



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

June 3, 2025

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 25-00472

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding Amending Chapter 50 of the County Code - Licensing of Cannabis Operations Acreage Cap Reduction Discussion, as follows:  
(EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

Regarding changes related to criminal history checks:

a) Consider the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara amending Chapter 50 of the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Cannabis Operations pertaining to existing criminal background check and live scan requirements and approve one of the following options:

i) Option 1 aligns background check requirements with the California Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) regulation by requiring live scans only for those with minimum 20 percent financial interest in the operations and makes other changes (Recommended); or

ii) Option 2 expands requirement of live scans for broader group of individuals excluding persons hired for the sole purpose of manual labor; defines sensitive areas, prohibits manual labor from working in sensitive areas, disallows manual labor from supervisory or managerial duties and requires permanent employee supervision of manual labor (including managers, supervisors and workers) at all times in all areas of the farm or facility; and makes other changes (Proposed by Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office); or

b) Read the title and waive further reading of the ordinance in full;

c) Provide other direction as appropriate; and

d) After providing direction to staff on which ordinance Option to move forward, set a hearing on the Administrative Agenda for June 10, 2025 to consider recommendations, as follows:

i) Consider adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara amending Chapter 50 of the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Cannabis Operations pertaining to existing criminal background check and live scan requirements; and



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ii) Determine for the purposes of the California environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that:

1) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c) these actions are within the scope of the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program, and the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) [Case No. 17EIR-00000-00003, State Clearinghouse No. 2017071016] adequately describes this activity for the purposes of CEQA; and

2) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a), after considering the PEIR certified by the Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2018, that no subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration is required because: i) no substantial changes are proposed which require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; ii) no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the ordinance is undertaken which require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and iii) no new information of substantial importance concerning the ordinance's significant effects or mitigation measures, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time that the PEIR was certified, has been received that shows any of the following situations elements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(3) apply; and

Regarding changes to the acreage cap:

iii) Receive a presentation and direct staff to return with Chapter 50 Ordinance amendments to reduce the acreage cap to one of the following options:

1) Cap Option 1: Status Quo (186 acres in Carpinteria Overlay; 1,575 acres in Unincorporated);  
or

2) Cap Option 2: Existing acreage for which land use entitlements have been issued and approved (138 acres in Carpinteria Overlay; 1,345 acres in Unincorporated), or

3) Cap Option 3: Existing acreage for which land use entitlements have been issued, approved, and submitted (140 acres in Carpinteria Overlay; 1,399 acres in Unincorporated), or

4) Other direction as appropriate.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY



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*HEARING TIME: 1:57 PM - 3:25 PM (1 HR. 28 MIN.)*

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Whitney Collie, Grant Trexler, Anna Carrillo, and David Van Wingerden addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

Regarding changes related to criminal history checks:

- a) i) Approved; Introduction (First Reading) approved;
- a) ii) No action taken;
- b) Read title, waived further reading of the Ordinance;
- c) No action taken;

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

Regarding changes to the acreage cap:

d) i) through iii) Approved Cap Option 3: Existing acreage for which land use entitlements have been issued, approved, and submitted (140 acres in Carpinteria Overlay; 1,399 acres in Unincorporated); Set a hearing for June 10, 2025 on the Administrative Agenda to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of the Ordinance.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino