STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA  
PLANNING COMMISSION

Resolution  
No 2017-011  
A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa Recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve Amendments to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to prohibit any activity or use for which a license is required pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, Division 10, Cannabis

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2016, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 64 entitled “Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act”, relevant portions of which are codified within Division 10 of the California Business and Professions Code at Sections 26000 et. seq. (“Division 10”); and

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 also added Sections 11362.1 through 11362.45 to the Health and Safety Code, which provisions are in effect at this time enabling personal possession, private cultivation and private use of marijuana under circumstances specified therein; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 added Sections 11362.712, 11362.713, 11362.84 and 11362.85 to the Health and Safety Code, and amended 11362.755 of the Health and Safety Code affecting the Use of Medical Marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Section 26200 of Division 10 enables the County of Mariposa to: “...adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate businesses licensed under the Division, including, but not limited to, local zoning and land use requirements, business license requirements, and requirements related to reducing exposure to second hand smoke, or to completely prohibit the establishment and operation of one or more types businesses licensed under this Division”; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County has codified Mariposa County Code Title 8 Chapter 8.56 containing regulations and standards for the cultivation of Medical Marijuana within Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent or purpose of this proposed ordinance to effect any changes in current Health and Safety Code provisions for personal possession, private cultivation and private use of marijuana or those local regulations for medical marijuana cultivation currently in effect contained in Title 8 Chapter 8.56; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017 the Board of Supervisors adopted Interim Urgency Ordinance 1122 prohibiting all commercial marijuana activities for 45 days and thereafter on April 25, 2017 adopted Ordinance 1123 extending Ordinance 1122 for an additional 10 months and 45 days; and
WHEREAS, Ordinance 1122 directed the preparation of necessary documents, including a resolution, ordinance and CEQA determination, to amend the Mariposa County General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to prohibit, within Mariposa County, any activity for which a license is required pursuant to CA Business and Professions Code, Division 10; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2017 the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Mariposa County Code Section 17.128.020.B, adopted Resolution 2017-236 initiating General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Amendments to prohibit, within Mariposa County, any activity for which a license is required pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, Division 10; and

WHEREAS, the initiated amendments are intended to prohibit any activity and use within Mariposa County that may be authorized by license pursuant the Adult Use Of Marijuana Act, including commercial, or not for profit, cultivation, processing, manufacture, wholesale or retail sale or public consumption; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is prepared based on direction contained within Ordinance No. 1122 and Resolution 2017 – 238;

WHEREAS, Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code requires that any category of activity listed therein shall first obtain a license issued by State of California Bureau of Marijuana Control designated Licensing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Division 10 also establishes a process and protocol for establishment, by the State of California Bureau of Marijuana Control, of a regulatory scheme for issuance of licenses and subsequent oversight and enforcement of conditions under which such uses will operate; and

WHEREAS, the activities which require licensing pursuant to Division 10 include those relating to commercial cultivation, processing, manufacture, sale or public consumption of marijuana plants and any resulting or derivative product by any person, organization or for profit or non-profit entity; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Marijuana Control and Licensing Authorities are required to consult with various State agencies charged with protection of sensitive habitats and environments, scenic, cultural, historical and agricultural resources in the development, implementation and enforcement of regulations and issuance of licenses; and

WHEREAS, Sections 26014 and 26190 of Division 10 require annual reports to the Legislature by an Advisory Committee and each Licensing Authority regarding best regulatory practices and any requests for regulatory relief or rule-making changes. In addition, Section 26191 requires that the Bureau of State Audits conduct a Performance Audit of the Bureau of
Marijuana Control. Annual reports and audits are to be commenced on January 1, 2019, a full year after the commencement of licensing; and

WHEREAS, licensing protocols and standards for consultation and audit pursuant to Division 10 have not been established, in operation or evaluated to an extent that would enable the County of Mariposa to determine that such standards and protocols are sufficient to protect the health, safety and general welfare of residents and businesses in the County of Mariposa. The absence of licensing protocols and standards for the review, issuance and enforcement of licenses, or the conclusion of legislative reports and performance audits, makes it impossible for the County to determine the relationship of any particular licensed category to Guiding Principles, policies and standards contained in the Mariposa County General Plan; and

