

Chapter 8.24

CULTIVATION AND POSSESSION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

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8.24.010 Legislative Findings and State of Purpose.

A. The City Council finds that in addition to existing City ordinances prohibiting medical marijuana dispensaries and mobile deliveries of medical marijuana within the City limits, the prohibitions on marijuana cultivation and marijuana processing set forth in this Chapter 8.24 are necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare for the City and its community. The City Council's prohibition of such activities is within the authority conferred upon the City Council in state law.

B. On October 9, 2015, the governor signed the "Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act" ("Act") into law. The Act becomes effective January 1, 2016 and contains new statutory provisions that:

1. Allow local governments to enact ordinances expressing their intent to prohibit the cultivation of marijuana and their intent not to administer a conditional permit program pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 11362.777 for the cultivation of marijuana (Health & Safety Code § 11362.777(c)(4));

2. Expressly provide that the Act does not supersede or limit local authority for local law enforcement activity, enforcement of local ordinances, or enforcement of local permit or licensing requirements regarding marijuana (Business & Professions Code § 19315(a));

3. Expressly provide that the Act does not limit the authority or remedies of a local government under any provision of law regarding marijuana, including but not limited to a local

government's right to make and enforce within all police regulations not in conflict with general laws (Business & Professions Code § 19316(c)); and

4. Require a local government that wishes to prevent marijuana delivery activity, as defined in Business & Professions Code section 19300.5(m) of the Act, from operating within the local government's boundaries to enact an ordinance affirmatively banning such delivery activity (Business & Professions Code § 19340(a)).

C. The City Council finds that this chapter: (1) expresses its intent to prohibit the cultivation of marijuana in the City and to not administer a conditional permit program pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 11362.777 for the cultivation of marijuana in the City; (2) exercises its local authority to enact and enforce local regulations and ordinances, including those regarding the permitting, licensing, or other entitlement of the activities prohibited by this chapter; and (3) exercises its police power to enact and enforce regulations for the public benefit, safety, and welfare of the City and its community.

8.24.020 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Marijuana" means any or all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* Linnaeus, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin or separated resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin, including marijuana infused in foodstuff or any other ingestible or consumable product containing marijuana. The term "marijuana" shall also include "medical marijuana" as such phrase is used in the August 2008 Guidelines for the Security and Non-Diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use, as may be amended from time to time, that was issued by the office of the Attorney General for the state of California or subject to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section

11362.5 (Compassionate Use Act of 1996) or California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.7 to 11362.83 (Medical Marijuana Program Act).

B. "Marijuana Cultivation" means growing, planting, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, trimming, or processing of marijuana.

C. "Marijuana Processing" means any method used to prepare marijuana or its byproducts for commercial retail and/or wholesale, including but not limited to: drying, cleaning, curing, packaging, and extraction of active ingredients to create marijuana related products and concentrates.

8.24.040 Prohibited Activities.

Marijuana cultivation and marijuana processing shall be prohibited activities in the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity. No use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit, whether administrative or discretionary, shall be approved or issued for the activities of marijuana cultivation or marijuana processing in the City, and no person shall otherwise establish or conduct such activities in the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity for which the use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit is sought.

8.24.050 Public Nuisance.

Any violation of this chapter is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

8.24.060 Violations.

Any violation of this chapter shall be punishable as a misdemeanor. In the alternative, and in the discretion of the Chief of Police, a violation of this chapter may be prosecuted as an infraction pursuant to Chapter 1.08 or pursuant to Chapter 1.12 of this Code. In addition, the City may abate any public nuisance associated with any violation of this chapter using the abatement procedures set forth in Chapter 1.10.