

ORDINANCE NO. 10061 (N.S.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING
MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVE FACILITIES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. The purpose and intent of this ordinance are stated at paragraph a of new Zoning Ordinance Section 6835 below.

Section 2. Section 6935 is hereby added to the Zoning Ordinance, to read as follows:

6935 MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVE FACILITIES

- a. Purpose and Intent. It is the purpose of this section to implement the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Health & Safety Code Section 11362.5) and the Medical Marijuana Program (Health & Safety Code Sections 11362.7 et seq.) by establishing reasonable and uniform zoning regulations of medical marijuana collective facilities which, in combination with licensing requirements contained in the San Diego County Code, will allow qualified patients and primary caregivers to collectively or cooperatively cultivate marijuana for medical purposes, and at the same time protect the public health, safety and welfare of communities, within the unincorporated area of San Diego County. It is the intent of this section that the regulations be utilized to preserve the character of neighborhoods and property values and to deter the spread of crime and prevent problems of blight, deterioration, and public safety which often accompany and are brought about by the operation of medical marijuana collective facilities.
- b. Definition. The terms "Qualified Patient", "Primary Care Giver", "Medical Marijuana Collective Facility" and "Collective Facility" shall have the meanings given in San Diego County Code Section 21.2502. However, this Zoning Ordinance shall not apply to the following: (1) a Collective Facility operated by a Qualified Patient where the amount of marijuana at no time exceeds 1.5 times the quantity allowed by Health & Safety Code section 11362.77, only cultivation occurs, and no exchanges of marijuana or reimbursements for marijuana occur; and, (2) a Collective Facility operated by a Primary Care Giver where the amount of marijuana at no time exceeds the amount allowed for two Qualified Patients by Health & Safety Code section 11362.77, only cultivation occurs, and no exchanges of marijuana or reimbursements for marijuana occur.
- c. Use Regulations Where Collective Facilities Are Allowed. A Collective Facility may only be located upon property to which the M50, M52, M54, M56 or M58 Use Regulations apply, and within those areas, the separation restrictions of paragraph d below shall apply.
- d. Separation Requirements For Collective Facilities. A Collective Facility shall not be allowed or permitted upon any parcel, any portion of which would be, at the time of establishment of the Collective Facility, within any of the following:
 1. 1000 feet from a parcel to which a residential Use Regulation applies;

2. 1000 feet from a parcel containing a school, playground, park, church, recreation center, or youth center; or
3. 1000 feet from a parcel on which another Collective Facility has been established.

The distance between a Collective Facility and the parcels containing the uses listed in paragraph d above shall be measured in a straight line, without regard for intervening structures, from any parcel line of the real property on which the Collective Facility is located, to the nearest point on a parcel line of the real property on which any portion of the facility, building, or structure in which the above listed use occurs or is located.

- e. **Openness of Premises.** A Collective Facility shall be designed and constructed such that no area or portion where marijuana is cultivated or stored is visible from the exterior; however, the entrance shall be fully visible from the public street or building frontage.
- f. **Operating License Required.** Pursuant to San Diego County Code Section 21.2503, a Medical Marijuana Collective Facility Operating Compliance Certificate is required for the operation of a Collective Facility.
- g. **Premises Requirements.**
 1. **Signage.** Exterior signage shall conform to the requirements of Section 6250 et al.
 2. **Parking.** A Collective Facility shall conform to the requirements of Section 6762 and shall be considered an "Office" occupancy type for purposes of that Section.
 3. **Physical Appearance.** The exterior appearance of the structure shall remain compatible with the exterior appearance of structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate area, and shall be maintained so as to prevent blight or deterioration or substantial diminishment or impairment or property values within the immediate area.
- h. **Nonconforming Uses.** Notwithstanding Section 6852, a Collective Facility which was lawfully established before August 1, 2010 shall cease operations no later than August 1, 2013. The Collective Facility may apply for one six-month extension of this period. The Director may grant that extension if upon determining that the operator would be subjected to unreasonable financial hardship if forced to cease operations, considering (1) the availability of alternative complying locations; (2) the term of any applicable lease for the premises and whether it may be modified or terminated; (3) the non-recoverable costs of any improvements that would only be of use to the Collective Facility; (4) the profits which have been received during the period from August 1, 2010 to August 1, 2013, and (5) the potential for other conforming uses to locate on the site.

Any nonconforming medical marijuana collective facility shall not be expanded, enlarged, extended or altered except that the use may be changed to a conforming use.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen days after its passage it or a summary thereof shall be published once with the names of the members voting for and against the same in _____

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
COUNTY COUNSEL

BY 

SENIOR DEPUTY

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego this 30th day of June, 2010.

Pam Slater-Price

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Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors

County of San Diego, State of California

The above Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Slater-Price, Horn

NOES: Roberts

ATTEST my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors this 30th day of June, 2010.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By

Catherine Santos

Catherine Santos, Deputy



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Meeting Date: 6/30/10 (5)