



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF MADERA NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S CANNABIS BUSINESS LOCATION SETBACK EXEMPTIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Madera (City) plans to adopt a Negative Declaration for an amendment to the City's Cannabis Business Location Setback Exemptions ("Project"). The public hearing to consider the Project and the accompanying Negative Declaration is tentatively scheduled for the City of Madera City Council on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Hearing information can be found at www.madera.gov/home/departments/planning/agendas-minutes/.

The Project, filed by the City of Madera (Applicant), proposes to amend Section 6-5.33(D)(2) of Chapter 5 of Title VI of the City of Madera Municipal Code (Location and Design of Cannabis Businesses) to include Lions Town & Country Community Park as a public facility exempt when siting a cannabis business from any parcel in the City designated by state law as a sensitive use. Pursuant to Section 6-5.33, cannabis businesses shall be no closer than six hundred (600) feet from any zoned parcel in the City designated by state law as a sensitive use. Lions Town & Country Community Park is located at 2300 Howard Road, between South Schnoor Avenue and South Granada Drive in Madera, CA (APN: 009-270-002). The proposed exemption would permit cannabis business to operate within 600 feet of the park on property appropriately zoned for cannabis business as specified by the City's Planning and Zoning Code and subject to Chapter 5 of Title VI of the City of Madera Municipal Code.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/ Negative Declaration (IS/ND) has been prepared, describing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project. The City has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they are all either less than significant or less than significant level with mitigation. The City is making the proposed IS/ND available to interested agencies and members of the public for review and comment. Copies of the IS/ND are on file and available for public review during regular business hours at Madera City Hall, Planning Department customer service counter, located at 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, California. A copy of the IS/ND can also be found at www.madera.gov/home/departments/planning/#tr-current-projects-environmental-review-243608. The 21-day public review period during which the City will receive comments on the proposed Negative Declaration will begin on August 11, 2021 and end on August 31, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Comments should be in writing and addressed to John Thomason, Senior Planner at the City of Madera Planning Department, 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637, or at jthomason@madera.gov.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.