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CITY OF SANTA ROSA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE COMMERCIAL CULTIVATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG), LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (IL), GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (IG), BUSINESS PARK (BP) AND LIMITED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LIL) DISTRICTS WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CITY COMPLETES ITS COMPREHENSIVE POLICY EFFORT TO REGULATE MEDICAL CANNABIS – FILE NUMBER REZ15-007

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the City Council on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at or after 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment and recommendations prior to the City Council acting on a proposal to adopt an interim ordinance adding Chapter 20-46, Medical Cannabis Cultivation to the Santa Rosa City Code, to retain local control and allow the commercial cultivation of medical cannabis with a use permit until a comprehensive policy on medical cannabis can be completed.

On October 9, 2015, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 266, Assembly Bill 243, and Senate Bill 643, which together establish a framework for regulating medical marijuana. The interim ordinance will serve as a placeholder, retaining local control over the land use, while allowing sufficient time to prepare comprehensive regulations regarding medical cannabis. The ordinance would not apply to personal cultivation which is exempt by state law. The amendment to the City Code is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b) 3 (General Rule).

The project file is located in the Planning and Economic Development Department, Room 3, City Hall (100 Santa Rosa Avenue), and available for public inspection. The Department is open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Comments and questions may be directed to Clare Hartman, Deputy Director-Planning, Planning and Economic Development Department, City of Santa Rosa, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 3, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, telephone (707) 543-3185 and e-mail Chartman@srcity.org.

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