

ORDINANCE NO. 979 C.S.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA
AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (G) AND (H) OF SECTION 6-5.14 OF TITLE VI,
CHAPTER 5 OF THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO APPROVAL
OF CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMITS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Subsections (G) and (H) of Section 6-5.14 of Title VI, Chapter 5 of the Madera Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

- (G) Applications shall be vetted by the City Manager and a team of his/her choice consistent with Review Criteria established by City Council Resolution.
 - (1) At the conclusion of the vetting process relating to: (i) Social Equity Applications and/or (ii) Standard Retail or Microbusiness Applications, the City Manager shall prepare a report for consideration of applications by the City Council.
 - (2) At the end of the vetting process relating to Vertically Integrated, Cultivation, Distribution, Manufacturing, Testing Labs Applications, applications meeting all requirements of the Review Criteria shall receive a Cannabis Business Permit subject to appeal to the City Council by the applicant and contingent on meeting the requirements in Subsection I of Section 6-5.14 of this Code.
- (H) The City Council may either deny or approve the final candidates relating to Social Equity and Standard Retail Microbusiness Applications and shall select the top candidates in each category of the cannabis businesses pursuant to Review Criteria established by City Council Resolution. The City Council's decision as to the selection (denial or approval) of the prevailing candidates shall be final and shall not be subject to further administrative or City Council review or appeal.

SECTION 2. CEQA. A preliminary environmental assessment has been performed for this project pursuant the California Environmental and Quality Act (CEQA). The City Council finds and determines with certainty that, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), there is no possibility that this project may have a significant, adverse, impact on the environment. This is because this project involves purely procedural policies with no impacts on the environment. Therefore, this project is not subject to CEQA.

SECTION 3. Publication. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 36933.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 979 C.S. was introduced and given its first reading at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Madera held on the 28th day of October 2021 and adopted after a second reading at a regular meeting of the City Council held on 3rd day of November 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gallegos, Rodriguez, Montes, Evans, and Villegas.

NOES: Mayor Garcia

ABSTENTIONS: None.

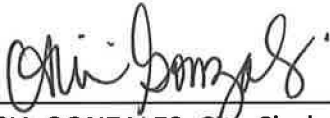
ABSENT: District 5 is currently vacant.

APPROVED:



SANTOS GARCIA, Mayor

ATTEST:



ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk

