

Chapter 50 Commercial Cannabis Amendments

Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
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Possible Amendments from January 29

Possible Amendment	What needs to be changed
1. Allow cannabis testing on agricultural lands	LUDC/Article II/ Chapter 50, Uniform Rules
2. Increase control of cannabis operations on AG-I properties	LUDC
3. Eliminate Ag employee Live Scan requirement and retain for all others	Chapter 50
4. Consider alternative storefront retail allocation methods	Chapter 50
5. Change energy plan review to CSD	Chapter 50
6. Increase authority to reject renewal licenses	Chapter 50
7. Allow generators for security lighting or security cameras	LUDC/Article II



Board Direction on Chapter 50 Changes

Directed Amendment	Board Direction
Eliminate Ag employee Live Scan requirement and retain for all others	Amended to mirror State law
Consider alternative storefront retail allocation methods	Amended to pre-qualify, hold random selection processes for each of six community plan areas plus two countywide for areas not covered by the six community plans
Change energy plan review to CSD	Amended to specify CSD to review Energy Conservation Plans
Increase authority to reject renewal licenses	Not amended at this time. Staff believes it provides flexibility to address unusual circumstances

Other Minor Changes to Chapter 50

Other Amendment	Change
Section 50-7 – Limits on Cultivation	Amended to align with Coastal Commission certification language
Section 50-11 – Application Review by Sheriff	Amended 50-11.c.6 to require all security plans must be implemented prior to license issuance

Recommended Actions

- 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 Commercial Cannabis Operations;
- Read title: “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Operations, of The Santa Barbara County Code,” and waive reading of the Ordinance in full;
- Set a hearing on the Administrative Agenda for April 9, 2019 to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 of the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Operations; and
- Make the required CEQA findings

THANK YOU