

Urgency Ordinance to
Extend Temporary Moratorium on
the Eligibility of the
Limited Light Industrial (-LIL) District
for Medical Cannabis Commercial Cultivation

City Council

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Santa Rosa Cannabis Regulations

- 2016 - City Council Priority – Medical Cannabis Policy
- January 19, 2016 - Council initiated a **comprehensive policy** effort; reconvened Medical Cannabis Policy Subcommittee.
- February 23, 2016 - Council adopted interim ordinance allowing **commercial cultivation** with a Conditional Use Permit:
 - Light Industrial (IL) District
 - General Industrial (IG) District
 - **Limited Light Industrial (-LIL) Combining District**

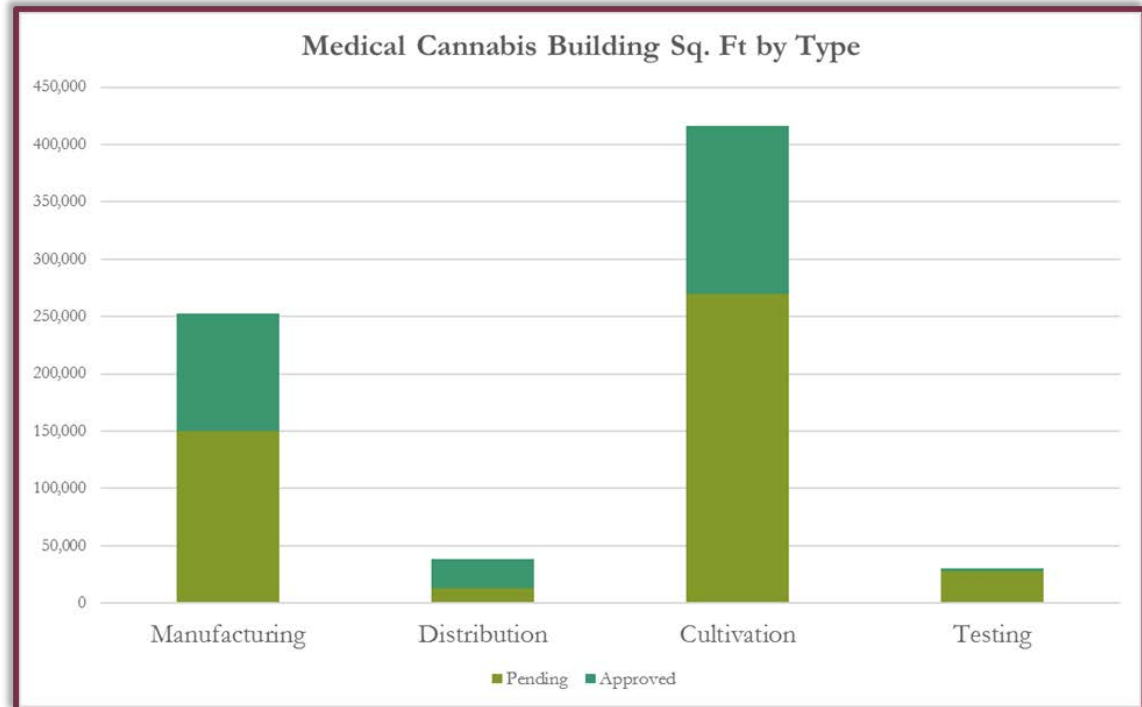
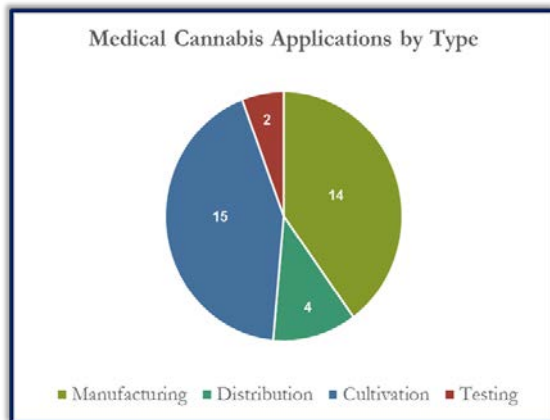
Temporary Moratorium

- City has been accepting use permit applications in all three eligible districts including one in LIL.
- Community concern about the long term land use compatibility within a temporary LIL combining district – an area zoned for high density transit oriented residential uses



Temporary Moratorium

- Increased demand for Industrial sites
- Current vacancy rate is 5%
- Investors pressured to buy or lease facilities



Urgency Ordinance

- May 25, 2017 – Council Policy Subcommittee directed staff to bring an **Urgency Ordinance** to the Council
- Community interest in **avoiding potentially conflicting investments** and the filing of new applications in the LIL District until such time as the issue can be fully studied
- June 13, 2017 – Council adopted a **45 day temporary prohibition** on the LIL District; expires July 28, 2017
- City's **comprehensive cannabis land use regulations** are in process; Public hearings with Planning Commission and the City Council within the next several months.

It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council

- Adopt an urgency ordinance to extend a temporary prohibition on the eligibility of the LIL Combining District for the commercial cultivation of medical cannabis to allow time for development of appropriate regulations