal to import, manufacture, distribute, possess or use marijuana in the United States.

B. In 1972, California added Chapter 6 to the state Uniform Controlled Substances Act, commencing at Health and Safety Code section 11350, which established the state's prohibition, penalties, and punishments for the possession, cultivation, transportation, and distribution of marijuana.

C. In 1996, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 215 (the "Act;" Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 11362.5).

D. On October 9, 2015, Assembly Bills 243 and 266 and Senate Bill 643 (collectively, the "Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act" or "MMRSA") were enacted to create a state regulatory and licensing system governing the cultivation, testing, and distribution of medical marijuana, the manufacturing of medical marijuana products, and physician recommendations for medical marijuana. The new law also recognizes a range of medical marijuana businesses referred to as "commercial cannabis activities," including cultivation businesses, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana distributors and transporters, marijuana testing laboratories, and dispensaries, and provides immunity to marijuana businesses operating with both a state license and a local permit.

E. The Municipal Code does not have express provisions regarding non-medical marijuana dispensaries, non-medical marijuana cultivation facilities, commercial cannabis activities, and non-marijuana deliveries. These uses are not listed as a permitted or conditionally permitted land uses in the Zoning Code and are therefore prohibited in Cupertino under principles of permissive zoning (*City of Corona v. Naulls* (2008) 166 Cal.App.4th 418, 431-433). Moreover, the Municipal Code requires compliance with the most restrictive law, which in this case is federal law, which prohibits all marijuana activity. (Cupertino Municipal Code §§1.04.010(5), 19.04.030)

F. It is imperative that the City retain local land use control over marijuana cultivation. Several California cities and counties have experienced serious adverse impacts associated with and resulting from medical marijuana dispensaries and cultivation sites. According to these communities and according to news stories widely reported, medical marijuana activities have resulted in and/or caused an increase in crime, including burglaries, robberies, violence, and illegal sales of marijuana to, and use of marijuana by, minors and other persons without medical need in the areas immediately surrounding such medical marijuana activities. There have also been large numbers of complaints of odors related to the cultivation and storage of marijuana.

G. A California Police Chiefs Association compilation of police reports, news stories, and statistical research regarding crimes involving medical marijuana businesses and their secondary impacts on the community is contained in a 2009 white paper report which is attached to the staff report presented to the City Council on January 16, 2016, and is on file with the City Clerk.

H. The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office issued a May 2014 memorandum entitled "Issues Surrounding Marijuana in Santa Clara County," which outlined many of the negative secondary effects resulting from marijuana cultivation; a copy of this memorandum is attached to the staff report presented to the City Council on January 16, 2016, and is on file with the City Clerk.

I. The Santa Clara County Public Defender issued a May 2014 memorandum entitled "Substance-Related Suspensions in the East Side Union High School District," describing a correlation between substance abuse-related suspensions in local high schools and a proliferation of medical marijuana dispensaries in the area; a copy of this memorandum is attached to the staff report presented to the City Council on January 16, 2016, and is on file with the City Clerk.

J. The Police Foundation and the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police issued a 2015 report entitled "Colorado's Legalization of Marijuana and the Impact on Public Safety: A Practical Guide for Law Enforcement," which outlined many of the summarize the numerous challenges faced by law enforcement when enforcing the laws surrounding legalization, to document solutions that have been proposed and put into effect, and outline problems that still need to be addressed; a copy of this memorandum is attached to the staff report presented to the City Council with this ordinance and is on file with the City Clerk.

K. News stories regarding adverse impacts of medical marijuana businesses, including dispensaries, cultivation sites, and delivery services, are attached to the staff report presented to the City Council on January 16, 2016, and is on file with the City Clerk.

L. It is reasonable to conclude that non-medical marijuana dispensaries, non-medical marijuana cultivation facilities, commercial cannabis activities, and non-medical marijuana deliveries would cause similar adverse impacts on the public health, safety, and welfare in Cupertino.

M. Although the state law has established a regulatory system for medical marijuana, the California Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation advises that it is in the early stages of developing a licensing program and will not be accepting applications for medical marijuana license until 2018.

N. In order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the City Council desires to amend the Municipal Code to address, in express terms, non-medical marijuana dispensaries, non-medical marijuana cultivation facilities, commercial cannabis activities, and non-medical marijuana deliveries. In the event that Proposition

64 passes, the City Council hereby determines that the Municipal Code is in need of further review and revision to protect the public against potential negative health, safety, and welfare impacts and preserve local control over non-medical marijuana establishments. Non-medical marijuana currently is prohibited under both state and federal law.

O. Proposition 64 is on the California ballot for the November 8, 2016, election which would decriminalize under state law recreational marijuana use, cultivation, and distribution and further establish licensing program for non-medical commercial cultivation, testing, and distribution of non-medical marijuana and the manufacturing of non-medical marijuana products. However, such licenses will not be issued at least until 2018.

P. Proposition 64 expressly preserves local jurisdictions' ability to adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate non-medical marijuana establishments including local zoning and land use requirements, business license requirements, and the ability to completely prohibit the establishment or operation of one or more types of non-medical marijuana businesses.

Q. Proposition 64 further recognizes the City's ability to completely prohibit outdoor planting, harvesting, cultivation or processing of non-medical marijuana for personal use, and the City's ability to regulate indoor cultivation for personal use.

R. The City does not take a formal position on Proposition 64, but in order to preserve local control, the City confirms that such non-medical marijuana is prohibited within the City to the fullest extent permitted by law.

S. Non-medical marijuana use, cultivation, and distribution is prohibited by both state and federal law. A regular ordinance is unnecessary if Proposition 64 does not pass. Moreover, the compacted time frame between now and the November General Election does not provide sufficient time to consider and adopt a regular zoning code amendment, which includes public notice, consideration by the Planning Commission, and first and second reading before the City Council, an interim prohibition on recreational use of marijuana and the issuance of any permits and/or entitlements relating to marijuana cultivation is necessary for a period of 45 days. The loss of local land use control over marijuana cultivation would result in a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.

T. Government Code sections 36937 and 65858 authorize the adoption of an interim urgency ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to

prohibit land uses that may conflict with land use regulations that a city's legislative bodies are considering, studying, or intending to study within a reasonable time.

U. Failure to adopt this moratorium could impair the orderly and effective implementation of contemplated amendments to the Municipal Code.

V. The City Council further finds that this moratorium is a matter of local and City-wide importance and is not directed towards any particular person or entity that seeks to cultivate marijuana in Cupertino.

W. The proposed Ordinance conforms with the latest adopted general plan for the City in that a prohibition against medical and non-medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical and non-medical marijuana dispensaries, commercial cannabis activities, and medical and non-medical marijuana delivery services does not conflict with any allowable uses in the land use element and does not conflict with any policies or programs in any other element of the general plan.

X. The proposed Ordinance will protect the public health, safety, and welfare and promote the orderly development of the City in that prohibiting marijuana cultivation facilities, non-medical marijuana dispensaries, commercial cannabis activities, and non-medical marijuana delivery services will protect the City from the adverse impacts and negative secondary effects connected with these activities.

Y. The proposed Ordinance is consistent with Municipal Code Title 19, which currently bans marijuana cultivation facilities, non-medical marijuana dispensaries, commercial cannabis activities, and non-medical marijuana delivery services under principles of permissive zoning.

SECTION 3. Imposition of Temporary Moratorium. In accordance with the authority granted the City under Government Code sections 36937(b) and 65858 (a), (b), and pursuant to the findings stated herein, the City Council hereby finds that: (1) the foregoing findings are true and correct; and (2) there exists a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare from unregulated marijuana businesses, especially marijuana cultivation facilities, operating in Cupertino; and (3) this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety as set forth herein; and (4) hereby declares and imposes a temporary moratorium for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare as set forth below:

A. Prohibitions. The restrictions on medical marijuana dispensaries, marijuana cultivation facilities, and commercial cannabis activities in Section 19.98.020,

and other references to "marijuana" or "medical marijuana" throughout this Code shall apply equally to nonmedical marijuana, other than as provided in subdivisions (B), (C), and (D) below.

- B. Cultivation of nonmedical marijuana for personal use. If cultivation for non-medical marijuana for personal use is decriminalized under state law, such cultivation is prohibited in all zones in the City to the fullest extent permitted by law. Outdoor cultivation of any amount of nonmedical marijuana for personal use is prohibited in all zones, and indoor cultivation of nonmedical marijuana for personal use is prohibited in all zones in the City unless conducted in full compliance with state law.
- C. Transportation of non-medical marijuana for personal use. If transportation of non-medical marijuana for personal use without compensation is decriminalized under state law, such transportation to a destination within the City is prohibited unless conducted in full compliance with state law.
- D. Delivery of non-medical marijuana for personal use. If delivery of non-medical marijuana for personal use without compensation is decriminalized under state law, such delivery to a destination within the City is prohibited unless conducted in full compliance with state law.
- E. In addition to all other enforcement or legal remedies available to the City, any use or condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and is hereby declared a public nuisance and may be abated by the City.

SECTION 4. Effective Date and Duration. Pursuant to Government Code section 65858(a), (b), this Ordinance shall take effect immediately but shall be of no further force and effect 45 days from its date of adoption unless the City Council, after notice and public hearing as provided under Government Code section 65858(a), (b) and adoption of the findings required by Government Code section 65858(c), subsequently extends this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Report of Interim Moratorium. Pursuant to Government Code section 65858(d), 10 days prior to the expiration or any extension of this Interim Ordinance, the City Council will issue a written report describing the measures taken to alleviate the conditions which led to the adoption of this Interim Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Severability. The City Council hereby declares every section, paragraph, sentence, cause and phrase is severable. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity, or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases.

SECTION 7: Publication. The City Clerk is directed to cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

THE FOREGOING URGENCY ORDINANCE was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cupertino the 18th day of October, 2016 by the following vote:

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Members of the City Council</u>
AYES:	Chang, Vaidhyanathan, Sinks, Wong
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Paul
ABSTAIN:	None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Grace Schmidt, City Clerk



Savita Vaidhyanathan, Vice Mayor,
City of Cupertino

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA)

CITY OF CUPERTINO)

I, GRACE SCHMIDT, City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Cupertino, California, do hereby certify the attached to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 16-2153 which was enacted on October 18, 2016, and that it has been published or posted pursuant to law (G.C. 40806).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 20th day of October, 2016.



GRACE SCHMIDT, City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk
of the City Council of the City of Cupertino, California