

Your Supplemental information indicates in paragraph one, line two, that the "Proposal is a Countywide Ordinance applicable to all Zoning Districts" including Williamson Act Lands. There are about 70 Zoning District combinations that can be affected by this Ordinance including Public Agency and Timber Production Zone that would total approximately 1.4 Million acres within Tehama County. The proposed Ord. Section 17.08.090(H) that allows cultivation inside dwelling units would affect approximately 18,218 dwelling units (2014-209 Housing Element). This estimate does not include City and Government (State/Federal) Jurisdictional lands, due to the lack of Tehama County's legal authority.

The Environmental Information Form is the second portion of the application, which needs to be signed by the applicant and must contain enough information to determine an initial environmental determination pursuant to CEQA and Tehama County's Procedures for Preparation and Processing of Environmental Documents (Guidelines).

Your application proposes to repeal several previously adopted County Ordinances related to marijuana/cannabis cultivation and dispensaries. Some of which, have been repealed and replaced by the County due to the risks or significant social and environmental impacts imposed on life, health, safety and welfare (ord. 1957 and ord. 2040). While outdoor cultivation and dispensaries were allowed and/or studied in a public process at one time, they have since been prohibited as a result of Tehama County's good faith effort to balance the legal rights of Tehama County's residence with the significant environmental and social impacts associated with the risks of marijuana/cannabis use, cultivation, distribution and sales. The County has specifically made the following findings regarding the adverse, risks to the public's life, health, safety and welfare of the county or otherwise considered to be significant impacts to public services and/or the environment:

Ordinance 2040 adopted 5-2-17

*Section 4 (9.06.020 (D) of Ordinance 2040 Findings and Purpose: The unregulated cultivation of medical or non-medical marijuana in the unincorporated area of Tehama County can adversely affect the health, safety, and well-being of the County and its residents. Comprehensive regulation of premises used for marijuana cultivation is proper and necessary to avoid the risks of criminal activity, degradation of the natural environment, malodorous smells, and indoor electrical fire hazards that may result from unregulated marijuana cultivation, and that are especially significant if the cultivation occurs outdoors or if the amount of marijuana cultivated on a single premises is not regulated and substantial amounts of marijuana are thereby allowed to be concentrated in one place.*

*Section 4 (9.06.020 (E) of Ordinance 2040 Findings and Purpose: The cultivation of marijuana outdoors, where it is often readily observable by neighbors and the general public, increases the risk of trespassing and burglary and acts of violence in connection with the commission of such crimes or the occupants attempts to prevent such crimes. Outdoor cultivation further makes the premises more prone to acts as an attractive nuisance for children, and increases the likelihood of offensive odors traveling off the premises. Additionally, experience in Tehama County and elsewhere demonstrates that outdoor cultivation of marijuana is often associated with violations of local, state, and federal environmental laws and pesticide regulations, threatening harm to local waterways and groundwater quality, and endangering the public health, safety and welfare. To adequately protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is proper and necessary to prohibit*