



## Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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### Board Order

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to:

- a. Review options to reduce commercial cannabis cultivation business tax rates; and
- b. Direct the Cannabis Program to return to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of an amendment to Monterey County Code 7.100 with the approved amended commercial cannabis business tax rates; and
- c. Revise the formal payment plan by reducing the 25% down payment to 15% and delaying the due date to make the down payment to on or before January 31, 2023; and
- d. Provided direction to staff to accept staff recommendation for the reductions laid out with clarification on the Health Department funding for the Youth Prevention and Public Awareness programs to leave it with Cannabis through the end of the year with a commitment on how this is structured and to make sure long term it is funded through Cannabis. As the rate is assessed for first time through the end of the year with a commitment to a reassessment of the figure to make sure this is built in to the next number. Moving forward the tax rate to be reduced to the figure stated by staff with a commitment to continue to work on a sliding scale (modification twice a year) so when the industry prospers again we will be able to fund more of these programs long term. Taken the rates that have been proposed and structured as laid out by staff and adding 15% at each one of the different steps as part of a buffer in case we see losses of businesses beginning January 2023. Also, accept staff recommendation on the payment plan with a move of the first payment due from December 31, 2022 to January 31, 2023. The Public Guardian, the MVAO Representative, District 3's office in Greenfield and the Racists Street Names in East Garrison all Non-Cannabis Allocations will remain funded by the Cannabis fund through the end of the year. Further discussions to be had during the budget season cycle for fiscal year 2024.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Askew, and Adams  
NOES: Supervisor None  
ABSENT: None  
(Government Code 54953)

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting December 7, 2022.

Dated: February 2, 2023  
File ID: 22-1147  
Agenda Item No.: 7

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California



Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy