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**Before the Planning Commission in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No.**

**REF150048/Cannabis Regulation Updates**

Resolution of the Monterey County Planning Commission recommending that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

- a) Find that ordinances regulating commercial cannabis activities, which require subsequent permitting that is individually subject to environmental review, qualifies for a statutory exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15282 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Statutory exemption is provided for in Section 26055(h) of the Business and Professions Code;
- b) Adopt an ordinance amending Title 21 (non-coastal zoning ordinance) of the Monterey County Code to regulate medicinal and adult-use commercial cannabis activities in the inland unincorporated area of Monterey County consistent with state law (**Attachment 1**);
- c) Adopt a resolution of intent to adopt an ordinance amending the Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 1 and Part 2 (Title 20, coastal zoning ordinance) of the Monterey County Code to regulate commercial cannabis activities in the coastal zone of unincorporated Monterey County consistent with state law (**Attachment 2**); and
- d) Consider the text amendment to the North County Land Use Plan and the Implementation Plan, Part 2 affecting the property located at 7697 Highway 1, Moss Landing (the Former Kaiser National Refractories site) separately from the ordinances described in b) and c) above (**Attachment 3**).

**The proposed amendments to the Monterey County Code modifying regulations for commercial cannabis activities in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County came before the Monterey County Planning Commission at a duly noticed public hearing on November 15, 2017. Having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the administrative record, the staff report, oral testimony and other evidence presented, the Planning Commission forwards the following recommendation to the Board of Supervisors with reference to the following facts:**

**I. RECITALS**

1. Pursuant to Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution, the County of Monterey may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

2. The federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801, *et seq.*) prohibits, except for certain research purposes, the possession, distribution, and manufacture of cannabis,

and there is no medical necessity exception to prosecution and conviction under the Controlled Substances Act.

3. The federal government has issued guidelines for states and local governments that have enacted laws authorizing cannabis related conduct, requiring them to implement strong and effective regulatory and enforcement systems that will address the threat that cannabis activity could pose to public safety, public health, and other law enforcement interests.

4. On November 5, 1996, California voters approved Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Health & Safety Code § 11362.5, “CUA”), an initiative that exempted certain patients and their primary caregivers from criminal liability under state law for the possession and cultivation of cannabis for medical purposes. One of the stated purposes of the CUA is to ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use cannabis for medical purposes where that medical use has been recommended by a physician.

5. On January 1, 2004, Senate Bill 420, the Medical Marijuana Program Act (Health & Safety Code §§ 11362.7-11362.83, “MMP”), became law to clarify the scope of the CUA and to facilitate the prompt identification of qualified patients and their primary caregivers.

6. On October 9, 2015, the State enacted the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (former Business & Professions Code §§ 19300, *et seq.*; “MMRSA”). MMRSA created a state licensing program for commercial medical cannabis activities.

7. On July 12, 2016, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted inland zoning regulations establishing criteria for issuing local land use permits pursuant to the MMRSA (Ordinance Number 5270, amending sections of Title 21 and adding Chapter 21.67 to Monterey County Code), and on July 19, 2016 the Monterey County Board adopted regulations establishing criteria for issuing local business permits pursuant to the MMRSA (Ordinance Numbers 5272 and 5273, codified at Monterey County Code Chapters 7.02 and 7.90). These ordinances were to become operative only if the Board of Supervisors submitted a County tax on commercial medical cannabis activities, the voters approved the tax, and the tax was certified by the County pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code. On November 8, 2016, the voters approved the tax (Measure Y, codified at Monterey County Code Chapter 7.100). On December 13, 2016, the tax was certified pursuant to Section 15372 of the Elections Code, and Ordinance Numbers 5270, 5272, and 5273 became operative.

8. Also on July 12, 2016, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution of intent to adopt coastal zoning regulations to establish criteria for local land use permits pursuant to MMRSA. These regulations were sent to the California Coastal Commission for certification, but the County has since withdrawn the regulations because of discussions with Coastal Commission staff on revisions to the regulation language and intent.

9. On November 8, 2016, by statewide initiative, the voters enacted the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult of Marijuana Act (“AUMA”). AUMA created a state licensing program for commercial adult-use cannabis activities.

10. On June 27, 2017, the State enacted the Medicinal and Adult-Use of Cannabis Regulatory and Safety Act (Business & Professions Code §§ 26000, *et seq.*; “MAUCRSA”),

which combined MMRSA and AUMA into a single State licensing scheme for both medicinal and adult-use cannabis. MAUCRSA allows counties and cities to maintain local regulatory authority over commercial cannabis activities. The state will not issue a state license without first receiving authorization from the applicable local jurisdiction.

11. Staff, working with an ad hoc committee of the Board of Supervisors, prepared draft ordinances amending regulations for commercial cannabis activities based on recent changes to state law (MAUCRSA) and with the intent to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and businesses within the unincorporated areas of Monterey County.

12. On September 27, 2017, the Planning Commission conducted a public workshop to consider draft ordinances amending the County's cannabis regulations based on MAUCRSA and provide direction to staff. Direction to staff included:

- a. Explore options to incorporate edits in the draft ordinances that allow self-distribution for cultivation permittees and incorporate if timing allows;
- b. Review the ban on firearms for security purposes with County law enforcement and members of the ad hoc committee to determine if that ban should be lifted in draft ordinance revisions; and
- c. Provide separate review, analysis, and processing of the LCP amendment for the former Kaiser Refractories site apart from the rest of the ordinance amendment package.

13. After considering feedback from the public and the Planning Commission at the workshop, staff prepared updated draft ordinances. The updated draft ordinances include:

- a. An ordinance amending Title 21 of the Monterey County Code (**Attachment 1**);
- b. An ordinance amending the Coastal Implementation Plan Parts 1 and 2 of the Monterey County certified Local Coastal Program (**Attachment 2**); and
- c. A text amendment to the North County Land Use Plan to allow permitting commercial cannabis uses at 7697 Highway 1, Moss Landing (the former Kaiser National Refractories site), despite the "coastal-dependent industry" land use designation (**Attachment 3**).

The updated draft regulations include policies that permit self-distribution/transportation for cannabis, nursery, and non-volatile permittees under certain conditions and with certain specified restrictions. The firearm restrictions have not changed in the draft ordinances at the request of the Sheriff. The firearm policies will continue to be discussed amongst County staff and may be revised in through future revisions to cannabis ordinances and regulations.

14. Separate review and site-specific analysis of the proposed revisions that apply only to the property located at 7697 Highway 1, Moss Landing (the former Kaiser National Refractories site) are warranted. Section 17 of the draft ordinance which amends the Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 2 (Regulations for Development in the North County Land Use Plan area) and the North County Land Use Plan text amendment should be considered based on their own merits and based on the facts applicable to that specific site.

15. It is the intent of the County of Monterey to have a strong and effective regulatory and enforcement system with regard to cannabis that addresses threats to public safety, health and other law enforcement interests through robust controls and procedures that are effective in practice.

16. The ordinance amending Title 21 (Inland Zoning Regulations) and Title 20 (Coastal Zoning Regulations) together with the ordinances amending Chapters 7.90 and 7.02 of the Monterey County Code requiring a Commercial Cannabis Business Permit and a Business License for all commercial cannabis operations, are intended to establish criteria for issuing local permits pursuant to the MAUCRSA and to establish an effective regulatory and enforcement system consistent with the guidance issued by the United States Department of Justice

17. For the ordinance amending the Coastal Implementation Plan and the North County Land Use Plan text amendments, pursuant to the Coastal Act, the County may amend the certified Local Coastal Program, provided the County follows certain procedures. The procedures include: the County's Planning Commission hold a noticed public hearing and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; the Board of Supervisors hold a noticed public hearing, adopt a resolution of intent, and submit the proposed amendment to the California Coastal Commission for certification together with materials sufficient for a thorough and complete review; the Board of Supervisors take subsequent final action on the ordinance after the Coastal Commission acts; and the Coastal Commission confirm the County's action. Accordingly, the ordinance amending Parts 1 and 2 of the Coastal Implementation Plan and the North County Land Use Plan text amendment will not go into effect until after certification by the Coastal Commission and subsequent formal adoption by the Board of Supervisors at a duly noticed public hearing, and it will not become operative until the Coastal Commission's certification is final and effective.

18. The County intends to carry out the ordinance amending the Coastal Implementation Plan and the amendment to the North County Land Use Plan in a manner fully in conformity with the California Coastal Act.

19. State law (MAUCRSA) provides a statutory exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration and adoption of local commercial cannabis regulations that require subsequent discretionary permits which are themselves subject to CEQA review [Business and Professions Code Section 26055(h)]. The County's draft ordinances require a Use Permit, or Coastal Development Permit, for all commercial cannabis activities in the County. Use Permits and Coastal Development Permits are individually subject to CEQA review. Therefore, the County's updated regulations are statutorily exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15282 of the Guidelines.

20. State law requires the Planning Commission to hold a noticed public hearing on proposed amendments to zoning ordinances and to make a written recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

21. On November 15, 2017, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Local Coastal Program. At least 10 days before the hearing date, notices of the hearing before the Planning Commission were published in the Monterey County Herald and the Californian.

## **II. DECISION**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

Cannabis Regulation Updates (REF150048)

- a) Find that ordinances regulating commercial cannabis activities, which require subsequent permitting that is individually subject to environmental review, qualifies for a statutory exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15282 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Statutory exemption is provided for in Section 26055(h) of the Business and Professions Code;
- b) Adopt an ordinance amending Title 21 (non-coastal zoning ordinance) of the Monterey County Code to regulate medicinal and adult-use commercial cannabis activities in the inland unincorporated area of Monterey County consistent with state law;
- c) Adopt a resolution of intent to adopt an ordinance amending the Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 1 and Part 2 (Title 20, coastal zoning ordinance) of the Monterey County Code to regulate commercial cannabis activities in the coastal zone of unincorporated Monterey County consistent with state law; and
- d) Consider the text amendment to the North County Land Use Plan and the Implementation Plan, Part 2 affecting the property located at 7697 Highway 1, Moss Landing (the Former Kaiser National Refractories site) separately from the ordinances described in b) and c) above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline R. Onciano, Secretary

# Attachment 1



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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING TITLE 21 (NON-COASTAL ZONING) OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY  
CODE RELATING TO CANNABIS USES**

**County Counsel Summary**

*This ordinance amends Chapter 21.67 of Title 21 (non-coastal zoning) of the Monterey County Code to update regulations for commercial cannabis activities in the inland unincorporated area of Monterey County consistent with state law. This ordinance amends the previously adopted commercial medical cannabis regulations with regulations that are applicable to both medicinal and adult-use commercial cannabis without changing the previously adopted criteria. These regulations include allowing cultivation within existing greenhouses and industrial buildings, as well as manufacturing, testing, retail, delivery, and distribution, as uses allowed subject to a Use Permit in each case within specified zoning districts, and subject to obtaining all other County required cannabis-related permits and licenses. This ordinance also updates terms consistent with changes in state law.*

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1. Findings and Declarations**

A. Pursuant to Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution, the County of Monterey may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

B. The federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801, *et seq.*) prohibits, except for certain research purposes, the possession, distribution, and manufacture of cannabis, and there is no medical necessity exception to prosecution and conviction under the Controlled Substances Act.

C. The federal government has issued guidelines for states and local governments that have enacted laws authorizing cannabis related conduct, requiring them to implement strong and effective regulatory and enforcement systems that will address the threat that cannabis activity could pose to public safety, public health, and other law enforcement interests.

D. On November 5, 1996, California voters approved Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Health & Safety Code § 11362.5, “CUA”), an initiative that exempted certain patients and their primary caregivers from criminal liability under state law for the possession and cultivation of cannabis for medical purposes. One of the stated purposes of the CUA is to ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use cannabis for medical purposes where that medical use has been recommended by a physician.

E. On January 1, 2004, Senate Bill 420, the Medical Marijuana Program Act (Health & Safety Code §§ 11362.7-11362.83, “MMP”), became law to clarify the scope of the CUA and to facilitate the prompt identification of qualified patients and their primary caregivers.

F. On October 9, 2015, the State enacted the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (former Business & Professions Code §§ 19300, *et seq.*; “MMRSA”). MMRSA created a state licensing program for commercial medical cannabis activities.

G. On July 12, 2016, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted inland zoning regulations establishing criteria for issuing local land use permits pursuant to the MMRSA (Ordinance Number 5270, amending sections of Title 21 and adding Chapter 21.67 to the Monterey County Code), and on July 19, 2016 the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted regulations establishing criteria for issuing local business permits pursuant to the MMRSA (Ordinance Numbers 5272 and 5273, codified at Monterey County Code Chapters 7.90 and 7.95). These ordinances were to become operative only if the Board of Supervisors submitted a County tax on commercial medical cannabis activities to the voters, the voters approved the tax, and the tax was certified by the County pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code. On November 8, 2016, the voters approved the tax (Measure Y, codified at Monterey County Code Chapter 7.100). On December 13, 2016, the tax was certified pursuant to Section 15372 of the Elections Code and Ordinance Numbers 5270, 5272, and 5273 became operative. Chapter 21.67 provided a one year amortization period for commercial medical cannabis activities that were legally established prior to August 12, 2016 to obtain all required County permits, licenses, and entitlements, or to terminate their operations. This one year amortization period ended on August 12, 2017.

H. On November 8, 2016, by statewide initiative, the voters enacted the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult of Marijuana Act (“AUMA”). AUMA created a state licensing program for commercial adult-use cannabis activities.

I. On June 27, 2017, the State enacted the Medicinal and Adult-Use of Cannabis Regulatory and Safety Act (Business & Professions Code §§ 26000, *et seq.*; “MAUCRSA”), which combined MMRSA and AUMA into a single state licensing scheme for both medicinal and adult-use cannabis. MAUCRSA allows counties and cities to maintain local regulatory authority over commercial cannabis activities. The state will not issue a state license without first receiving authorization from the applicable local jurisdiction.

J. It is the purpose and intent of this Chapter to accommodate the health needs of medical cannabis patients and to establish a local regulatory system for both medical and adult use cannabis uses consistent with state law.

K. It is the intent of the County of Monterey to have a strong and effective regulatory and enforcement system with regard to cannabis that addresses threats to public safety, health and other law enforcement interests through robust controls and procedures that are effective in practice, and that comply with state law and federal guidelines.

L. This ordinance provides regulations for the local permitting of commercial cannabis operations under specified conditions in the non-coastal unincorporated areas of the County.

M. This ordinance, together with the ordinances amending Chapters 7.90 and 7.02 of the Monterey County Code requiring a Commercial Cannabis Business Permit and a Business License for all commercial cannabis operations, are intended to establish criteria for issuing local permits pursuant to the MAUCRSA and to establish an effective regulatory and enforcement system consistent with the guidance issued by the United States Department of Justice.

SECTION 2. Section 21.06.152 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

#### **21.06.152 - Cannabis**

“Cannabis” means all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa Linnaeus, Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. “Cannabis” also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. “Cannabis” does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination. For the purpose of this division, “cannabis” does not mean “industrial hemp” as defined by Section 11018.5 of the Health and Safety Code. ~~means all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa Linnaeus, Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof, the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. “Cannabis” also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from marijuana. “Cannabis” also means marijuana as defined by Section 11018 of the Health and Safety Code.~~

SECTION 3. Section 21.06.192 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

#### **21.06.192 – Commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity**

“Commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity” means the cultivation, possession, manufacture, processing, storing, laboratory testing, packaging, labeling, transporting, distribution, or sale of ~~medical~~ cannabis or a ~~medical~~ cannabis product.

SECTION 4. Section 21.06.775 of the Monterey County Code is repealed.

#### **21.06.775 – ~~Medical Cannabis~~[Repealed]**

~~“Medical cannabis” or “Medical cannabis product” means a product containing cannabis, including, but not limited to, concentrates and extractions, intended to be sold for use by medical cannabis patients in California pursuant to the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Proposition 215), found at Section 11362.5 of the Health and Safety Code. For the purposes of this Title, “medical cannabis” does not include “industrial hemp” as defined by Section 81000 of the Food and Agricultural Code or Section 11018.5 of the Health and Safety Code.~~

SECTION 5. Subsection A of Section 21.18.040 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of commercial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities shall require a Use Permit in each case.

