



County of Lake
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes – Final
Board of Supervisor Chambers
April 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport CA 95453

1. 9:00 a.m. - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair Chavez. Community Development Director Mireya Turner, Deputy County Counsel Nicole Johnson, Assistant Planner Trish Turner, and Office Assistant III Ruby Mitts were present along with the following Commissioners:

Present: Commissioners Hess, Field, Price, and Chair Chavez

Absent: Commissioner Brown

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Verification of Legal Notice

Clerk reported items on the agenda as properly noticed.

4. Consent Agenda

There was no Consent Agenda.

5. Public Input

Chair Chavez opened public input. The following people spoke: Bart Levenson. No one else wished to speak, and Chair Chavez closed public input.

6. Timed Items - Public Hearings

6a. 9:05 a.m. – PUBLIC HEARING – (Continued from March 23, 2023) Consideration on Request for Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on Draft Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Section 5-6, Article 1, Section 5-6 6.24 (Exempt Agriculture Structures) and Adding Chapter 5, Section 5-6 6.25 (Temporary Ag Structures) of the Zoning Ordinance of the County of Lake regards to Agricultural Structures

Director Turner presented the staff report.

Chair Chavez opened the public hearing. The following people spoke: Jennifer Smith, Don Vanpelt, Bart Levenson, Betsy Cawn, Erin McCarrick, Sarah Bodnar, Autumn Carsey, Holly Harris, Angela Amaral, and Lauri Pascarella. No one else wished to speak, and Chair Chavez closed the public hearing.

The recommendations from the Cannabis Ordinance Task Force are as follows:
Section 5-6.24 of Chapter 5 *Ag. Exempt Structures*

1. Propose no change to the definition of Ag. Exempt structures. Electrical would only be allowed with a building permit. Cannabis permittees would qualify to use these structures within the already established “Ag. Exempt Structure” definitions.

Section 5-6.25 of Chapter 5 *Temporary Ag Structures*

2. Change title to “Temporary Hoops for Cultivation” for these structures.
3. Add wording that these Temporary Hoops for Cultivation would be exempted from the building permit process if the structures met the listed criteria.
4. Specify the method of anchoring the Temporary Hoops for Cultivation into the ground and include a section on the Use Permit application for this information.
5. Require conformance to California Public Resources Code Section 4290 and 4291, as pertaining to Agricultural Standards, for temporary drying structures (per RES 2019-124).
6. Require that generator rules be consistent for all cannabis-related permits in the Lake County Code, and with the version of the Fire Code in effect at the time of submission of permit application.
7. Require that adherence to Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) guidelines for Temporary Hoops for Cultivation be apparent at application submission.
8. Section 3: Change title to “Temporary Structures for Cannabis Drying”.
9. No comment regarding Hoop Houses.
10. In Tents: Clarify that loads are not to be added to the actual hoop or tent structure, but rather are located on an internal load-bearing frame, or on a separate structure within the hoop or tent structure.
11. Allow shipping containers as an accessory agricultural use coupled with a temporary drying use, sun setting the drying use to three years after the permit’s issuance.
12. Size: Limit the total square footage of the Temporary Cannabis Drying Structures to 10% of the project’s total canopy area.

Additional Cannabis Task Force Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors include:

13. Require the conveyance of the project site plan to the responsible fire district before commencement of project operations. Physically locate the site plans on site in a Knox Box or other area where they may be easily accessed/viewed and advise the Fire Districts of the on-site Site Plan’s location.
14. Clarify that responsibility for issuance of permits remains with the Community Development Department.

On motion of Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Field, approved the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration.

Ayes: Commissioners: Hess, Field, Price, and Chair Chavez

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Brown

7. Non-Timed Items

There were no timed items.

8. Department Update

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Lake County Planning Commission adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Community Development Deputy Director
Mireya Turner

Office Assistant III
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