



WHERE SHOULD CANNABIS BUSINESSES LOCATE? WORKSHEET



DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- ✓ How far should cannabis businesses be from “sensitive” land uses and other cannabis businesses?
- ✓ What regulations can address concerns about a cannabis businesses’ impact to nearby neighborhoods?

BACKGROUND:

Types of Cannabis Businesses:

State law provides licenses for the following types of cannabis businesses:

- **Cultivators.** Cannabis cultivators plant, grow, harvest, dry, cure, and trim cannabis plants. Cultivation can take place indoors, outdoors, or in enclosed structures such as greenhouses.
- **Manufacturers.** Cannabis manufacturers convert cannabis plants into concentrated cannabis products (e.g., hash) and edibles such as cookies, brownies, and candy. Some, but not all, manufacturers utilize volatile solvents, such as butane, to process cannabis plants.
- **Distributors.** Cannabis distributors procure, sell, and transport cannabis and cannabis products between cultivators, manufacturers, and retail locations.
- **Testing Laboratories.** Testing laboratories test cannabis and cannabis products prior to sale at retail for potency, chemical residues and pesticides, and contaminants such as mold, insects, and hair.
- **Retailers.** Retailers sell cannabis and cannabis products to consumers.

State law rules about where cannabis businesses can locate:

State law provides that cannabis businesses must be at least 600 feet from the following “sensitive” land uses:

- Schools (K-12)
- Day cares (including preschools, but not including home day cares with less than 14 children)
- Youth centers (including youth clubs and video arcades)

However, state law lets counties and cities change these rules.

County rules for unincorporated areas:

The County sets rules about where cannabis businesses can locate through zoning laws. The County Board of Supervisors has specified the following zoning rules for cannabis businesses:

- **Testing labs, retailers:** heavy commercial and industrial/manufacturing zones only.
- **Cultivators, manufacturers, distributors:** industrial/manufacturing zones only.
- All cannabis businesses will be **prohibited in residential zones.**
- Commercial cultivation must be **indoor only.** Outdoor commercial cultivation will not be allowed.

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS:

Should the County prohibit cannabis businesses from locating near certain places or “sensitive” land uses, such as schools? If so, why are you concerned about cannabis businesses locating near those places or land uses?

Do you think cannabis businesses should be located away from other cannabis businesses? If so, why are you concerned about cannabis businesses locating near each other?

Which type of cannabis business (retailer, cultivator, manufacturer, distributor, testing laboratory) most concerns you, if any?

Is there anything else you would like to tell the County about the location of cannabis businesses?

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