SECTION 6. Subsection HH of Section 21.18.060 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

HH. ~~Medical e~~Cannabis ~~dispensary-retailer~~ pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

SECTION 7. Subsection A of Section 21.20.040 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of commercial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities shall require a Use Permit in each case.

SECTION 8. Subsections OO, PP, QQ, and RR of Section 21.20.060 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

OO. ~~Medical e~~Cannabis ~~dispensary-retailer~~ pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

PP. Non-volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

QQ. ~~Medical e~~Cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facilities pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

RR. ~~Medical~~Cannabis testing facilities pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

SECTION 9. Subsection A of Section 21.24.040 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of agricultural industrial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities shall require a Use Permit in each case.

SECTION 10. Subsections EE, FF, GG, and HH of Section 21.24.070 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

- EE. Indoor, ~~or mixed light, or nursery~~ ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- FF. Non-volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- GG. ~~Medical-C~~ cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facilities pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- HH. ~~Medical-C~~ cannabis testing facilities pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

SECTION 11. Subsection A of Section 21.26.040 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of light industrial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities shall require a Use Permit in each case.

SECTION 12. Subsections II, JJ, KK, and LL of Section 21.26.060 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

- II. Indoor, ~~or mixed-light, or nursery~~ ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- JJ. Non-volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- KK. ~~Medical-C~~ cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facilities pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- LL. ~~Medical-C~~ cannabis testing facilities pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

SECTION 13. Subsection A of Section 21.28.040 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of heavy industrial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities shall require a Use Permit in each case.

SECTION 14. Subsections KK, LL, MM, NN, and OO of Section 21.28.060 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

- KK. Indoor, ~~or mixed-light, or nursery~~ ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- LL. Non-volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- MM. Volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- NN. ~~Medical-C~~ cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facilities pursuant to Chapter 21.67.
- OO. ~~Medical-C~~ cannabis testing facilities pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

SECTION 15. Subsections JJ ~~and~~, KK, ~~and LL~~ of Section 21.30.050 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

JJ. ~~Indoor, or Mixed-light, or nursery medical~~ cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

~~KK. Medical cannabis nursery pursuant to Chapter 21.67.~~

~~LLKK. Non-volatile medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 21.67.

SECTION 16. Chapter 21.67 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

## Chapter 21.67 COMMERCIAL ~~MEDICAL~~ CANNABIS ACTIVITIES

### Sections:

**21.67.010 – Definitions**

**21.67.020 – Purpose**

**21.67.030 – Permits Required**

**21.67.040 – ~~Medical~~ Cannabis ~~Dispensaries~~ Retailer**

**21.67.050 – ~~Medical~~ Cannabis Cultivation**

**21.67.060 – ~~Medical~~ Cannabis Manufacturing**

**21.67.070 – ~~Medical~~ Cannabis Testing Facilities**

**21.67.080 – ~~Medical~~ Cannabis ~~Transport and~~ Distribution**

**21.67.090 – Exemptions**

**21.67.100 – Application Requirements**

**21.67.110 – ~~Grounds for Suspension or Revocation~~**

**21.67.120 – ~~Procedure for Suspension or Revocation~~**

**21.67.130 – Enforcement**

**21.67.140 – ~~Operative Date of Chapter 21.67~~**

### **21.67.010 Definitions**

For the purpose of this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, certain terms used in this Chapter shall be as defined below. The definitions in Chapter 21.06 shall otherwise apply.

A. “Bureau” means the Bureau of ~~Medical Cannabis Marijuana Regulation Control~~ within the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

~~B. “Cannabinoid” or “phytocannabinoid” means a chemical compound that is unique to and derived from cannabis.~~

BC. “Cannabis concentrate” means cannabis that has undergone a process to concentrate one or more active cannabinoids, thereby increasing the product’s potency. Resin from granular trichomes from a cannabis plant is a concentrate for purposes of this division. A

cannabis concentrate is not considered food, as defined by Section 109935 of the Health and Safety Code, or a drug, as defined by Section 109925 of the Health and Safety Code, manufactured cannabis that has undergone a process to concentrate the cannabinoid active ingredient, thereby increasing the product's potency

C. “Cannabis product” has the same meaning as in Section 11018.1 of the California Health and Safety Code.

D. “Canopy” means all areas occupied by any portion of a cannabis plant, inclusive of all vertical planes, whether contiguous or noncontiguous on any one site.

E. “Certificate of accreditation” means a certificate issued by an accrediting body to a licensed testing laboratory, entity, or site to be registered in the state.

F. “Cultivation” means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of medical cannabis. Within the definition of cultivation, the following specific License-Permit Types, corresponding to state cultivator license types set forth in California Business and Professions Code sSection 26061-19332(g)26050(a), apply:

1. Type 1 or “specialty outdoor” means outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting and having no more the fifty (50) mature plants or five thousand (5,000) square feet of total canopy size whichever is less;

2. Type 1A or “specialty indoor” means cultivation using exclusively artificial lighting, is entirely contained within a structure, and having no more than five thousand (5,000) square feet of total canopy size;

32. Type 1B or “specialty mixed-light” means cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting and having no more than five thousand (5,000) square feet of total canopy size;

34. Type 1C, or “specialty cottage,” for cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting at a maximum threshold to be determined by the licensing authority, of 2,500 square feet or less of total canopy size for mixed-light cultivation, or 500 square feet or less of total canopy size for indoor cultivation, on one premises.

45. Type 2 or “small outdoor” means outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting and having a total canopy size between five thousand one (5,001) and ten thousand (10,000) square feet;

564. Type 2A or “small indoor” means indoor cultivation exclusively using artificial lighting and having a total canopy size between five thousand one (5,001) and ten thousand (10,000) square feet;



~~657.~~ Type 2B or “small mixed-light” means cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting and having a total canopy size between five thousand one (5,001) and ten thousand (10,000) square feet;

~~78. Type 3 or “outdoor” means outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting and having a total canopy area between ten thousand one (10,001) square feet and one (1) acre;~~

~~896.~~ Type 3A or “indoor” means indoor cultivation using exclusively artificial lighting and having a total canopy area between ten thousand one (10,001) and twenty two thousand (22,000) square feet;

~~9710.~~ Type 3B or “mixed-light” means cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting and having a total canopy area of between ten thousand one (10,001) and twenty two thousand (22,000) square feet; and

~~10811.~~ Type 4 or “nursery” means cultivation of ~~medical~~ cannabis solely as a nursery.

G. “Delivery” means the commercial transfer of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products ~~from a dispensary, up to an amount allowed by the Bureau, to a primary caregiver or qualified patient as defined in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, or a testing laboratory to a customer.~~ “Delivery” also includes the use by a retailer of any ~~technology platform owned and controlled by the retailer.~~

H. “Dispensary” means a facility where ~~medical~~ cannabis, ~~medical~~ cannabis products, or devices for the use of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products are offered, either individually or in any combination, for retail sale, including an establishment that delivers ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products as part of a retail sale.

I. “Distribution” means the procurement, sale, and transport of ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products between entities licensed pursuant to this ~~C~~chapter.

J. “Edible cannabis product” means ~~cannabis product that is intended to be used, in whole or in part, for human consumption, including, but not limited to, chewing gum, but excluding products set forth in Division 15 (commencing with Section 32501) of the Food and Agricultural Code. An edible cannabis product is not considered food, as defined by Section 109935 of the Health and Safety Code, or a drug, as defined by Section 109925 of the Health and Safety Code.~~ ~~manufactured cannabis that is intended to be used, in whole or in part, for human consumption, including, but not limited to, chewing gum. An edible cannabis product is not considered food as defined by Section 109935 of the California Health and Safety Code or a drug as defined by Section 109925 of the California Health and Safety Code.~~

K. “Greenhouse” means a fully enclosed permanent structure that is clad in transparent material with climate control, such as heating and ventilation capabilities and supplemental artificial lighting, and that uses a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting for cultivation.

L. "Hearing Officer" means a person appointed by the County to conduct an administrative hearing under this Chapter. The appointed Hearing Officer shall be an impartial decision-maker selected by a process that eliminates risk of bias, such as:

1. An administrative law judge provided by the State of California Office of Administrative Hearings to function as the County Hearing Officer pursuant to Chapter 14 of Part 3 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the California Government Code;

2. A person selected randomly from a panel of attorneys willing to serve as a Hearing Officer; or

3. An independent contractor assigned by an organization or entity which provides hearing officers.

M. "Identification card" has the same definition as in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, as it may be amended.

N. "Licensee" ~~means any person holding a state license under this division, under California Business and Professions Code Sections 26000, et seq. regardless of whether the license held is an A-license or an M-license, and includes the holder of a testing laboratory license means a person issued a state license under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 19300) of the California Business and Professions Code, to engage in a commercial medical cannabis activity.~~

O. "Licensing authority" means the state agency responsible for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a state license for commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities, or the state agency authorized to take disciplinary action against the licensee.

P. "Manufactured cannabis" or "cannabis product" means raw cannabis that has undergone a process whereby the raw agricultural product has been transformed into a concentrate, an edible product, or a topical product.

Q. "Manufacturing site" means a location that produces, prepares, propagates, or compounds ~~manufactured medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products ~~either~~, directly or indirectly, by extraction methods, independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and is owned and operated by a licensee for these activities.

R. "Medicinal cannabis" or "medicinal cannabis product" means cannabis or a cannabis product, respectively, intended to be sold for use pursuant to the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Proposition 215), found at Section 11362.5 of the Health and Safety Code, by a medicinal cannabis patient in California who possesses a physician's recommendation.

SR. "Nursery" means a licensee-permittee that produces only clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically for the planting, propagation, and cultivation of ~~medical~~ cannabis.

ST. “One ownership” and “owner” have the same definition as set forth in Chapter 21.06 of this Title.

UT. “Permittee” means a person issued ~~a commercial medical cannabis permit under Chapter 7.90a~~ Use Permit under this Chapter.

VU. “Person” means an individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit and includes the plural as well as the singular number.

WV. “Primary caregiver” has the same definition as in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, as it may be amended.

XW. “Public park” means an area created, established, designated, or maintained by the a special district, a County, the State, or the Federal government for public play, recreation, or enjoyment or for the protection of natural resources and features at the site.

YX. “Qualified patient” has the same definition as in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, as it may be amended.

ZY. “Retailer” and “retail facility” shall have the same meaning as “Dispensary.”

YAA. “State” means the State of California.

ZBB. “State license,” “license,” or “registration” means a state license issued pursuant to California Business & Professions Code Sections ~~19300~~26000, *et seq.*

AACC. “Testing laboratory” means a facility, entity, or site in the state that offers or performs test of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products and that is both of the following:

1. Accredited by an accrediting body that is independent from all other persons involved in ~~the medical commercial~~ cannabis ~~industry activities~~ in the state; and
2. ~~Registered with the California State Department of Public Health~~Licensed by the Bureau.

BBCC. “Transport” ~~or “transportation”~~ means the transfer of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products from the permitted business location of one licensee to the permitted business location of another licensee, for the purposes of conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity authorized pursuant to the California Business & Professions Code Sections ~~19300~~26000, *et seq.*

DD. “Volatile Manufacturing” means a manufacturing site that manufactures cannabis products using volatile solvents.

EE. “Volatile solvents” shall have the same meaning as in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section 11362.3 of the Health and Safety Code, unless otherwise provided by law or regulation.

## **21.67.020 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, enact strong and effective regulatory and enforcement controls in compliance with state law and federal enforcement guidelines, protect neighborhood character, and minimize potential for negative impacts on people, communities, and the environment in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County by establishing minimum land use requirements for commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities. Commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity, as defined pursuant to Section 21.06.192 of Title 21, includes the cultivation, possession, manufacture, processing, storing, laboratory testing, packaging, labeling, transporting, distribution, or sale of ~~medical~~ cannabis or a ~~medical~~ cannabis product. Although cultivation of ~~medical~~ cannabis is not “development” within the meaning of the 2010 General Plan, this Chapter recognizes that commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities require land use controls due to the unique federal and state legal constraints on commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity, and the potential environmental and social impacts associated with commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

## **21.67.030 Permits Required**

Except as provided in Section 21.67.090 of this Chapter, commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities shall not be allowed in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County without first securing all permits, licenses, or other entitlements required by County regulation and state law and regulation.

A. A Use Permit shall be required for all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities. The application for a Use Permit, and for amendments thereto and extensions thereof, shall be processed in accordance with Chapter 21.74 of the Monterey County Code of Title 21. The Planning Commission is the Appropriate Authority to consider a Use Permit for commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities and to consider extensions of and amendments to such Use Permits. Appeals from the decision of the Planning Commission shall be governed by Chapter 21.80 of the Monterey County Code of Title 21. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the procedures for suspension and revocation of a Use Permit granted under this Chapter shall be as set forth in sections 21.67.110 and 21.67.120 of this Chapter.

B. In addition to a Use Permit, a commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code shall be required for all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities.

C. Upon implementation of state regulations pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section ~~1932026012~~, a valid license from the State shall be required to operate any commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

D. The owner shall post or cause to be posted on site the Use Permit and all required County and state permits and licenses required to operate. Such posting shall be in a central location, visible to the patrons, at the operating site, and in all vehicles that deliver or transport ~~medical marijuana~~cannabis or cannabis products.

E. The owner and all permittees shall maintain clear and adequate records and documentation demonstrating that all cannabis or cannabis products have been obtained from and are provided to other permitted and licensed cannabis operations. The County shall have the right to examine, monitor, and audit such records and documentation, which shall be made available to the County upon request.

F. The owner and all permittees shall conduct ~~medical~~-commercial cannabis activities in compliance with all required County permits, state licenses, County regulation, and state law and regulation. The owner shall be responsible for the payment of all required inspection fees, permit fees, and taxes.

G. Commercial medical cannabis activities that were legally established prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. —5270 enacting this Chapter (August 12, 2016) ~~shall have had~~ one (1) year from the effective date of the Ordinance to obtain all required County permits, licenses, and entitlements, or to terminate their operations.

#### **21.67.040 Regulations for ~~Medical Cannabis~~ DispensariesRetailers.**

A. Applicability: The provisions of this Section are applicable in Light Commercial (LC) and Heavy Commercial (HC) zoning districts. ~~Medical eCannabis~~ dispensaries-retailers shall not be allowed in any other zoning district.

B. Regulations. ~~Medical eCannabis~~ retailersdispensary shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. DispensariesRetail facilities shall be located only in zoning districts that specifically provide for this use.
2. Dispensaries-Retail facilities shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or a drug recovery facility.
3. Retail facilitiesDispensaries shall not be located within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of another dispensary.
4. Dispensaries-Retailers shall keep accurate records of all business operations and provide such records for inspection consistent with Section ~~19327-26160~~ of the California Business and Professions Code.
5. Dispensaries-Retailers shall implement and maintain sufficient security measures to both deter and prevent unauthorized entrance into areas containing cannabis or cannabis products in compliance with Section ~~19334-26070~~ of the California Business

and Professions Code and any rules promulgated by the licensing authority. Security measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Prevent individuals from loitering on the premises of the ~~dispensary-retailer~~ if they are not engaging in activity expressly related to the operations of the ~~dispensaryretailer~~;
  - b. Establish limited access areas accessible only to authorized dispensary personnel;
  - c. Store all cannabis and cannabis products in a secured and locked safe room, safe, or vault, and in a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss, except for limited amounts of cannabis and cannabis products used for display purposes, samples or immediate sale;
  - d. Install security cameras on site; and
  - e. Provide for on-site security personnel meeting the requirements and standards contained within Chapter 7.30 of the Monterey County Code. On-site security shall not carry firearms or other lethal weapons.
6. If the ~~dispensary-retailer's~~ operations are proposed to include delivery, all employees of a ~~dispensary-retailer~~ delivering ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall carry a copy of the documentation listed below when making deliveries. This information shall be provided upon request to law enforcement officers and to employees of state and local agencies enforcing this Chapter.
- a. A copy of the ~~dispensary's-retailer's~~ current permits, licenses, and entitlements authorizing them to provide delivery services;
  - b. The employee's government-issued identification;
  - c. A copy of the delivery request; and
  - d. Chain of custody records for all goods being delivered.
7. ~~Dispensaries-Retailers~~ shall ensure that all cannabis and cannabis products at the dispensary are cultivated, manufactured, transported, distributed, and tested by licensed and permitted facilities that maintain operations in full conformance with state and local regulations.
8. ~~Dispensaries-Retailers~~ shall not distribute any ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis product unless the ~~medical~~-cannabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products are labeled and in a tamper-evident package in compliance with Section ~~19347-26120~~ of the California Business and Professions Code and any additional rules promulgated by the licensing authority.



9. ~~Dispensaries-Retailers~~ shall notify the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the licensing authority within 24 hours after discovering any of the following:

- a. Significant discrepancies identified during inventory;
- b. Diversion, theft, loss, or any criminal activity involving the dispensary or any agent or employee of the ~~dispensaryretailer~~;
- c. The loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to cannabis, ~~registered-qualifying~~ patients, ~~primary-caregivers~~, or ~~retailer's~~~~dispensary~~ employees or agents; or
- d. Any other breach of security.

10. Possession or delivery of any other form of illegal drugs without proper legal authorization shall be grounds for revocation of permits.

C. Required Findings: A Use Permit for a ~~medical~~ cannabis ~~dispensary-retailer~~ shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

1. The ~~dispensaryretailer~~, as proposed, has demonstrated that it can and will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County to operate a ~~medical~~ cannabis ~~dispensaryretail facility~~.

2. The ~~dispensary-retail facility~~ will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility, or within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of another dispensary.

3. The ~~dispensaryretailer~~, as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.

4. The ~~dispensary-retailer~~ includes adequate measures that minimize, to the extent feasible, nuisances to the immediate neighborhood and community including minimizing the detection of odor from offsite, minimizing the effects of loitering, providing adequate security measures, and not exceeding the Use Permit's limits on hours of operation.

5. The ~~retailer~~~~dispensary~~ will provide adequate measures that address the federal enforcement priorities for cannabis activities including providing for restrictions on drugged driving, restricting access to minors, prohibiting use of firearms for security purposes at the premises, and ensuring that ~~medical~~-cannabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products are supplied from permitted and licensed sources.

D. In addition to any other required conditions and mitigation measures approved by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for a ~~medical cannabis~~ dispensary-retailer:

1. The ~~medical~~-cannabis dispensary-retailer shall allow access to its ~~dispensary~~ facilities and records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.
2. The applicant, owner, and all permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.
3. The applicant for the dispensary-retail facility and property owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.
4. Any person operating a ~~medical~~-cannabis retail facility~~dispensary~~ shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must maintain such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.
5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with all permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Use Permit pursuant to Section 21.67.120 of the Monterey County Code.
6. The dispensary-retailer shall operate only in accordance with the operating plans reviewed and approved by the County. The County shall limit the hours of operation for a dispensary-retail facility to begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and to end no later than 8:00 p.m.

#### **21.67.050 – Regulations for ~~Medical~~-Cannabis Cultivation.**

A. Applicability: Except as provided in Section 21.67.090 of this Chapter, ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation may only be permitted in the Light Industrial (LI), Heavy Industrial (HI), Agricultural Industrial (AI), or Farmland zoning districts with a Use Permit in each case and as may be further restricted by this Section. Outdoor ~~medical~~-cannabis cultivation is prohibited in all zones within the unincorporated areas of Monterey County except as provided in Section 21.67.090 of this Chapter. The table below summarizes the zoning districts where cultivation may be considered with a Use Permit.



	Type 1A	Type 1B	<u>Type 1C*</u>	Type 2A	Type 2B	Type 3A	Type 3B	Type 4
LI	UP	UP	<u>UP</u>	UP	UP			
HI	UP	UP	<u>UP</u>	UP	UP	UP	UP	UP
AI	UP	UP	<u>UP</u>	UP	UP	UP	UP	UP
F	UP	UP	<u>UP</u>	UP	UP	UP	UP	UP

UP = Use Permit pursuant to Chapter 21.74

\* For Type 1C “Specialty Cottage” only mixed-light and indoor cultivation are permitted. “Specialty Cottage” outdoor cultivation is prohibited in Monterey County.

B. Regulations: ~~Medical~~eCannabis cultivation shall comply with all of the following regulations:

1. It is the intent of the County to provide for the adaptive reuse of greenhouses in Monterey County and to restrict the proliferation of greenhouses or other structures on productive agricultural lands. To this end, within the Farmland (“F”) zoning district, indoor and mixed-light~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation and ~~medical~~cannabis nurseries (Type 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, and 4 state license types) may be permitted with a Use Permit in each case provided that within the Farmland (F) zoning district, the cultivation occurs only within a greenhouse or industrial building that was permitted or legally established prior to January 1, 2016. Greenhouses and industrial buildings may be improved for cannabis activities after January 1, 2016 provided that the footprint of the existing greenhouse(s) or industrial building(s) does not change.

2. Within the Light Industrial (“~~LI~~”), Heavy Industrial (“~~HI~~”), and Agricultural Industrial (“~~AI~~”) zoning districts, indoor or mixed-light ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation or ~~medical~~ cannabis nurseries (Type 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, or 4 state license types) may be permitted subject to a Use Permit in each case, except that type 3A, 3B and 4 cultivation types shall not be permitted in the Light Industrial (“~~LI~~”) zoning district, and provided that the cultivation occurs only within a greenhouse or industrial building that was permitted or legally established prior to January 1, 2016. Subject to other permit requirements of this Title, greenhouses and industrial buildings may be improved for cannabis activities after January 1, 2016 provided that the footprint of the existing greenhouse(s) or industrial building(s) does not change.

3. In no case shall a building intended for residential use be used for the cultivation of ~~medical~~cannabis.

4. ~~Medical~~-cannabis cultivation shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet of a school, public park, or drug recovery facility.

5. Until a [track and trace](#) program for the identification of permitted ~~medical marijuana cannabis~~ plants at a cultivation site is created by the California Department of Food and Agricultural, cultivators shall implement a County approved unique identification protocol. Unique identifiers shall be attached at the base of each plant and shall be traceable through the supply chain back to the cultivation site. Once a state program has been established, all cultivation activities permitted under this Chapter shall comply with the state requirements for unique identifiers and the trace and track program.

6. Security measures sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. If on-site security is utilized, such on-site security shall not use or possess firearms or other lethal weapons

7. Pesticides and fertilizers shall be properly labeled and stored to avoid contamination through erosion, leakage, or inadvertent damage from rodents, pests, or wildlife.

8. Water conservation measures, water capture systems, or grey water systems shall be incorporated in ~~medical~~-cannabis cultivation operations in order to minimize use of water where feasible.

9. On-site renewable energy generation shall be required for all indoor (cultivation activities using artificial lighting only including Type 1A, [1C](#), 2A, 3A and 4 state license types) ~~medical~~-cannabis cultivation activities. Renewable energy systems shall be designed to have a generation potential equal to or greater than one half (1/2) of the anticipated energy demand.

10. Cannabis plants shall not be visible from offsite. No visual markers indicating that cannabis is cultivated on the site shall be visible from offsite.

11. The owner shall ensure that the total canopy size of ~~medical~~-cannabis cultivated at the site does not exceed the cumulative canopy size authorized by State law or regulation. The owner and its licensees and permittees, operating on a site permitted pursuant to this Chapter, and with a commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis permit required pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code, shall ensure that the total canopy size of cannabis cultivation does not individually exceed the amounts authorized by County permits and State law.

[12. Unless restricted under the terms or conditions of a Use Permit, cannabis cultivation or nursery permittees may transport their own cannabis grown onsite to another permitted and licensed cannabis business at an offsite facility provided the cultivation or nursery permittee hold a Type 11 state license or other applicable state license that allows for the transportation of cannabis. A separate Use Permit shall not be required for permittees under this Section that transport their own cannabis grown onsite to another permitted and licensed](#)

cannabis business at an offsite facility. Failure to adhere to County or State laws and regulations for cannabis transportation shall be grounds for revocation of the privileges provided herein and may be grounds for suspension or revocation of a Use Permit pursuant to Section 21.67.110 of the Monterey County Code.

C. Required Findings. A Use Permit for ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

1. The cultivation, as proposed, will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the cultivation of ~~medical~~ cannabis.
2. The cultivation will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility.
3. The cultivation, as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.
4. The cultivation includes adequate measures that minimize use of water for ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation at the site.
5. The cultivation includes adequate measures to address the projected energy demand for ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation at the site.
6. The cultivation includes adequate quality control measures to ensure ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivated at the site meets industry standards.
7. The cultivation includes adequate measures that address the federal enforcement priorities for cannabis activities including restricting access to minors, prohibiting use of firearms for security purposes at the premises, and ensuring that ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products are not supplied to unlicensed and unpermitted persons within the State and not distributed out of state.

D. Required Conditions: In addition to any other conditions and mitigation measures required by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation:

1. The owner and permittees shall allow access to cultivation sites and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.
2. The applicant, owner, and permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine

compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.

3. The applicant for the cultivation and the owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

4. Any person cultivating ~~medical~~ cannabis shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must maintain such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.

5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with all permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Use Permit pursuant to Section 21.67.120 of the Monterey County Code.

6. The cultivation activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans as approved by the County.

#### **21.67.060 – ~~Medical~~ Cannabis Manufacturing**

A. Applicability: Non-volatile cannabis manufacturing facilities (requiring a Type 6 state license) may be permitted in the Heavy Commercial (“HC”), Light Industrial (“LI”), Heavy Industrial (“HI”), Agricultural Industrial (“AI”), or in Farmland (“F”) zoning districts when combined with a ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation permit, subject to a Use Permit in each case. Cannabis manufacturing facilities involving volatile processes or substances (requiring a Type 7 state license) shall only be permitted in the Heavy Industrial (“HI”) zoning district with a Use Permit in each case. Except as provided in Section 21.67.090 of this Chapter, ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing shall be subject to the requirements contained in this Section.

B. Regulations: ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis manufacturing shall comply with all of the following regulations:

1. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis manufacturing facilities shall be located only in zoning districts that specifically provide for this use.

2. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis manufacturing facilities shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or a drug recovery facility.

3. The Director of the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau or his/her designee is the appropriate authority to determine if manufacturing operations are “volatile.” as defined by the State.

4. All cannabis manufacturing operations shall ensure that cannabis is obtained from permitted and licensed cultivation sources and shall implement best practices to ensure that all manufactured cannabis products are properly stored, labeled, transported, and inspected prior to distribution at a legally permitted and licensed dispensary.

5. Security measures sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. Security measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Prevent individuals from loitering on the premises of the manufacturing facility if they are not engaging in activity expressly related to the operations of the manufacturing facility;
- b. Store all cannabis and cannabis products in a secured and locked safe room, safe, or vault, and in a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss;
- c. Install security cameras on site; and
- d. Provide for on-site security personnel meeting the requirements and standards contained within Chapter 7.30 of the Monterey County Code. On-site security shall not use or possess firearms or other lethal weapons.

6. Any employees of a ~~medical~~-cannabis manufacturing facilities operating potentially hazardous equipment shall be trained on the proper use of equipment and on the proper hazard response protocols in the event of equipment failure. In addition, employees handling edible cannabis products or ingredients shall be trained on proper food safety practices.

7. Unless restricted under the terms or conditions of a Use Permit, cannabis manufacturing permittees may transport their own cannabis products manufactured onsite to another permitted and licensed cannabis business at an offsite facility provided the manufacturing permittee holds a Type 11 state license or other applicable state license that allows for the transportation of cannabis products. A separate Use Permit shall not be required for permittees under this Section that transport their own cannabis products manufactured onsite to another permitted and licensed cannabis business at an offsite facility. Failure to adhere to County or State laws and regulations for manufactured cannabis transportation shall be grounds for revocation of the privileges provided herein and may be grounds for suspension or revocation of a Use Permit pursuant to Section 21.67.110 of the Monterey County Code.

C. Required Findings. A Use Permit for ~~medical~~-cannabis manufacturing shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

1. The manufacturing facility, as proposed, will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing.

2. The manufacturing facility will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility.

3. The manufacturing, as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.

4. The manufacturing includes adequate quality control measures to ensure ~~medical~~ cannabis manufactured at the site meets industry standards.

5. The manufacturing facility does not pose a significant threat to the public or to neighboring uses from explosion or from the release of harmful gases, liquids, or substances.

6. The manufacturing operations plan includes adequate measures that address the federal enforcement priorities for cannabis activities including providing restrictions on access to minors, prohibiting use of firearms for security purposes at the premises, and ensuring that ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products are obtained from and supplied only to other permitted licensed sources within the State.

D. Required Conditions: In addition to any other conditions and mitigation measures required by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing:

1. The owner and permittees shall allow access to the facility and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.

2. The applicant, owner, and permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.

3. The applicant for the manufacturing facility and the owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

4. Any person operating a ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing facility shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must maintain such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.



5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with all permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Use Permit pursuant to Section 21.67.120 of this Chapter.

6. The manufacturing facilities and activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans approved by the County.

#### **21.67.070 – ~~Medical~~ Cannabis Testing Facilities**

A. Applicability: Cannabis testing facilities (requiring a Type 8 state license) may be permitted in the Heavy Commercial (“HC”), Light Industrial (“LI”), Heavy Industrial (“HI”), and Agricultural Industrial (“AI”) zoning districts subject to a Use Permit in each case. Testing facilities shall be subject to the requirements of this Section.

B. Regulations: ~~Medical~~eCannabis testing facilities shall comply with all of the following regulations:

1. ~~Medical~~eCannabis testing facilities shall be located only in zoning districts that specifically provide for this use.

2. ~~Medical~~eCannabis testing facilities shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or a drug recovery facility.

3. ~~Medical~~eCannabis testing facilities shall be independent from all other persons and entities involved in the ~~medical~~ cannabis industry.

4. Security measures sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. Security measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Prevent individuals from loitering on the premises of the testing facility if they are not engaging in activity expressly related to the operations of the testing facility;

b. Store all cannabis and cannabis products in a secured and locked safe room, safe, or vault, and in a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss;

c. Install security cameras on site; and

- d. Provide for on-site security personnel meeting the requirements and standards contained within Chapter 7.30 of the Monterey County Code. On-site security shall not use or possess firearms or other lethal weapons.
5. ~~Medical~~eCannabis testing facilities shall adopt standard operating procedures using methods consistent with general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration activities, including sampling, using standard methods established by the International Organization for Standardization, specifically ISO/IEC 17020 and ISO/IEC 17025 to test ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products that are approved by an accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement.
6. ~~Medical~~eCannabis testing facilities shall obtain samples for testing according to a statistically valid sampling method.
7. ~~Medical~~eCannabis testing facilities shall analyze samples according to either the most current version of the cannabis inflorescence monograph published by the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia or a scientifically valid methodology that is demonstrably equal or superior to the most recent cannabis inflorescence monograph.
8. If a test result falls outside the specifications authorized by law or regulation, the ~~medical~~ cannabis testing facility shall follow a standard operating procedure to confirm or refute the original result.
9. ~~Medical~~eCannabis testing facilities shall destroy the remains of any samples of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis product tested upon completion of the analysis.
10. A licensed testing laboratory shall issue a certificate of analysis for each lot, with supporting data, to report both of the following:
  - a. Whether the chemical profile of the lot conforms to the specifications of the lot for compounds, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
    - i. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).
    - ii. Tetrahydrocannabinolic Acid (THCA).
    - iii. Cannabidiol (CBD).
    - iv. Cannabidiolic Acid (CBDA).
    - v. The terpenes described in the most current version of the cannabis inflorescence monograph published by the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia.



- vi. Cannabigerol (CBG).
- vii. Cannabinol (CBN).
- viii. Any other compounds required by the Department of Public Health.

b. That the presence of contaminants does not exceed the levels that are the lesser of either the most current version of the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia monograph or those set by the California Department of Public Health. For purposes of this paragraph, contaminants include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- i. Residual solvent or processing chemicals.
- ii. Foreign material, including, but not limited to, hair, insects, or similar or related adulterant.
- iii. Microbiological impurity, including total aerobic microbial count, total yeast mold count, *P.aeruginosa*, *aspergillus* spp., *s. aureus*, aflatoxin B1, B2, G1, or G2, or ochratoxin A.
- iv. Whether the batch is within specifications for odor and appearance.

C. Required Findings. A Use Permit for a ~~medical~~ cannabis testing facility shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

- 1. The testing facility, as proposed, will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the testing of ~~medical~~ cannabis or cannabis productsmanufacturing.
- 2. The testing facility will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility.
- 3. The ~~medical~~ cannabis testing, as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.
- 4. The owners, permittees, operators, and employees of the testing facility will not be associated with any other form of commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.
- 5. The testing facility is accredited by an appropriate accrediting agency.
- 6. Plans for the testing facility demonstrate proper protocols and procedures for statistically valid sampling methods and accurate certification of ~~medical~~ cannabis

and ~~medical~~-cannabis products for potency, purity, pesticide residual levels, mold, and other contaminants according to adopted industry standards.

D. Required Conditions: In addition to any other conditions and mitigation measures required by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for a ~~medical~~-cannabis testing facility:

1. The owner and permittees of the testing facility shall allow access to the facility and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.

2. The applicant, owner, and permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.

3. The applicant for the testing facility and the owner shall ~~indemnify~~, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activity.

4. Any person operating a ~~medical~~-cannabis testing facility shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must maintain such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.

5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with all permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Use Permit pursuant to Section 21.67.120 of the Monterey County Code.

6. The testing facilities and related activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans approved by the County.

#### **21.67.080 – ~~Medical~~-Cannabis ~~Transportation and~~ Distribution**

A. Applicability: Except as provided in Section 21.67.090, ~~medical~~-cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities (requiring a Type 11 state license) may be permitted in the Heavy Commercial (HC), Light Industrial (LI), Heavy Industrial (HI), and Agricultural Industrial (AI) zoning districts subject to a Use Permit in each case. Cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities shall be subject to all of the requirements contained in this Section.

B. Regulations: ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities shall comply with all of the following requirements.

1. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities shall be located only in zoning districts that specifically provide for this use.
2. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or a drug recovery facility.
3. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products shall only be transported between permitted and licensed commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis operations.
4. Prior to transporting ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products, the ~~transport distributor~~ shall complete an electronic shipping manifest. The shipping manifest shall include the unique identifier information from the cultivation source.
5. A physical copy of the shipping manifest shall be maintained during transportation and shall be made available upon request to law enforcement or any agents of the State or County charged with enforcement of this Chapter.
6. Distribution facilities shall maintain appropriate records of transactions and shipping manifests. An organized and clean method of storing and transporting ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products shall be provided to maintain a clear chain of custody.
7. Security measures sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. Security measures at distribution facilities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. Prevent individuals from loitering on the premises of the distribution facility if they are not engaging in activity expressly related to the operations of the distribution facility;
  - b. Store all cannabis and cannabis products in a secured and locked safe room, safe, or vault, and in a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss;
  - c. Install security cameras on site; and
  - d. Provide for on-site security personnel meeting the requirements and standards contained within Chapter 7.30 of the Monterey County Code. On-site security shall not use or possess firearms or other lethal weapons.

8. Distributors shall ensure that appropriate samples of ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products are tested by a licensed testing facility prior to distribution.

9. Prior to distribution, the distributor shall inspect ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products for quality assurance.

10. ~~Medical-c~~annabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall be packaged and labeled in accordance with the requirements of state law.

11. Alternative fuel vehicles shall be provided as part of a ~~medical~~-cannabis transportation fleet.

12. The driver of a vehicle transporting cannabis and cannabis products shall be directly employed by persons holding all required permits, licenses, and entitlements for a cannabis distributor.

C. Required Findings. A Use Permit for ~~medical-a~~ cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facility shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

1. The ~~transportation and~~-distribution facility, as proposed, will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the ~~medical~~-cannabis ~~transportation and~~-distribution.

2. The facility will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility.

3. The ~~medical~~-cannabis ~~transportation and~~-distribution facility as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.

4. Plans for the distribution facility demonstrate proper protocols and procedures that address the federal enforcement priorities for cannabis activities including providing restrictions on access to minors, prohibiting use or possession of firearms for security purposes at the premises, and ensuring that ~~medical~~-cannabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products are obtained from and supplied only to other permitted licensed sources within the State.

D. Required Conditions: In addition to any other conditions and mitigation measures required by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for a ~~medical~~-cannabis ~~transportation and~~-distribution facility:

1. The owner and permittees of ~~the-a transportation and~~-distribution facility shall allow access to the facility and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.

2. The applicant, owner, and permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.

3. The applicant for ~~the a transportation and~~ distribution facility and the owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

4. Any person operating a ~~medical~~ cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facility shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.

5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the modification or revocation of a Use Permit pursuant to Section 21.67.120 of the Monterey County Code.

6. The ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities and activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans approved by the County.

#### **21.67.090 Exemptions from Permit Requirements.**

~~A. —Applicability: All of the following cannabis activities are exempt from the Use Permit requirements of this Chapter. The provisions of this Section are applicable in all zoning districts. This Section applies to a qualified patient cultivating cannabis if the area he or she uses to cultivate cannabis does not exceed one hundred (100) square feet and he or she cultivates cannabis for his or her personal medical use and does not sell, distribute, donate, or provide cannabis to any other person or entity. This Section also applies to a primary caregiver cultivating cannabis if the area he or she uses to cultivate cannabis does not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in any case, and he or she cultivates cannabis for the personal medical use of no more than five specified qualified patients for whom he or she is the primary caregiver. Cultivation of cannabis exceeding one hundred (100) square feet shall be subject to the regulations contained in Section 21.67.050 and any other applicable section of this Chapter.~~

~~B. —Regulations:~~

~~1A.~~ Possession, storage, manufacturing, or transportation of ~~medicinal~~ cannabis, or cultivation of up to one hundred (100) square feet total canopy area of ~~medical medicinal~~ cannabis by a qualified patient, as that term is defined in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, ~~is exempt from the Use Permit requirements contained in this Chapter provided if~~ the qualified patient, possesses, stores,

manufactures, transports, or cultivates cannabis exclusively for his or her personal medical use, and does not provide, donate, sell, or distribute cannabis to any other person. Qualified patients shall, upon request, provide appropriate documentation to law enforcement demonstrating that they have a valid doctor's recommendation to use cannabis for ~~medical~~ medicinal purposes.

B2. Possession, storage, manufacturing, transportation of ~~medical-medical~~ cannabis, or cultivation of up to one hundred (100) square feet of canopy area of ~~medica medicinal~~ cannabis by a primary caregiver on behalf of a qualified patient, within the meaning of Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, ~~is exempt from the Use Permit requirements contained in this Chapter,~~ provided the primary caregiver does not receive remuneration for these activities except for compensation in full compliance with ~~subdivision (e) of~~ Section 11362.765(c) of the California Health and Safety Code. Primary caregivers shall, upon request, provide appropriate documentation to law enforcement demonstrating that they are a primary caregiver for a qualified patient.

3C. Possession, processing, storage, transportation, or donation of not more than 28.5 grams of cannabis or not more than eight (8) grams of concentrated cannabis to persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older by persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

D. ~~or~~ The cultivation of up to six (6) cannabis plants by persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older as allowed pursuant to Section 11362.1(a) of the California Health and Safety Code.

## **21.67.100 Application Requirements**

All applications for a Use Permit for a commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity shall be filed with the Resource Management Agency/~~Planning~~ on the form and in the manner prescribed by the ~~Director of Planning~~ Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee. In all cases the application shall contain, without limitation, the following documentation:

A. Notarized, written authorization from all persons and entities having a right, title or interest in the property that is the subject of the application consenting to the application and the operation of the proposed commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity on the subject property.

B. The name and address of all persons and entities responsible for the operation of the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity, including managers, corporate officers, any individual with an ownership interest, any member of a board of directors, any general or limited partner, and/or any member of a decision making body for the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.



C. Site plans, floor plans, conceptual improvement plans, and a general description of the nature, size, and type of commercial [medical](#)-cannabis activity(ies) being requested.

D. An operations plan including at a minimum, the following information:

1. On-site security measures both physical and operational and, if applicable, security measures for the delivery of cannabis associated with the commercial [medical](#) cannabis business;

2. Standard operating procedures manual detailing how operations will comply with State and local regulations; how safety and quality of products will be ensured; record keeping procedures for financing, testing, and adverse effect recording; and product recall procedures;

3. Proposed hours of operation;

4. Waste disposal information;

5. A water management plan including the proposed water supply and proposed conservation measures;

6. Medical recommendation verification [when applicable](#) and youth access restriction procedures;

7. Product supply chain including information on where cultivation occurs, where the product is processed or manufactured, any required testing of cannabis or cannabis products, transportation, and packaging and labeling criteria;

8. Record keeping policy;

9. Track and trace measures;

10. Sustainability measures including water efficiency measures, energy efficiency measures, high efficiency mechanical systems, and alternative fuel transportation methods;

11. Odor prevention devices;

12. Size, height, colors, and design of any proposed signage at the site;

13. Parking plan; and

14. Such other information as the [Director of Planning](#) [Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee](#) may require.

E. Additional application requirements: Based on the type of commercial [medical](#) cannabis activities proposed, the following additional information may be required by the

Director of Planning Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee:

1. Medical-cCannabis ~~dispensary~~retailer: In reviewing an application for a Use Permit to dispense ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products, the ~~Director of Planning~~Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee may request operational plans detailing how operations will comply with federal enforcement priorities.

2. Medical-cCannabis cultivation: In reviewing an application for a Use Permit to cultivate ~~medical~~ cannabis, the ~~Director of Planning~~Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee may request the following additional information:

- a. Water conservation measures;
- b. Projected energy demand and proposed renewable energy generation facilities;
- c. Unique identifier, inventory, and quality control procedures; and
- d. A floor plan identifying the location, dimensions, and boundaries of all proposed canopy areas taking into account space needed for ongoing care of plants and a description of the proposed method of physically delineating those boundaries at the site.

3. Medical-cCannabis manufacturing: In reviewing an application for a Use Permit to operate a cannabis manufacturing facility, the ~~Director of Planning~~Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee ~~or his or her designee~~ may request the following additional information:

- a. Information on products used in the manufacturing process including the cannabis supply chain, liquids, solvents, agents, and processes. Cannabis shall be obtained from a licensed cultivator or licensed distributor operating in compliance with all local and state laws;
- b. Storage protocol and hazard response plan;
- c. Quality control measures; and
- d. Any other information requested by the ~~Director of~~Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~Planning~~.

4. Medical-cCannabis testing facilities: In reviewing an application for a Use Permit to operate a cannabis testing facility, the ~~Director of Planning~~Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee ~~or his or her designee~~ may request the following additional information:



- a. An operations plan detailing how cannabis will be received, secured, tested, and destroyed upon completion;
- b. Certificate of accreditation from an approved accrediting body;
- c. Proposed procedures for record keeping including chain of custody control and certificate issuance; and
- d. Any other information requested by the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~Director of Planning~~.

5. ~~Medical~~Cannabis transportation and distribution facility: In reviewing an application for a Use Permit to operate a cannabis transportation and/or distribution facility, the ~~Director of Planning~~Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee may request any following additional information:

- a. An operations plan detailing how, and from where, cannabis and cannabis products will be received, how any storage, distribution, and transportation operations will be secured to prevent theft and trespass, and to whom the product will be distributed;
- b. Quality control inspections and requirements plan;
- c. Truck parking and loading areas;
- d. Storage and handling plans; and
- e. Any other information requested by the Director of Planning~~Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~.

F. All required application materials shall be prepared by the applicant and submitted at the time of application.

#### **21.67.110 – Grounds for Suspension or Revocation**

Any of the following shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the Use Permit, based on substantial evidence and following notice and public hearing pursuant to Section 21.67.120:

- A. Failure to comply with one or more of the conditions of the Use Permit;
- B. The Use Permit was granted on the basis of false material information, written or oral, given willfully or negligently by the applicant;

C. Any act or omission by an owner or permittee in contravention of the provisions of this Chapter;

D. Any act or omission by an owner or permittee that results in the denial, revocation or suspension of the owner's or permittee's State License;

E. Any act or omission that results in the revocation of that owner's or permittee's commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permit under Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code;

F. Any act or omission by an owner or permittee in contravention of State law or the Monterey County Code;

G. An owner's or permittee's failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities who do not maintain the necessary permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State;

H. Possession or delivery of any other form of illegal drugs without proper legal authorization; or

I. Conduct of the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities in a manner that constitutes a nuisance, where the owner or permittee has failed to comply with reasonable conditions to abate the nuisance.

#### **21.67.120 –Procedure for Suspension or Revocation**

A. If the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee ~~Director of Planning~~ determines that grounds for suspension or revocation of the Use Permit exist pursuant to section 21.67.110, the ~~Director~~ Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee ~~of Planning~~ shall issue a written Notice of Intention to revoke or suspend the Use Permit, as the case may be. The Notice of Intention shall be served on the owner, as reported on the latest equalized assessment roll, and shall also be served on permittees on the property, as reported on the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permits issued pursuant to Chapter 7.90. The Notice of Intention shall be served by either personal delivery or by certified U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. The Notice of Intention shall describe the property, the intention to revoke or suspend the Use Permit, the grounds for revocation or suspension, the action necessary to abate the violation, the time limit for compliance, and the right to a hearing. The Notice of Intention shall notify the owner and permittees of the opportunity to request a hearing before a Hearing Officer to present evidence as to why the Use Permit should not be suspended or revoked and shall notify them of the 10-day deadline to submit a written request for a hearing.

B. The owner and permittees shall have ten (10) calendar days from the service of the Notice of Intention to submit a written request for a hearing before the Hearing Officer. Failure to submit the written request for a hearing shall be deemed a waiver of the right to challenge the suspension or revocation of the Use Permit and a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. If the hearing is not timely requested, the Director of the Resource Management

Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee ~~Director of Planning~~ may suspend or revoke the Use Permit in accordance with the Notice of Intention.

C. Upon receipt of a timely written request for a hearing, the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee ~~Director of Planning~~ shall set a date for a hearing to be held within 60 days of receipt of the request, unless an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare necessitates an earlier hearing date. Notice of the hearing, including the time, date, and location of the hearing, shall be served on the owner and permittees, such service to be accomplished by either personal delivery or by certified U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.

D. Hearing by the Hearing Officer:

1. The Hearing Officer is authorized to conduct hearings, issue subpoenas, receive evidence, administer oaths, rule on questions of law and the admissibility of evidence, prepare a record of the proceedings, and render decisions on the suspension or revocation of the Use Permit.

2. In any proceeding before a Hearing Officer, oral testimony offered as evidence shall be taken only on oath or affirmation, and the Hearing Officer, his/her clerk, or other designee shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations and to certify to official acts.

3. All parties to the hearing shall have the opportunity to testify, introduce exhibits, call and examine witnesses, and cross examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues.

4. The Hearing Officer may postpone the hearing date upon good cause shown, continue the hearing during the course of the hearing, and make such other procedural orders and rulings as he or she deems appropriate during the course of the hearing.

5. Within thirty (30) calendar days after the close of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall issue a written decision, including a statement of the basis for the decision. The Hearing Officer's written decision shall constitute the final administrative decision of the County.

E. In the event a civil action is initiated to obtain enforcement of the decision of the Hearing Officer, and judgment is entered to enforce the decision, the person against whom the order of enforcement has been entered shall be liable to pay the County's total costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney fees.

F. If neither owner nor any permittee nor their authorized representatives appear at the noticed hearing, such failure to appear shall constitute an abandonment of the hearing request and a failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

## **21.67.130 – Enforcement**

The remedies provided by this Chapter are cumulative and in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision, or to fail to comply with any of the requirements, of this Chapter. Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. No proof of knowledge, intent, or other mental state is required to establish a violation.

B. Any condition caused or allowed to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed a public nuisance and shall, at the discretion of County, create a cause of action for penalty pursuant to Chapters 1.20 and 1.22 of this Code, and any other action authorized by law.

C. Each and every violation of this Chapter shall constitute a separate violation and shall be subject to all remedies and enforcement measures authorized by the Monterey County Code or otherwise authorized by law. Additionally, as a public nuisance, any violation of this Chapter shall be subject to injunctive relief, disgorgement of any payment to the County of any and all monies unlawfully obtained, costs of abatement, costs of restoration, costs of investigation, attorney fees, restitution, and any other relief or remedy available at law or in equity. The County, including the Office of the District Attorney and the Office of the County Counsel, may also pursue any and all remedies and actions available and applicable under state and local laws for any violations committed by the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity or persons related thereto, or associated with, the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

#### **21.67.140 – ~~Operative Date of Chapter 21.67~~**

~~A. This Chapter became operative on December 13, 2016, upon adoption by County voters of shall become operative only if the Board of Supervisors submits a County tax on commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity (codified at Chapter 7.100 of the Monterey County Code) and to the voters, the voters approve the tax, and the tax is certified by the County certification of the results of the vote on the tax pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code. If this Chapter becomes operative, the operative date shall be the date the County elections official submits the certified statement of the results of the vote on the tax to the Board of Supervisors.~~

~~B. If the Board of Supervisors submits a County tax on commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity to the voters, the voters approve the tax, and the tax is certified by the County pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code, Interim Ordinance No. 5254, as previously amended and extended through February 26, 2017, shall become inoperative as of the operative date of this Chapter in the non-coastal unincorporated area of the County.~~

~~C. This Chapter shall be inoperative if the Board of Supervisors does not submit a tax on commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity to the voters, the voters do not approve the tax, or the tax is not certified by the County pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code.~~

~~If this Chapter is inoperative, Interim Ordinance No. 5254, as previously amended and extended, shall remain in effect through February 26, 2017.~~

SECTION 17. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 18. This ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first day following its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary L. Adams, Chair  
Monterey County Board of Supervisors

A T T E S T:

GAIL T. BORKOWSKI  
Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy S. Strimling  
Senior Deputy County Counsel

## Attachment 2

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING TITLE 20 (COASTAL ZONING) OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY CODE  
RELATING TO CANNABIS USES**

**County Counsel Summary**

*This ordinance amends Title 20 (coastal zoning) of the Monterey County Code to regulate commercial cannabis activities in the coastal unincorporated area of Monterey County consistent with state law. This ordinance establishes certain specified commercial cannabis activities, including cultivation within greenhouses and industrial buildings as well as manufacturing, testing, retail, delivery, and distribution as a use allowed subject to a Coastal Development Permit in each case within the specified zoning districts. These zoning districts include the Coastal General Commercial, Moss Landing Commercial, Agricultural Industrial, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial, Agricultural Conservation, and Coastal Agricultural Preserve with allowance of the particular use within each zoning district dependent on factors specified by the ordinance. This ordinance also defines terms and adds Chapter 20.67 to the Monterey County Code to establish regulations governing the issuance of coastal development permits for commercial cannabis activities. This ordinance also amends the Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan Part 2, Regulations for Development in the North County Land Use Plan Area, to specify that commercial cannabis activities may be permitted at the former Kaiser National Refractories site notwithstanding the coastal dependent land use designation for the site.*

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1. Findings and Declarations**

A. Pursuant to Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution, the County of Monterey may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

B. The federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. §§ 801, *et seq.*) prohibits, except for certain research purposes, the possession, distribution, and manufacture of cannabis, and there is no medical necessity exception to prosecution and conviction under the Controlled Substances Act.

C. The federal government has issued guidelines for states and local governments that have enacted laws authorizing cannabis related conduct, requiring them to implement strong and effective regulatory and enforcement systems that will address the threat that cannabis activity could pose to public safety, public health, and other law enforcement interests.

D. On November 5, 1996, California voters approved Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Health & Safety Code § 11362.5, “CUA”), an initiative that exempted certain patients and their primary caregivers from criminal liability under state law for the possession and cultivation of cannabis for medical purposes. One of the stated purposes of the CUA is to ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use cannabis for medical purposes where that medical use has been recommended by a physician.

E. On January 1, 2004, Senate Bill 420, the Medical Marijuana Program Act (Health & Safety Code §§ 11362.7-11362.83), became law to clarify the scope of the CUA and to facilitate the prompt identification of qualified patients and their primary caregivers.

F. On October 9, 2015, the State enacted the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (former Business & Professions Code §§ 19300, *et seq.*; “MMRSA”). MMRSA created a state licensing program for commercial medical cannabis activities.

G. On July 12, 2016, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted inland zoning regulations establishing criteria for issuing local land use permits pursuant to the MMRSA (Ordinance Number 5270, amending sections of Title 21 and adding Chapter 21.67 to the Monterey County Code), and on July 19, 2016 the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted regulations establishing criteria for issuing local business permits pursuant to the MMRSA (Ordinance Numbers 5272 and 5273, codified at Monterey County Code Chapters 7.90 and 7.95). These ordinances were to become operative only if the Board of Supervisors submitted a County tax on commercial medical cannabis activities to the voters, the voters approved the tax, and the tax was certified by the County pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code. On November 8, 2016, the voters approved the tax (Measure Y, codified at Monterey County Code Chapter 7.100). On December 13, 2016, the tax was certified pursuant to Section 15372 of the Elections Code and Ordinance Numbers 5270, 5272, and 5273 became operative. Chapter 21.67 provided a one year amortization period for commercial medical cannabis activities that were legally established prior to August 12, 2016 to obtain all required County permits, licenses, and entitlements, or to terminate their operations. This one year amortization period ended on August 12, 2017.

H. Also on July 12, 2016, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution of intent to adopt coastal zoning regulations to establish criteria for local land use permits pursuant to MMRSA. These regulations were sent to the California Coastal Commission for certification, but the County has since withdrawn the regulations because of discussions with Coastal Commission staff on revisions and recent changes to state law. This ordinance is to update these previous regulations, and add adult-use commercial activities as a permitted use.

I. On November 8, 2016, by statewide initiative, the voters enacted the Adult use of Marijuana Act (“AUMA”). AUMA created a state licensing program for commercial adult-use cannabis activities.

J. On June 27, 2017, the State enacted the Medicinal and Adult-Use of Cannabis Regulatory and Safety Act (Business & Professions Code §§ 26000, *et seq.*; “MAUCRSA”), which combined MMRSA and AUMA into a single state licensing scheme for both medicinal

and adult-use cannabis. MAUCRSA allows counties and cities to maintain local regulatory authority over commercial cannabis activities. The state will not issue a state license without first receiving authorization from the applicable local jurisdiction.

K. It is the purpose and intent of this Chapter to accommodate the health needs of medical cannabis patients and to establish a local regulatory system for both medical and adult use cannabis uses consistent with state law.

L. It is the intent of the County of Monterey to have a strong and effective regulatory and enforcement system with regard to cannabis that addresses threats to public safety, health and other law enforcement interests through robust controls and procedures that are effective in practice, and that comply with state law and federal guidelines.

M. This draft ordinance provides regulations for the local permitting of commercial cannabis operations under specified conditions in the coastal zone of the unincorporated areas of the County.

N. This ordinance, together with the ordinances amending Chapters 7.90 and 7.02 to the Monterey County Code requiring a Commercial Cannabis Business Permit and a Business License, are intended to establish criteria for issuing local permits pursuant to the MAUCRSA and to establish an effective regulatory and enforcement system consistent with the guidance issued by the United States Department of Justice.

O. The County intends to carry out the amendments in a manner fully in conformity with the Coastal Act.

P. This ordinance amends the Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, which is part of the County's Local Coastal Program. Pursuant to the Coastal Act, the County may amend the certified Local Coastal Program provided the County follows certain procedures. The procedures include the following: the County's Planning Commission holds a notice public hearing and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the proposed amendment; the Board of Supervisors holds a noticed public hearing, adopts a resolution of intent, and submits the proposed amendment to the California Coastal Commission for certification together with materials sufficient for a thorough and complete review; the Coastal Commission certifies the amendment; the Board of Supervisors takes subsequent final action on the ordinance after the Coastal Commission acts; and the Coastal Commission confirms the County's action. Accordingly, the ordinance will not go into effect until after the Coastal Commission certifies the amendment and confirms the Board's action.

SECTION 2. Section 20.06.152 is added to the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

#### **20.06.152 - Cannabis**

"Cannabis" means all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* Linnaeus, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or

purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. “Cannabis” also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. “Cannabis” does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination. For the purpose of this division, “cannabis” does not mean “industrial hemp” as defined by Section 11018.5 of the Health and Safety Code.~~means all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa Linnaeus, Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof, the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. “Cannabis” also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from marijuana. “Cannabis” also means marijuana as defined by Section 11018 of the Health and Safety Code.~~

SECTION 3. Section 20.06.196 is added to the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

**20.06.196 – Commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity**

“Commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity” means the cultivation, possession, manufacture, processing, storing, laboratory testing, packaging, labeling, transporting, distribution, or sale of ~~medical~~ cannabis or a ~~medical~~ cannabis product.

SECTION 4. Subsection A of Section 20.18.050 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of commercial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities that are allowed under Section 20.18.060 shall require a Coastal Development Permit in each case.

SECTION 5. Subsection QQ is added to Section 20.18.060 to read as follows:

QQ. ~~Medical~~ Cannabis ~~dispensary~~ retailer pursuant to Chapter 20.67.

SECTION 6. Subsection A of Section 20.20.050 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of commercial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities that are allowed under Section 20.20.060 shall require a Coastal Development Permit in each case.

SECTION 7. Subsections ~~W and X~~ are added to Section 20.20.060 of the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

- W. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis ~~retailer~~dispensary pursuant to Chapter 20.67.  
X. ~~Non-volatile medical cannabis manufacturing pursuant Chapter 20.67.~~

SECTION 8. Subsection A of Section 20.24.050 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of agricultural industrial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial-medical cannabis activities that are allowed under Section 20.24.060 shall require a Coastal Development Permit in each case.

SECTION 9. Subsections JJ, KK, LL, and MM are added to Section 20.24.060 of the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

- JJ. Indoor, ~~or mixed light~~, or nursery ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 20.67.  
KK. Non-volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 20.67.  
LL. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facilities pursuant to Chapter 20.67.  
MM. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis testing facilities pursuant to Chapter 20.67.

SECTION 10. Subsection A of Section 20.26.050 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of light industrial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial-medical cannabis activities that are allowed under Section 20.26.060 shall require a Coastal Development Permit in each case.

SECTION 11. Subsections DD, EE, FF, GG, and HH are added to Section 20.26.060 of the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

- DD. Indoor, ~~or mixed-light~~, or nursery ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 20.67.  
EE. Non-volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 20.67.  
FF. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facilities pursuant to Chapter 20.67.  
GG. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis testing facilities pursuant to Chapter 20.67.

SECTION 12. Subsection A of Section 20.28.050 of the Monterey County Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Change of heavy industrial uses within a structure provided the new use will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the structure; however, new commercial-medical

cannabis activities that are allowed under Section 20.28.060 shall require a Coastal Development Permit in each case.

SECTION 13. Subsections NN, OO, PP, QQ, and RR are added to Section 20.28.060 of the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

- NN. Indoor, ~~or mixed-light, or nursery~~ ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 20.67.
- OO. Non-volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 20.67.
- PP. Volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 20.67.
- QQ. ~~Medical-c~~ Cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facilities pursuant to Chapter 20.67.
- RR. ~~Medical-c~~ Cannabis testing facilities pursuant to Chapter 20.67.

SECTION 14. Subsections EE, FF, and GG are added to Section 20.30.050 of the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

- EE. Indoor, M~~ixed-light, or nursery~~ ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 20.67.
- ~~FF. — Medical cannabis nursery pursuant to Chapter 20.67.~~
- ~~GG~~FF. Non-volatile ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 20.67.

SECTION 15. Subsections II, JJ, and KK are added to Section 20.32.050 of the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

- II. Indoor, mixed-light, or nursery cannabis cultivation pursuant to Chapter 20.67.
- JJ. Non-volatile cannabis manufacturing pursuant to Chapter 20.67

SECTION 16. Chapter 20.67 is added to the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

## **Chapter 20.67** **COMMERCIAL ~~MEDICAL~~ CANNABIS ACTIVITIES**

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### **20.67.010 Definitions**

For the purpose of this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, certain terms used in this Chapter shall be as defined below. The definitions in Chapter 20.06 shall otherwise apply.

A. “Bureau” means the Bureau of ~~Medical Marijuana Regulation~~Cannabis Control within the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

~~B. “Cannabinoid” or “phytocannabinoid” means a chemical compound that is unique to and derived from cannabis.~~

~~CB.~~ “Cannabis concentrate” means cannabis that has undergone a process to concentrate one or more active cannabinoids, thereby increasing the product’s potency. Resin from granular trichomes from a cannabis plant is a concentrate for purposes of this division. A cannabis concentrate is not considered food, as defined by Section 109935 of the Health and Safety Code, or a drug, as defined by Section 109925 of the Health and Safety Code.~~manufactured cannabis that has undergone a process to concentrate the cannabinoid active ingredient, thereby increasing the product’s potency.~~

C. “Cannabis product” has the same meaning as in Section 11018.1 of the California Health and Safety Code.

D. “Canopy” means all areas occupied by any portion of a cannabis plant, inclusive of all vertical planes, whether contiguous or noncontiguous on any one site.

E. “Certificate of accreditation” means a certificate issued by an accrediting body to a licensed testing laboratory, entity, or site to be registered in the state.

F. “Cultivation” means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of ~~medical~~ cannabis. Within the definition of cultivation, the following specific License-Permit Types, corresponding to state cultivator license types set forth in California Business and Professions Code Section 19332(g)26061, apply:

1. ~~Type 1 or “specialty outdoor” means outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting and having no more the fifty (50) mature plants or five thousand (5,000) square feet of total canopy size whichever is less;~~

~~2.~~ Type 1A or “specialty indoor” means cultivation using exclusively artificial lighting, is entirely contained within a structure, and having no more than five thousand (5,000) square feet of total canopy size;

~~32.~~ Type 1B or “specialty mixed-light” means cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting and having no more than five thousand (5,000) square feet of total canopy size;



3. ~~Type 1C, or “specialty cottage,” for cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting at a maximum threshold to be determined by the licensing authority, of 2,500 square feet or less of total canopy size for mixed-light cultivation, or 500 square feet or less of total canopy size for indoor cultivation, on one premises.~~

4. ~~Type 2 or “small outdoor” means outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting and having a total canopy size between five thousand one (5,001) and ten thousand (10,000) square feet;~~

54. Type 2A or “small indoor” means indoor cultivation exclusively using artificial lighting and having a total canopy size between five thousand one (5,001) and ten thousand (10,000) square feet;

65. Type 2B or “small mixed-light” means cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting and having a total canopy size between five thousand one (5,001) and ten thousand (10,000) square feet;

7. ~~Type 3 or “outdoor” means outdoor cultivation using no artificial lighting and having a total canopy area between ten thousand one (10,001) and one (1) acre;~~

86. Type 3A or “indoor” means indoor cultivation using exclusively artificial lighting and having a total canopy area between ten thousand one (10,001) and twenty two thousand (22,000) square feet;

97. Type 3B or “mixed-light” means cultivation using a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting and having a total canopy area of between ten thousand one (10,001) and twenty two thousand (22,000) square feet; and

108. Type 4 or “nursery” means cultivation of ~~medical~~ cannabis solely as a nursery.

G. “Delivery” means the commercial transfer of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products ~~to a customer. “Delivery” also includes the use by a retailer of any technology platform owned and controlled by the retailer from a dispensary, up to an amount allowed by the Bureau, to a primary caregiver or qualified patient as defined in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, or a testing laboratory.~~

H. “Dispensary” means a facility where ~~medical~~ cannabis, ~~medical~~ cannabis products, or devices for the use of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products are offered, either individually or in any combination, for retail sale, including an establishment that delivers ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products as part of a retail sale.

I. “Distribution” means the procurement, sale, and transport of ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products between entities licensed pursuant to this chapter.

J. “Edible cannabis product” means cannabis product that is intended to be used, in whole or in part, for human consumption, including, but not limited to, chewing gum, but excluding products set forth in Division 15 (commencing with Section 32501) of the Food and Agricultural Code. An edible cannabis product is not considered food, as defined by Section 109935 of the Health and Safety Code, or a drug, as defined by Section 109925 of the Health and Safety Code~~manufactured cannabis that is intended to be used, in whole or in part, for human consumption, including, but not limited to, chewing gum. An edible cannabis product is not considered food as defined by Section 109935 of the California Health and Safety Code or a drug as defined by Section 109925 of the California Health and Safety Code.~~

K. “Greenhouse” means a fully enclosed permanent structure that is clad in transparent material with climate control, such as heating and ventilation capabilities and supplemental artificial lighting, and that uses a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting for cultivation.

L. “Hearing Officer” means a person appointed by the County to conduct an administrative hearing under this Chapter. The appointed Hearing Officer shall be an impartial decision-maker selected by a process that eliminates risk of bias, such as:

1. An administrative law judge provided by the State of California Office of Administrative Hearings to function as the County Hearing Officer pursuant to Chapter 14 of Part 3 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the California Government Code;
2. A person selected randomly from a panel of attorneys willing to serve as a Hearing Officer; or
3. An independent contractor assigned by an organization or entity which provides hearing officers.

M. “Identification card” has the same definition as in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, as it may be amended.

N. “Licensee” means any person holding a state license under California Business and Professions Code Sections 26000, et seq~~a person issued a state license under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 19300) of the California Business and Professions Code, to engage in a commercial medical cannabis activity.~~

O. “Licensing authority” means the state agency responsible for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a state license for commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities, or the state agency authorized to take disciplinary action against the licensee.

P. “Manufactured cannabis” or “cannabis product” means raw cannabis that has undergone a process whereby the raw agricultural product has been transformed into a concentrate, an edible product, or a topical product.

**Q.** “Manufacturing site” means a location that produces, prepares, propagates, or compounds ~~manufactured medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products ~~either~~, directly or indirectly, by extraction methods, independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and is owned and operated by a licensee for these activities.

**R.** “Medicinal cannabis” or “medicinal cannabis product” means cannabis or a cannabis product, respectively, intended to be sold for use pursuant to the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Proposition 215), found at Section 11362.5 of the Health and Safety Code, by a medicinal cannabis patient in California who possesses a physician’s recommendation.

**RS.** “Nursery” means a ~~licensee-permittee~~ that produces only clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically for the planting, propagation, and cultivation of ~~medical~~ cannabis.

**ST.** “One ownership” and “owner” have the same definition as set forth in Chapter ~~240.06~~ of this Title.

**TU.** “Permittee” means a person issued a ~~commercial medical cannabis permit under Chapter 7.90~~ Coastal Development Permit under this Chapter.

**UV.** “Person” means an individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit and includes the plural as well as the singular number.

**VW.** “Primary caregiver” has the same definition as in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, as it may be amended.

**WX.** “Public park” means an area created, established, designated, or maintained by the a special district, a County, the State, or the Federal government for public play, recreation, or enjoyment or for the protection of natural resources and features at the site.

**XY.** “Qualified patient” has the same definition as in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, as it may be amended.

**YZ.** “Retailer” and “retail facility” shall have the same meaning as “Dispensary”

**YAA.** “State” means the State of California.

**ZBB.** “State license,” “license,” or “registration” means a state license issued pursuant to California Business & Professions Code Sections ~~19300~~ 26000, *et seq.*

**AACC.** “Testing laboratory” means a facility, entity, or site in the state that offers or performs test of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products and that is both of the following:

1. Accredited by an accrediting body that is independent from all other persons involved in the ~~medical~~ cannabis ~~industry activities~~ in the state; and

2. ~~Registered with the California State Department of Public Health~~Licensed by the Bureau.

~~BBDD.~~ “Transport” ~~or “transportation”~~ means the transfer of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products from the permitted business location of one licensee to the permitted business location of another licensee, for the purposes of conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity authorized pursuant to the California Business & Professions Code Sections ~~19300~~26000, *et seq.*

~~EE.~~ “Volatile Manufacturing” means a manufacturing site that manufactures cannabis products using volatile solvents.

~~FF.~~ “Volatile solvents” shall have the same meaning as in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section 11362.3 of the Health and Safety Code, unless otherwise provided by law or regulation.

#### **20.67.020 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, enact strong and effective regulatory and enforcement controls in compliance with state law and federal enforcement guidelines, protect neighborhood character, and minimize potential for negative impacts on people, communities, and the environment in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County by establishing minimum land use requirements for commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities. Commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity, as defined pursuant to Section 20.06.196 of Title 20, includes the cultivation, possession, manufacture, processing, storing, laboratory testing, packaging, labeling, transporting, distribution, or sale of ~~medical~~ cannabis or a ~~medical~~ cannabis product. This Chapter recognizes that commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities require land use controls due to the unique federal and state legal constraints on commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity, and the potential environmental and social impacts associated with commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

#### **20.67.030 Permits Required**

Except as provided in Section 20.67.090 of this Chapter, commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities shall not be allowed in the unincorporated areas in the coastal zone of Monterey County without first securing all permits, licenses, or other entitlements required by County regulation and state law ~~and regulation~~.

A. A Coastal Development Permit shall be required for all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities. The application for a Coastal Development Permit, and for amendments thereto and extensions thereof, shall be processed in accordance with Chapter 20.70 of the Monterey County Code~~Title 20~~. The Planning Commission is the Appropriate Authority to consider a Coastal Development Permit for commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities and to

consider extensions of and amendments to such Permits. Appeals from the decision of the Planning Commission shall be governed by Chapter 20.86 of [the Monterey County Code Title 20](#). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the procedures for suspension and revocation of a Coastal Development Permit granted under this Chapter shall be as set forth in sections 20.67.110 and 20.67.120 of this Chapter.

B. In addition to a Coastal Development Permit, a commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code shall be required for all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities.

C. Upon implementation of state regulations pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section ~~19320~~[26012](#), a valid license from the State shall be required to operate any commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

D. The owner shall post or cause to be posted on site the Coastal Development Permit and all required County and state permits and licenses required to operate. Such posting shall be in a central location, visible to the patrons, at the operating site, and in all vehicles that deliver or transport ~~medical marijuana~~[cannabis or cannabis products](#).

E. The owner and all permittees shall maintain clear and adequate records and documentation demonstrating that all cannabis or cannabis products have been obtained from and are provided to other permitted and licensed cannabis operations. The County shall have the right to examine, monitor, and audit such records and documentation, which shall be made available to the County upon request.

F. The owner and all permittees shall conduct ~~medical~~ commercial cannabis activities in compliance with all required County permits, state licenses, County regulation, and state law and regulation. The owner shall be responsible for the payment of all required inspection fees, permit fees, and taxes.

~~G. Commercial medical cannabis activities that were legally established prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 5270 enacting this Chapter shall have one (1) year from the effective date of the Ordinance (August 12, 2017) to obtain all required County permits, licenses, and entitlements, or to terminate their operations.~~

#### **20.67.040 Regulations for ~~Medical~~ Cannabis ~~Dispensaries~~[Retailers](#).**

A. Applicability: The provisions of this Section are applicable in Coastal General Commercial (CGC) and Moss Landing Commercial (MLC) zoning districts. ~~Medical eCannabis dispensaries-retailers~~ shall not be allowed in any other zoning district.

B. Regulations. ~~Medical eCannabis dispensary-retailers~~ shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. ~~Dispensaries-Retail facilities~~ shall be located only in zoning districts that specifically provide for this use and the retail facility shall be consistent with all land use designations.

2. ~~Dispensaries-Retail facilities~~ shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or a drug recovery facility.

3. ~~Dispensaries-Retail facilities~~ shall not be located within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of another ~~dispensary~~retail facility.

4. ~~Dispensaries-Retailers~~ shall keep accurate records of all business operations and provide such records for inspection consistent with Section ~~26160~~19327 of the California Business and Professions Code.

5. ~~Dispensaries-Retailers~~ shall implement and maintain sufficient security measures to both deter and prevent unauthorized entrance into areas containing cannabis or cannabis products in compliance with Section ~~26070~~19334 of the California Business and Professions Code and any rules promulgated by the licensing authority. Security measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Prevent individuals from loitering on the premises of the ~~dispensary-retailer~~ if they are not engaging in activity expressly related to the operations of the ~~dispensary~~retailer;

b. Establish limited access areas accessible only to authorized dispensary personnel;

c. Store all cannabis and cannabis products in a secured and locked safe room, safe, or vault, and in a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss, except for limited amounts of cannabis and cannabis products used for display purposes, samples or immediate sale;

d. Install security cameras on site; and

e. Provide for on-site security personnel meeting the requirements and standards contained within Chapter 7.30 of the Monterey County Code. Onsite security shall not carry firearms or other lethal weapons.

6. If the ~~dispensary-retailer~~ operations are proposed to include delivery, all employees of a ~~dispensary-retailer~~ delivering ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products shall carry a copy of the documentation listed below when making deliveries. This information shall be provided upon request to law enforcement officers and to employees of state and local agencies enforcing this Chapter.

a. A copy of the ~~retailer~~dispensary's current permits, licenses, and entitlements authorizing them to provide delivery services;

- b. The employee's government-issued identification;
- c. A copy of the delivery request; and
- d. Chain of custody records for all goods being delivered.

7. ~~Dispensaries-Retailers~~ shall ensure that all cannabis and cannabis products at the dispensary are cultivated, manufactured, transported, distributed, and tested by licensed and permitted facilities that maintain operations in full conformance with state and local regulations.

8. ~~Dispensaries-Retailers~~ shall not distribute any ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis product unless the ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products are labeled and in a tamper-evident package in compliance with Section ~~19347-26120~~ of the California Business and Professions Code and any additional rules promulgated by the licensing authority.

9. ~~Dispensaries-Retailers~~ shall notify the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the licensing authority within 24 hours after discovering any of the following:

- a. Significant discrepancies identified during inventory;
- b. Diversion, theft, loss, or any criminal activity involving the dispensary or any agent or employee of the ~~dispensaryretailer~~;
- c. The loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to cannabis, ~~registered qualifying patients, primary caregivers, or dispensary-retailer~~ employees or agents; or
- d. Any other breach of security.

10. Possession or delivery of any other form of illegal drugs without proper legal authorization shall be grounds for revocation of permits.

C. Required Findings: A Coastal Development Permit for a ~~medical~~ cannabis ~~dispensary-retailer~~ shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

- 1. The ~~retailerdispensary~~, as proposed, has demonstrated that it can and will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County to operate a ~~cannabis retail facility-medical cannabis dispensary~~.
- 2. The ~~dispensary-retail facility~~ will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility, or within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of another ~~dispensaryretail facility~~.



3. The ~~dispensary~~retailer, as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.

4. The ~~dispensary~~retailer includes adequate measures that minimize, to the extent feasible, nuisances to the immediate neighborhood and community including minimizing the detection of odor from offsite, minimizing the effects of loitering, providing adequate security measures, and not exceeding the ~~Use-Coastal Development~~ Permit's limits on hours of operation.

5. The ~~dispensary~~retailer will provide adequate measures that address the federal enforcement priorities for cannabis activities including providing for restrictions on drugged driving, restricting access to minors, prohibiting use or possession of firearms for security purposes at the premises, and ensuring that ~~medical~~cannabis and ~~medical~~cannabis products are supplied from permitted and licensed sources.

D. In addition to any other required conditions and mitigation measures approved by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for a ~~medical~~cannabis ~~dispensary~~retailer:

1. The ~~medical~~cannabis ~~dispensary~~retailer shall allow access to ~~dispensary~~ facilities and records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.

2. The applicant, owner, and all permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.

3. The applicant for the ~~dispensary-retail~~ facility and property owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~cannabis activity.

4. Any person operating a ~~medical~~cannabis ~~retail facility~~~~dispensary~~ shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must maintain such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.

5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with all permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 20.67.120 of the Monterey County Code.

6. The ~~dispensary-retailer~~ shall operate only in accordance with the operating plans reviewed and approved by the County. The County shall limit the hours of operation for a ~~dispensary-retail facility~~ to begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and to end no later than 8:00 p.m.

#### 20.67.050 – Regulations for ~~Medical~~ Cannabis Cultivation.

A. Applicability: Except as provided in Section 20.67.090 of this Chapter, ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation may only be permitted in the Light Industrial (LI), Heavy Industrial (HI), Agricultural Industrial (AI), Agricultural Conservation (AC), or Coastal Agricultural Preserve (CAP) zoning districts with a Coastal Development Permit in each case and as may be further restricted by this Section. Outdoor ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation is prohibited in all zones within the unincorporated areas of Monterey County except as provided in Section 20.67.090 of this Chapter. The table below summarizes the zoning districts where cultivation may be considered with a Coastal Development Permit.

	Type 1A	Type 1B	<u>Type 1C*</u>	Type 2A	Type 2B	Type 3A	Type 3B	Type 4
LI	CDP	CDP	<u>CDP</u>	CDP	CDP			
HI	CDP	CDP	<u>CDP</u>	CDP	CDP	CDP	CDP	CDP
AI	CDP	CDP	<u>CDP</u>	CDP	CDP	CDP	CDP	CDP
CAP	CDP	CDP	<u>CDP</u>	CDP	CDP	CDP	CDP	CDP
<u>AC</u>	<u>CDP</u>	<u>CDP</u>	<u>CDP</u>	<u>CDP</u>	<u>CDP</u>	<u>CDP</u>	<u>CDP</u>	<u>CDP</u>

CDP = Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Chapter 21.70

\* For Type 1C “Specialty Cottage” only mixed-light and indoor cultivation are permitted. “Specialty Cottage” outdoor cultivation is prohibited in Monterey County.

B. Regulations: ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis cultivation shall comply with all of the following regulations:

1. It is the intent of the County to provide for the adaptive reuse of greenhouses in Monterey County and to restrict the proliferation of greenhouses or other structures on productive agricultural lands. To this end, within the Agricultural Conservation (AC) and Coastal Agricultural Preserve (“CAP”) zoning districts, indoor and mixed-light ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation and ~~medical~~ cannabis nurseries (Type 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, and 4 state license types) may be permitted with a Coastal Development Permit in each case provided that cultivation is consistent with all land use designations and, within the Agricultural Conservation (AC) and Coastal Agricultural Preserve (CAP) zoning districts, the cultivation occurs only within a greenhouse or

industrial building that was permitted or legally established prior to January 1, 2016. Greenhouses and industrial buildings may be improved for cannabis activities after January 1, 2016 provided that the footprint of the existing greenhouse(s) or industrial building(s) does not change.

2. Within the Light Industrial (“LI”), Heavy Industrial (“HI”), and Agricultural Industrial (“AI”) zoning districts, indoor or mixed-light ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation or ~~medical~~ cannabis nurseries (Type 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, or 4 state license types) may be allowed subject to a Coastal Development Permit in each case, except that type 3A, 3B and 4 cultivation types shall not be permitted in the Light Industrial (“LI”) zoning district, and provided that the cultivation is consistent with all land use designations and occurs only within a greenhouse or industrial building that was permitted or legally established prior to January 1, 2016. Subject to other permit requirements of this Title, greenhouses and industrial buildings may be improved for cannabis activities after January 1, 2016 provided that the footprint of the existing greenhouse(s) or industrial building(s) does not change.

3. In no case shall a building intended for residential use be used for the cultivation of ~~medical~~ cannabis.

4. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis cultivation shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet of a school, public park, or drug recovery facility.

5. Until a track and trace program for the identification of permitted ~~medical marijuanacannabis~~ plants at a cultivation site is created by the California Department of Food and Agricultural, cultivators shall implement County approved unique identification protocol. Unique identifiers shall be attached at the base of each plant and shall be traceable through the supply chain back to the cultivation site. Once a state program has been established, all cultivation activities permitted under this Chapter shall comply with the state requirements for unique identifiers and the trace and track program.

6. Security measures sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. If on-site security is utilized, such on-site security shall not use or possess firearms or other lethal weapons.

7. Pesticides and fertilizers shall be properly labeled and stored to avoid contamination through erosion, leakage, or inadvertent damage from rodents, pests, or wildlife.

8. Water conservation measures, water capture systems, or grey water systems shall be incorporated in ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation operations in order to minimize use of water where feasible.

9. On-site renewable energy generation shall be required for all indoor (cultivation activities using artificial lighting only including Type 1A, 1C, 2A, 3A and 4 state license types) ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation activities. Renewable energy systems

shall be designed to have a generation potential equal to or greater than one half (1/2) of the anticipated energy demand.

10. Cannabis plants shall not be visible from offsite. No visual markers indicating that cannabis is cultivated on the site shall be visible from offsite.

11. The owner shall ensure that the total canopy size of ~~medical~~-cannabis cultivated at the site does not exceed the cumulative canopy size authorized by State law or regulation. The owner and its licensees and permittees, operating on a site permitted pursuant to this Chapter, and with a commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis permit required pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code, shall ensure that the total canopy size of cannabis cultivation does not individually exceed the amounts authorized by County permits and State law.

12. Unless restricted under the terms or conditions of a Coastal Development Permit, cannabis cultivation or nursery permittees may transport their own cannabis grown onsite to another permitted and licensed cannabis business at an offsite facility provided the cultivation or nursery permittee hold a Type 11 state license or other applicable state license that allows for the transportation of cannabis. A separate Coastal Development Permit shall not be required for permittees under this Section that transport their own cannabis grown onsite to another permitted and licensed cannabis business at an offsite facility. Failure to adhere to County or State laws and regulations for cannabis transportation shall be grounds for revocation of the privileges provided herein and may be grounds for suspension or revocation of a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 20.67.110 of the Monterey County Code.

C. Required Findings. A Coastal Development Permit for ~~medical~~-cannabis cultivation shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

1. The cultivation, as proposed, will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the cultivation of ~~medical~~-cannabis.

2. The cultivation will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility.

3. The cultivation, as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.

4. The cultivation includes adequate measures that minimize use of water for ~~medical~~-cannabis cultivation at the site.

5. The cultivation includes adequate measures to address the projected energy demand for ~~medical~~-cannabis cultivation at the site.

6. The cultivation includes adequate quality control measures to ensure ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivated at the site meets industry standards.

7. The cultivation includes adequate measures that address the federal enforcement priorities for cannabis activities including restricting access to minors, prohibiting use or possession of firearms for security purposes at the premises, and ensuring that ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products are not supplied to unlicensed and unpermitted persons within the State and not distributed out of state.

D. Required Conditions: In addition to any other conditions and mitigation measures required by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation:

1. The owner and permittees shall allow access to cultivation sites and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.

2. The applicant, owner, and permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.

3. The applicant for the cultivation and the owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

4. Any person cultivating ~~medical~~ cannabis shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must maintain such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.

5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with all permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Coastal Development pursuant to Section 20.67.120 of the Monterey County Code.

6. The cultivation activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans as approved by the County.

#### **20.67.060 — ~~Medical~~ Cannabis Manufacturing**

A. Applicability: Non-volatile cannabis manufacturing facilities (requiring a Type 6 state license) may be permitted in the Light Industrial (“LI”), Heavy Industrial (“HI”), Agricultural Industrial (“AI”), Agricultural Conservation (AC), or in Coastal Agricultural Preserve (“CAP”) zoning districts. Non-volatile manufacturing may only be permitted in the AC and CAP zoning districts when combined with a ~~medical~~ cannabis cultivation permit, and subject to a Coastal Development Permit in each case. Cannabis manufacturing facilities involving volatile processes or substances (requiring a Type 7 state license) shall only be permitted in the Heavy Industrial (“HI”) zoning district with a Coastal Development Permit in each case. Except as provided in Section 20.67.090 of this Chapter, ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing shall be subject to the requirements contained in this Section.

B. Regulations: ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis manufacturing shall comply with all of the following regulations:

1. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis manufacturing facilities shall be located only in zoning districts that specifically provide for this use and the manufacturing facilities shall be consistent with all land use designations.

2. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis manufacturing facilities shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or a drug recovery facility.

3. The Director of the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau or his/her designee is the appropriate authority to determine if manufacturing operations are “volatile.” as defined by the State.

4. All cannabis manufacturing operations shall ensure that cannabis is obtained from permitted and licensed cultivation sources and shall implement best practices to ensure that all manufactured cannabis products are properly stored, labeled, transported, and inspected prior to distribution at a legally permitted and licensed dispensary.

5. Security measures sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. Security measures shall include, but are not limited to the following:

a. Prevent individuals from loitering on the premises of the manufacturing facility if they are not engaging in activity expressly related to the operations of the manufacturing facility;

b. Store all cannabis and cannabis products in a secured and locked safe room, safe, or vault, and in a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss;

c. Install security cameras on site; and

d. Provide for on-site security personnel meeting the requirements and standards contained within Chapter 7.30 of the Monterey County Code. On-site security shall not use or possess firearms or other lethal weapons.

6. Any employees of a ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing facilities operating potentially hazardous equipment shall be trained on the proper use of equipment and on the proper hazard response protocols in the event of equipment failure. In addition, employees handling edible cannabis products or ingredients shall be trained on proper food safety practices.

7. Unless restricted under the terms or conditions of a Coastal Development Permit, cannabis manufacturing permittees may transport their own cannabis products manufactured onsite to another permitted and licensed cannabis business at an offsite facility provided the manufacturing permittee holds a Type 11 state license or other applicable state license that allows for the transportation of cannabis products. A separate Coastal Development Permit shall not be required for permittees under this Section that transport their own cannabis products manufactured onsite to another permitted and licensed cannabis business at an offsite facility. Failure to adhere to County or State laws and regulations for manufactured cannabis transportation shall be grounds for revocation of the privileges provided herein and may be grounds for suspension or revocation of a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 20.67.110 of the Monterey County Code.

C. Required Findings. A Coastal Development Permit for ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

1. The manufacturing facility, as proposed, will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing.

2. The manufacturing facility will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility.

3. The manufacturing, as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.

4. The manufacturing includes adequate quality control measures to ensure ~~medical~~ cannabis manufactured at the site meets industry standards.

5. The manufacturing facility does not pose a significant threat to the public or to neighboring uses from explosion or from the release of harmful gases, liquids, or substances.

6. The manufacturing operations plan includes adequate measures that address the federal enforcement priorities for cannabis activities including providing restrictions on access to minors, prohibiting use or possession of firearms for security



purposes at the premises, and ensuring that ~~medical~~-cannabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products are obtained from and supplied only to other permitted licensed sources within the State.

D. Required Conditions: In addition to any other conditions and mitigation measures required by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for ~~medical~~-cannabis manufacturing:

1. The owner and permittees shall allow access to the facility and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.

2. The applicant, owner, and permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.

3. The applicant for the manufacturing facility and the owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activity.

4. Any person operating a ~~medical~~-cannabis manufacturing facility shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must maintain such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.

5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with all permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 20.67.120 of this Chapter.

6. The manufacturing facilities and activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans approved by the County.

#### **20.67.070 —~~Medical~~-Cannabis Testing Facilities**

A. Applicability: Cannabis testing facilities (requiring a Type 8 state license) may be permitted in the Light Industrial (“LI”), Heavy Industrial (“HI”), and Agricultural Industrial (“AI”) zoning districts subject to a Coastal Development Permit in each case. Testing facilities shall be subject to the requirements of this Section.

B. Regulations: ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis testing facilities shall comply with all of the following regulations:

1. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis testing facilities shall be located only in zoning districts that specifically provide for this use and the testing facilities shall be consistent with all land use designations.
2. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis testing facilities shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or a drug recovery facility.
3. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis testing facilities shall be independent from all other persons and entities involved in the ~~medical~~-cannabis industry.
4. Security measures sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. Security measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. Prevent individuals from loitering on the premises of the testing facility if they are not engaging in activity expressly related to the operations of the testing facility;
  - b. Store all cannabis and cannabis products in a secured and locked safe room, safe, or vault, and in a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss;
  - c. Install security cameras on site; and
  - d. Provide for on-site security personnel meeting the requirements and standards contained within Chapter 7.30 of the Monterey County Code. On-site security shall not use or possess firearms or other lethal weapons.
5. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis testing facilities shall adopt standard operating procedure using methods consistent with general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration activities, including sampling, using standard methods established by the International Organization for Standardization, specifically ISO/IEC 17020 and ISO/IEC 17025 to test ~~medical~~-cannabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products that are approved by an accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement.
6. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis testing facilities shall obtain samples for testing according to a statistically valid sampling method.
7. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis testing facilities shall analyze samples according to either the most current version of the cannabis inflorescence monograph published by the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia or a scientifically valid methodology that is demonstrably equal or superior to the most recent cannabis inflorescence monograph.

8. If a test result falls outside the specifications authorized by law or regulation, the ~~medical~~ cannabis testing facility shall follow a standard operating procedure to confirm or refute the original result.

9. ~~Medical~~ Cannabis testing facilities shall destroy the remains of any samples of ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis product tested upon completion of the analysis.

10. A licensed testing laboratory shall issue a certificate of analysis for each lot, with supporting data, to report both of the following:

a. Whether the chemical profile of the lot conforms to the specifications of the lot for compounds, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- i. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).
- ii. Tetrahydrocannabinolic Acid (THCA).
- iii. Cannabidiol (CBD).
- iv. Cannabidiolic Acid (CBDA).
- v. The terpenes described in the most current version of the cannabis inflorescence monograph published by the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia.
- vi. Cannabigerol (CBG).
- vii. Cannabinol (CBN).
- viii. Any other compounds required by the Department of Public Health.

b. That the presence of contaminants does not exceed the levels that are the lesser of either the most current version of the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia monograph or those set by the California Department of Public Health. For purposes of this paragraph, contaminants include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- i. Residual solvent or processing chemicals.
- ii. Foreign material, including, but not limited to, hair, insects, or similar or related adulterant.
- iii. Microbiological impurity, including total aerobic microbial count, total yeast mold count, *P.aeruginosa*, *aspergillus* spp., *s. aureus*, aflatoxin B1, B2, G1, or G2, or ochratoxin A.

- iv. Whether the batch is within specification for odor and appearance.

C. Required Findings. A Coastal Development Permit for ~~medical~~ cannabis testing facility shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

1. The testing facility, as proposed, will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the testing of ~~medical~~ cannabis manufacturing or cannabis products.
2. The testing facility will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility.
3. The ~~medical~~ cannabis testing, as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.
4. The owners, permittees, operators, and employees of the testing facility will not be associated with any other form of commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.
5. The testing facility is accredited by an appropriate accrediting agency.
6. Plans for the testing facility demonstrate proper protocols and procedures for statistically valid sampling methods and accurate certification of ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products for potency, purity, pesticide residual levels, mold, and other contaminants according to adopted industry standards.

D. Required Conditions: In addition to any other conditions and mitigation measures required by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for a ~~medical~~ cannabis testing facility:

1. The owner and permittees of the testing facility shall allow access to the facility and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.
2. The applicant, owner, and permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.
3. The applicant for the testing facility and the owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

4. Any person operating a ~~medical~~-cannabis testing facility shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must maintain such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.

5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with all permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 20.67.120 of the Monterey County Code.

6. The testing facilities and related activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans approved by the County.

#### **20.67.080 – ~~Medical~~-Cannabis ~~Transportation and~~ Distribution**

A. Applicability: Except as provided in Section 20.67.090, ~~medical~~-cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities (requiring a Type 11 state license) may be permitted in the Heavy Commercial (HC), Light Industrial (LI), Heavy Industrial (HI), and Agricultural Industrial (AI) zoning districts subject to a Coastal Development Permit in each case. Cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities shall be subject to a to all of the requirement contained in this Section.

B. Regulations: ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities shall comply with all of the following requirements.

1. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities shall be located only in zoning districts that specifically provide for this use and the distribution facilities shall be consistent with all land use designations.

2. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facilities shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or a drug recovery facility.

3. ~~Medical-e~~Cannabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall only be transported between permitted and licensed commercial medical cannabis operations.

4. Prior to transporting ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products, the ~~transporter transporting distributor~~ shall complete an electronic shipping manifest. The shipping manifest shall include the unique identifier information from the cultivation source.

5. A physical copy of the shipping manifest shall be maintained during transportation and shall be made available upon request to law enforcement or any agents of the State or County charged with enforcement of this Chapter.

6. Distribution facilities shall maintain appropriate records of transactions and shipping manifests. An organized and clean method of storing and transporting ~~medical~~-cannabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall be provided to maintain a clear chain of custody.

7. Security measures sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. Security measures at distribution facilities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Prevent individuals from loitering on the premises of the distribution facility if they are not engaging in activity expressly related to the operations of the distribution facility;

b. Store all cannabis and cannabis products in a secured and locked safe room, safe, or vault, and in a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss;

c. Install security cameras on site; and

d. Provide for on-site security personnel meeting the requirements and standards contained within Chapter 7.30 of the Monterey County Code. On-site security shall not use or possess firearms or other lethal weapons.

8. Distributors shall ensure that appropriate samples of ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products are tested by a licensed testing facility prior to distribution.

9. Prior to distribution, the distributor shall inspect ~~medical~~-cannabis or ~~medical~~-cannabis products for quality assurance.

10. ~~Medical-c~~Cannabis and ~~medical~~-cannabis products shall be packaged and labeled in accordance with the requirements of state law.

11. Alternative fuel vehicles shall be provided as part of a ~~medical~~-cannabis transportation fleet.

12. The driver of a vehicle transporting cannabis and cannabis products shall be directly employed by persons holding all required permits, licenses, and entitlements for a cannabis distributor.

C. Required Findings. A Coastal Development Permit for ~~a~~ ~~medical~~-cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facility shall not be granted by the Appropriate Authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:

1. The ~~transportation and~~ distribution facility, as proposed, will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the ~~medical~~-cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution.

2. The facility will not be located within six hundred (600) feet from any school, public park, or drug recovery facility.

3. The ~~medical~~ cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution as approved and conditioned, will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.

4. Plans for the distribution facility demonstrate proper protocols and procedures that address the federal enforcement priorities for cannabis activities including providing restrictions on access to minors, prohibiting use or possession of firearms for security purposes at the premises, and ensuring that ~~medical~~ cannabis and ~~medical~~ cannabis products are obtained from and supplied only to other permitted licensed sources within the State.

D. Required Conditions: In addition to any other conditions and mitigation measures required by the Appropriate Authority, all of the following conditions shall apply to all permits for a ~~medical~~ cannabis ~~transportation and~~ distribution facility:

1. The owner and permittees of ~~the transportation and~~ distribution facility shall allow access to the facility and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, and shall pay for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations, and conditions.

2. The applicant, owner, and permittees agree to submit to, and pay for, inspections of the operations and relevant records or documents necessary to determine compliance with this Chapter from any enforcement officer of the County or their designee.

3. The applicant for ~~the transportation and~~ distribution facility and the owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

4. Any person operating a ~~medical~~ cannabis ~~transportation or~~ distribution facility shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis permit pursuant to Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code prior to commencing operations and must such permit in good standing in order to continue operations.

5. The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with permits and licenses required by the Monterey County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove permittees and persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities at the site who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the modification or revocation of a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 20.67.120 of the Monterey County Code.



6. The ~~transportation and~~-distribution facilities and activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans approved by the County.

#### **20.67.090 Exemptions from Permit Requirements.**

All the following ~~medical~~-cannabis activities are exempt from the Coastal Development Permit requirements of this Chapter in all zoning districts, provided the activity does not include any form of non-exempt development pursuant to this Title:

A. Possession, storage, manufacturing, or transportation of ~~medicinal~~ cannabis, or cultivation of up to one hundred (100) square feet total canopy area of ~~medicinal~~ cannabis by a qualified patient, as that term is defined in Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, is exempt from the Coastal Development Permit requirements contained in this Chapter, provided that: ~~if~~ the qualified patient, possesses, stores, manufactures, transports, or cultivates cannabis exclusively for his or her personal medical use, and does not provide, donate, sell, or distribute cannabis to any other person. Further, the possession, storage, manufacture, transportation, or cultivation activities must not involve development as defined in Section 20.06.310 of the Monterey County Code. Qualified patients shall, upon request, provide appropriate documentation to law enforcement demonstrating that they have a valid doctor's recommendation to use cannabis for ~~medicinal~~ purposes.

B. Possession, storage, manufacturing, transportation of ~~medicinal~~ cannabis, or cultivation of up to one hundred (100) square feet of canopy area of ~~medicinal~~ cannabis by a primary caregiver on behalf of a qualified patient, within the meaning of Section 11362.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, is exempt from the Coastal Development Permit requirements contained in this Chapter, provided that the primary caregiver does not receive remuneration for these activities except for compensation in full compliance with ~~subdivision (c) of~~ Section 11362.765(c) of the California Health and Safety Code and the possession, storage, manufacture, transportation, or cultivation activities do not involve development as defined in Section 20.06.310 of the Monterey County Code. Primary caregivers shall, upon request, provide appropriate documentation to law enforcement demonstrating that they are a primary caregiver for a qualified patient.

C. Possession, processing, storage, transportation, or donation of not more than 28.5 grams of cannabis or not more than eight (8) grams of concentrated cannabis to persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older by persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

D. The cultivation of up to six (6) cannabis plants by persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older as allowed pursuant to Section 11362.1(a) of the California Health and Safety Code.

#### **20.67.100 Application Requirements**

All applications for a Coastal Development Permit for a commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activity shall be filed with the Resource Management Agency/~~Planning~~ on the form and in the manner prescribed by the Director of ~~Planning~~the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of

Planning, or his or her designee. In all cases the application shall contain, without limitation, the following documentation:

A. Notarized, written authorization from all persons and entities having a right, title or interest in the property that is the subject of the application consenting to the application and the operation of the proposed commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity on the subject property.

B. The name and address of all persons and entities responsible for the operation of the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity, including managers, corporate officers, any individual with an ownership interest, any member of a board of directors, any general or limited partner, and/or any member of a decision making body for the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

C. Site plans, floor plans, conceptual improvement plans, and a general description of the nature, size, and type of commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity(ies) being requested.

D. An operations plan including at a minimum, the following information:

1. On-site security measures both physical and operational and, if applicable, security measures for the delivery of cannabis associated with the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis business;

2. Standard operating procedures manual detailing how operations will comply with State and local regulations; how safety and quality of products will be ensured; record keeping procedures for financing, testing, and adverse effect recording; and product recall procedures;

3. Proposed hours of operation;

4. Waste disposal information;

5. A water management plan including the proposed water supply and proposed conservation measures;

6. Medical recommendation verification when applicable and youth access restriction procedures;

7. Product supply chain including information on where cultivation occurs, where the product is processed or manufactured, any required testing of cannabis or cannabis products, transportation, and packaging and labeling criteria;

8. Record keeping policy;

9. Track and trace measures;

10. Sustainability measures including water efficiency measures, energy efficiency measures, high efficiency mechanical systems, and alternative fuel transportation methods;

11. Odor prevention devices;
12. Size, height, colors, and design of any proposed signage at the site;
13. Parking plan; and

14. Such other information as the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee of Planning may require.

E. Additional application requirements: Based on the type of commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activities proposed, the following additional information may be required by the Director of Planning Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee:

1. ~~Medical e~~Cannabis ~~dispensary~~retailer: In reviewing an application for a Coastal Development Permit to dispense ~~medical~~ cannabis or ~~medical~~ cannabis products, the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee of Planning or his or her designee may request operational plans detailing how operations will comply with federal enforcement priorities.

2. ~~Medical e~~Cannabis cultivation: In reviewing an application for a Coastal Development Permit to cultivate ~~medical~~ cannabis, the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee of Planning or his or her designee may request the following additional information:

- a. Water conservation measures;
- b. Projected energy demand and proposed renewable energy generation facilities;
- c. Unique identifier, inventory, and quality control procedures; and
- d. A floor plan identifying the location, dimensions, and boundaries of all proposed canopy areas taking into account space needed for ongoing care of plants and description of the proposed method of physically delineating those boundaries at the site.

3. ~~Medical e~~Cannabis manufacturing: In reviewing an application for a Coastal Development Permit to operate a cannabis manufacturing facility, the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee Director of Planning or his or her designee may request the following additional information:

- a. Information on products used in the manufacturing process including the cannabis supply chain, liquids, solvents, agents, and processes. Cannabis shall be obtained from a licensed cultivator or licensed distributor operating in compliance with all local and state laws;

- b. Storage protocol and hazard response plan;
- c. Quality control measures; and
- d. Any other information requested by the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~of Planning~~.

4. Medical cannabis testing facilities: In reviewing an application for a Coastal Development Permit to operate a cannabis testing facility, the Director the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~of Planning or his or her designee~~ may request the following additional information:

- a. An operations plan detailing how cannabis will be received, secured, tested, and destroyed upon completion;
- b. Certificate of accreditation from an approved accrediting body;
- c. Proposed procedures for record keeping including chain of custody control and certificate issuance; and
- d. Any other information requested by the Director of Planning.

5. ~~Medical~~ Cannabis transportation and distribution facility: In reviewing an application for a Coastal Development Permit to operate a cannabis transportation and/or distribution facility, the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~of Planning or his or her designee~~ may request any following additional information:

- a. An operations plan detailing how, and from where, cannabis and cannabis products will be received, how any storage, distribution, and transportation operations will be secured to prevent theft and trespass, and to whom the product will be distributed;
- b. Quality control inspections and requirements plan;
- c. Truck parking and loading areas;
- d. Storage and handling plans; and
- e. Any other information requested by the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~of Planning~~.

F. All required application materials shall be prepared by the applicant and submitted at the time of application.

## **20.67.110 – Grounds for Suspension or Revocation**

Any of the following shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the Coastal Development Permit, based on substantial evidence and following notice and public hearing pursuant to Section 20.67.120:

- A. Failure to comply with one or more of the conditions of the Coastal Development Permit;
- B. The Coastal Development Permit was granted on the basis of false material information, written or oral, given willfully or negligently by the applicant;
- C. Any act or omission by an owner or permittee in contravention of the provisions of this Chapter;
- D. Any act or omission by an owner or permittee that results in the denial, revocation or suspension of the owner's or permittee's State License;
- E. Any act or omission that results in the revocation of that owner's or permittee's commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis permit under Chapter 7.90 of the Monterey County Code;
- F. Any act or omission by an owner or permittee in contravention of State law or the Monterey County Code;
- G. An owner's or permittee's failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove persons conducting commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activities who do not maintain the necessary permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State;
- H. Possession or delivery of any other form of illegal drugs without proper legal authorization; or
- I. Conduct of the commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis activities in a manner that constitutes a nuisance, where the owner or permittee has failed to comply with reasonable conditions to abate the nuisance.

#### **20.67.120 –Procedure for Suspension or Revocation**

A. If the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~of Planning~~ determines that grounds for suspension or revocation of the Coastal Development Permit exist pursuant to section 20.67.110, the Director of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee~~of Planning~~ shall issue a written Notice of Intention to revoke or suspend the Coastal Development Permit, as the case may be. The Notice of Intention shall be served on the owner, as reported on the latest equalized assessment roll, and shall also be served on permittees on the property, as reported on the commercial ~~medical~~-cannabis permits issued pursuant to Chapter 7.90. The Notice of Intention shall be served by either personal delivery or by certified U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. The Notice of Intention shall describe the property, the intention to revoke or suspend the Coastal Development Permit, the grounds for revocation or suspension, the action necessary to abate the violation, the time limit for compliance, and the right to a hearing. The

Notice of Intention shall notify the owner and permittees of the opportunity to request a hearing before a Hearing Officer to present evidence as to why the Coastal Development Permit should not be suspended or revoked and shall notify them of the 10-day deadline to submit a written request for a hearing.

B. The owner and permittees shall have ten (10) calendar days from the service of the Notice of Intention to submit a written request for a hearing before the Hearing Officer. Failure to submit the written request for a hearing shall be deemed a waiver of the right to challenge the suspension or revocation of the Coastal Development Permit and a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. If the hearing is not timely requested, the Director [of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee of Planning](#) may suspend or revoke the Coastal Development Permit in accordance with the Notice of Intention.

C. Upon receipt of a timely written request for a hearing, the Director [of the Resource Management Agency or the Chief of Planning, or his or her designee of Planning](#) shall set a date for a hearing to be held within 60 days of receipt of the request, unless an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare necessitates an earlier hearing date. Notice of the hearing, including the time, date, and location of the hearing, shall be served on the owner and permittees, such service to be accomplished by either personal delivery or by certified U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.

D. Hearing by the Hearing Officer:

1. The Hearing Officer is authorized to conduct hearings, issue subpoenas, receive evidence, administer oaths, rule on questions of law and the admissibility of evidence, prepare a record of the proceedings, and render decisions on the suspension or revocation of the Coastal Development Permit.

2. In any proceeding before a Hearing Officer, oral testimony offered as evidence shall be taken only on oath or affirmation, and the Hearing Officer, his/her clerk, or other designee shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations and to certify to official acts.

3. All parties to the hearing shall have the opportunity to testify, introduce exhibits, call and examine witnesses, and cross examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues.

4. The Hearing Officer may postpone the hearing date upon good cause shown, continue the hearing during the course of the hearing, and make such other procedural orders and rulings as he or she deems appropriate during the course of the hearing.

5. Within thirty (30) calendar days after the close of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall issue a written decision, including a statement of the basis for the decision. The Hearing Officer's written decision shall constitute the final administrative decision of the County.

E. In the event a civil action is initiated to obtain enforcement of the decision of the Hearing Officer, and judgment is entered to enforce the decision, the person against whom the order of enforcement has been entered shall be liable to pay the County's total costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney fees.

F. If neither owner nor any permittee nor their authorized representatives appear at the noticed hearing, such failure to appear shall constitute an abandonment of the hearing request and a failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

### **20.67.130 – Enforcement**

The remedies provided by this Chapter are cumulative and in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision, or to fail to comply with any of the requirements, of this Chapter. Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. No proof of knowledge, intent, or other mental state is required to establish a violation.

B. Any condition caused or allowed to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed a public nuisance and shall, at the discretion of County, create a cause of action for penalty pursuant to Chapters 1.20 and 1.22 of this Code, and any other action authorized by law.

C. Each and every violation of this Chapter shall constitute a separate violation and shall be subject to all remedies and enforcement measures authorized by the Monterey County Code or otherwise authorized by law. Additionally, as a public nuisance, any violation of this Chapter shall be subject to injunctive relief, disgorgement of any payment to the County of any and all monies unlawfully obtained, costs of abatement, costs of restoration, costs of investigation, attorney fees, [restitution](#), and any other relief or remedy available at law or in equity. The County, [including the Office of the District Attorney and the Office of County Counsel](#), may also pursue any and all remedies and actions available and applicable under state and local laws for any violations committed by the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity or persons related thereto, or associated with, the commercial ~~medical~~ cannabis activity.

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### **~~20.67.140 – Operative Date of Chapter 20.67~~**

~~A. This Chapter shall become operative only if the Board of Supervisors submits a County tax on cannabis activity to the voters, the voters approve the tax, and the tax is certified by the County pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code. If this Chapter becomes operative, the operative date shall be the later of the date that the California Coastal Commission certifies the ordinance adding this Chapter or the County elections official submits the certified statement of the results of the vote on the tax to the Board of Supervisors.~~



~~————B.—— If the Board of Supervisors submits a County tax on cannabis activity to the voters, the voters approve the tax, and the tax is certified by the County pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code, and provided the ordinance is accepted by the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission as being in substantial conformance, adopting this Chapter, Interim Ordinance No. 5254, as previously amended and extended through February 26, 2017, shall become inoperative as of the operative date of this Chapter in the coastal unincorporated area of the County.~~

~~————C.—— This Chapter shall be inoperative if the Board of Supervisors do not submit a tax on commercial medical cannabis activity to the voters, the voters do not approve the tax, or the tax is not certified by the County pursuant to Section 15372 of the California Elections Code. If this Chapter is inoperative, Interim Ordinance No. 5254, as previously amended and extended, shall remain in effect through February 26, 2017.~~

————SECTION 17. Section 20.144.160.C.1.k of the Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 2 (Regulations for Development in the North County Land Use Plan Area) is amended to read as follows:

k. All new heavy industry must be coastal-dependent (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.120 Moss Landing Community Plan). Notwithstanding the coastal dependent designation, agricultural uses, including commercial cannabis activities, may be permitted at the former Kaiser National Refractories site subject to regulation by a Coastal Development Permit.

SECTION 18. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 19. This Ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first day following its adoption or upon California Coastal Commission confirmation that County's ordinance satisfies the Coastal Commission's certification order, whichever occurs later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Mary L. Adams, Chair

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

A T T E S T:

GAIL T. BORKOWSKI  
Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

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Wendy S. Strimling  
Senior Deputy County Counsel

## Attachment 3

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# **DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO NORTH COUNTY LAND USE PLAN**

(proposed amendments shown in strikethrough and underline)

## **Amendments to North County Land Use Plan**

1. Section 4.3.6.F.1 is amended to read as follows:

1. Lands designated for Heavy and Light industrial use in the North County Coastal Zone, shall be reserved for coastal dependent industry as defined in Sections 4.3.1.L and M., and in the glossary of this plan. New heavy or light Industrial manufacturing or energy related facilities shall be located only in areas designated for these uses in this plan. Notwithstanding the coastal dependent designation, limited agricultural uses, including commercial cannabis activities, may be permitted within existing industrial infrastructure at the former Kaiser National Refractories site [refer to the Moss Landing Community Plan for more details].

2. Paragraph 5 of Section 5.2.1.A.2 is amended to read as follows:

As with PG&E facility, major changes in the next twenty years at Kaiser can be accommodated on-site. ~~An primary~~ option available to Kaiser is the use of existing industrial infrastructure for limited agricultural uses including commercial cannabis activities. Such use shall be regulated by permit. ~~replacement of the present gas and fuel oil as furnace fuels by refinery coke. In addition, increased pressurized filtering of products before firing would remove further water and decrease the fuel requirement per pound of finished product.~~ On-site circulation system and land use changes are planned, and primary access from Highway One will be closed and shifted to Dolan Road. Major changes in primary access to PG&E and Kaiser shall be approved only upon the condition that comprehensive landscaping programs are completed around the perimeter of all properties fronting on public roads. Policy recommendations for the modernization proposals are presented in Section 5.~~7~~5.

## **Amendments to the Moss Landing Community Plan**

3. Section 5.5.2.10 is amended to read as follows:

10. All new heavy industry shall be coastal dependent, except that limited agricultural uses, including commercial cannabis activities may be permitted within existing industrial infrastructure at the former Kaiser National Refractories site. Such use shall be regulated by permit.

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