WHEREAS, as with any industry, there is potential that commercial or industrial cultivation, processing, manufacture, storage and use of marijuana and derivative products may adversely affect the health, safety and general welfare of the County and its residents, requiring the adoption of local standards in addition to or other than the standards established by Licensing Authorities; and

WHEREAS, marijuana is a prohibited, controlled substance under Federal law, and Mariposa County contains substantial areas (over 52% of county) of Federal land within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and National Park Service. Local, permissive regulations pursuant to Division 10 may potentially endanger the safety and general welfare of residents and visitors by establishing a false sense of governmental acquiescence and tacit approval of activities that are otherwise illegal under Federal Law; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the lack of sufficient definitions, regulations, and standards required in Division 10, the Planning Commission finds that it is necessary to protect the public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Mariposa County as delineated in the below findings:

1. The potential establishment of any category of licensed activity pursuant to Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code poses a current and immediate threat to public health, safety and welfare; and

2. The County has received multiple inquiries regarding the establishment of activities requiring a license from the State of California. Such uses, without County review of location and operational standards, have the potential to adversely affect neighborhoods, commercial areas, and sensitive natural resource areas, resulting in a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare; and

3. The establishment of any category of licensed activity pursuant to Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code while the County is evaluating the adequacy
of State of California standards and protocols to protect Mariposa County resources will conflict with the County General Plan Guiding Principles (General Plan Chapter 3):

a) Clear approval standards have not been developed;
b) A nexus between the impacts of any project and project conditions and mitigation measures cannot be determined;
c) Potential impacts on agricultural uses and activities have not been evaluated;
d) The effect on the desirability of neighborhoods located in Rural Residential and Mountain Home Districts has not been determined;
e) A stable and diverse economy may be impacted by the potential dominance of licensed categories; and
f) The need for infrastructure to accommodate licensed uses and activities has not been determined.

WHEREAS, a duly noticed Planning Commission public hearing was scheduled for the 18th day of August 2017; and

WHEREAS, a Staff Report and Notice of Exemption were prepared pursuant to the California Government Code, Mariposa County Code, California Environmental Quality Act, and local administrative procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on the noticed date and considered all of the information in the public record, including the Notice of Exemption and Staff Report, testimony presented by the public concerning the application, and the resolution to initiate amendments; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa does hereby recommend that the Board of Supervisors find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Sections 15060(c)(2), 15061(b)(3), and 15308. The proposed amendment will prohibit projects otherwise subject to CEQA that would potentially result in substantial changes to the environment.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Planning Commission does hereby recommend approval of amendments, as shown in Attachments A-E, to the Board of Supervisors.

A. The Mariposa County General Plan, Mariposa Town Plan Section 3.4;
B. The Mariposa County General Plan, Fish Camp Town Plan: Section XIII;
C. The Mariposa County General Plan, Coulterville Town Plan: Section VI; and
D. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Section 17.334.055
E. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Section 17.108.200
BE IT THEREFORE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the amendments are not limited to the above list if other changes or amendments are found to be needed through the processing of the amendment or the public hearing process.

ON MOTION BY Commissioner Kennec, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe, this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of August, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: McCamman, Kehoe, Becker, Herman, Kennec

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mick Herman, Chair
Mariposa County Planning Commission

Attest:

Carol Suggs, Secretary to the
Mariposa County Planning Commission
ATTACHMENT A
Proposed Amendments to the Mariposa County General Plan, Mariposa Town Plan
Section 3.4

(new text shown in italicized underlined font)

SECTION 3.4 MISCELLANEOUS DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

3.41 Environmental Protection Standards
(No change to this section)

3.42 Prohibited Uses

The following land uses are prohibited in all Districts:
A. Medical marijuana dispensaries;
B. The collective or cooperative cultivation of marijuana;
C. The cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes by person(s) not residing on the property on a permanent basis; and
D. Any activity or use for which a license is required pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, Division 10, Marijuana.
ATTACHMENT B
Proposed Amendments to the Mariposa County General Plan, Coulterville Town
Plan Section VI

(new text shown in italicized underlined font)

VI. Goals, Objectives and Policies
   A. Land Use Classifications
      (No change to this section)
   
   B. Coulterville Land Use Policies – Area Applications
      (No change to this section)
   
   C. Special Land Use Area Policies
      (No change to this section)
   
   D. Community Design
      (No change to this section)
   
   E. General Policies On The Keeping Of Small Animals
      (No change to this section)
   
   F. The following land uses are prohibited in all Classifications and Areas:
      1. Medical marijuana dispensaries;
      2. The collective or cooperative cultivation of marijuana;
      3. The cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes by person(s) not residing on
         the property on a permanent basis; and
      4. Any activity or use for which a license is required pursuant to California Business
         and Professions Code, Division 10, Marijuana.
ATTACHMENT C
Proposed Amendments to the Mariposa County General Plan, Fish Camp Town Plan
Section VIII

(new text shown in italicized underline font)

VIII. Specific Plan Implementation

A. Planned Development Overlay Zone
   (No change to this section)

B. Plan Amendment Standards

C. (No change to this section)

D. Streets and Roads
   (No change to this section)

E. Community Services District
   (No change to this section)

F. Financing New Services
   (No change to this section)

G. Prohibited Uses

The following land uses are prohibited in all Land Use Classifications:
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2. The collective or cooperative cultivation of marijuana;
3. The cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes by person(s) not residing on the property on a permanent basis; and
4. Any activity or use for which a license is required pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, Division 10, Marijuana.
ATTACHMENT D

Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 17.334.055

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CHAPTER 17.334

SUPPLEMENTARY USE STANDARDS

Sections:
17.334.010 Home based occupations.
17.334.020 Bed and breakfast and vacation rentals.
17.334.030 Day care and small residential care facilities.
17.334.040 Agricultural uses.
17.334.050 Special use provisions for historic structures.
17.334.055 Uses prohibited in all zones.
17.334.060 Interpretation by the planning director.
17.334.070 Transitional and supportive housing.

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(No change to this section)

17.334.020 Bed and breakfast and vacation rentals.
(No change to this section)

17.334.030 Day care and small residential care facilities.
(No change to this section)

17.334.040 Agricultural uses.
(No change to this section)

17.334.050 Special use provisions for historic structures.
(No change to this section)

17.334.055 Uses prohibited in all zones.
The following land uses are prohibited in all zoning districts:
A. Medical marijuana dispensaries;
B. The collective or cooperative cultivation of marijuana;
C. The cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes by person(s) not residing on the property on a permanent basis. (Ord. 1086 Sec.VII, 2011).
D. Any activity or use for which a license is required pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, Division 10, Marijuana.

17.334.060 Interpretation by the planning director.
(No change to this section)

17.334.070 Transitional and supportive housing.
(No change to this section)
ATTACHMENT E

Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 17.108.200

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Chapter 17.108

SUPPLEMENTARY STANDARDS

Sections:
17.108.010 Purpose and intent.
17.108.020 Effect of regulations.
17.108.030 Similar uses.
17.108.040 Minimum parcel or lot size standards.
17.108.050 Density standards.
17.108.060 General use standards.
17.108.070 Home enterprises.
17.108.080 Rural home industry.
17.108.090 Mobile home parks.
17.108.095 Pre-1976 mobile homes.
17.108.100 Planned or cluster residential development and preservation of open space.
17.108.110 Mineral or construction material processing site standards.
17.108.115 Model homes and model homes with sales offices within residential zoning districts.
17.108.120 Off street parking.
17.108.130 Structure location.
17.108.140 Structure height.
17.108.150 Secondary residences.
17.108.160 Nursing care facilities.
17.108.170 Day care facilities.
17.108.180 Bed and breakfast and residential transient rentals.
17.108.190 Signs.
17.108.200 Uses prohibited in all zones.

17.108.010 Purpose and intent.
(Section not changed)

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(Section not changed)

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(Section not changed)

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