

# City of Santa Rosa



## Legislation Details

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<b>Title:</b>	REPORT - ZONING CODE INTERPRETATION TO ALLOW MEDICAL CANNABIS SUPPORT USES (NON-VOLATILE MANUFACTURING, TESTING, DISTRIBUTOR, AND TRANSPORTER)				

**BACKGROUND:** The 2016 City Council Goal Setting Workshop established five priorities to better focus staff efforts towards achieving established City Council Goals. One of the “Tier 1” priorities is to “Pursue current opportunities for medical marijuana cannabis cultivation, lab testing, and employment development. Prepare for the impacts of prospective legalized recreational marijuana law in California.”

In response to the City Council's goals and the state's adoption of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA), the Council has asserted its interest in retaining local authority over medical cannabis operations. On January 19, 2016, the Council initiated a comprehensive policy effort to support and provide direction on all aspects of the medical cannabis industry, including cultivation, sale, distribution, testing, transportation, manufacturing and taxation. In January 2016, the Council reconvened its Medical Cannabis Policy Subcommittee, which meets monthly. On February 23, 2016, the Council adopted an interim zoning ordinance allowing commercial cultivation of medical cannabis with a conditional use permit (City Code Chapter 20-46). The City is currently processing three use permit applications associated with commercial cultivation. In addition, the City continues to support medical cannabis dispensaries through previously approved regulations (City Code Chapter 10-40).

On May 26, 2016, the Subcommittee directed staff to seek Council support for a Draft Zoning Code Interpretation as an additional interim measure. The Interpretation addresses the manufacturing (non-volatile), testing, distribution, and transportation of medical cannabis.

In addition, staff is seeking direction to develop a permit compliance program to help existing medical cannabis related businesses currently in operation within the City of Santa Rosa achieve code compliance.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the City Council's Medical Cannabis Policy Subcommittee, the Medical Cannabis Technical Advisory Committee, and the Planning & Economic Development Department, that the Council, by motion, 1) direct the Zoning Administrator to issue a Zoning Code Interpretation to allow medical cannabis support uses, specifically non-volatile manufacturing, testing, distributor, and transporter; and 2) direct staff to bring back a proposal for a permit compliance program for existing medical cannabis related businesses.

**Sponsors:**

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**Attachments:** 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1 - Draft Zoning Code Interpretation - Medical Cannabis Support Uses, 3. Attachment 2 - Public Correspondence, 4. Late Correspondence (uploaded 8/3/2016), 5. Presentation

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