

ORDINANCE NO. ()

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE SONOMA COUNTY CODE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section I. Purpose. These amendments are adopted to achieve the following purposes, among others, and directs that the provisions herein be interpreted to accomplish these purposes:

A. The Board of Supervisors directed staff to amend the Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance to establish new tax rates for cannabis cultivation, effective July 1, 2025; and

B. At the March 7, 2017 special election, the voters of Sonoma County approved the Cannabis Business Tax ordinance (Measure A), codified in Chapter 35 of the Sonoma County Code and amended on June 13, 2017, August 28, 2018, April 19, 2022, May 23, 2023, and April 30, 2024; and

C. The Cannabis Business Tax is imposed in accordance with the state law, specifically California Revenue and Taxation Code sections 34021.5 and 7284, and other enabling legislation; and the Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance, as approved by the voters, authorizes the Board of Supervisors, at any time by ordinance, to implement a tax rate that is lower than the maximum tax approved by the voters.

Section II. Amendments. Chapter 35 of the Sonoma County Code is amended as follows (text to be added is shown in ***bold italics***, text to be deleted is shown in ~~strike through~~):

A. **Amendments to Tax imposed.** The following subsection is hereby amended to read as follows:

- a. Section 35-5(a)(4) is amended to read as follows: Pursuant to subsection (a), the commercial cannabis business tax on commercial cannabis cultivation is to be imposed on a square footage basis, and is set at the following rates, with permit types as defined in Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County code:

<i>Permit Type</i>	<i>Rate Per Square Foot</i>
<i>Outdoor</i>	<i>\$0.36</i>
<i>Mixed-Light</i>	<i>\$1.15</i>
<i>Indoor</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>

Section III. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section IV. This Ordinance shall become operative on July 1, 2025. It shall be published once before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after said passage, with the names of the Supervisors voting for or against the same, in *The Press Democrat*, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sonoma, State of California.

In regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, introduced on the 15th day April, 2025 and finally passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 2025, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the above and foregoing Ordinance duly adopted and

SO ORDERED.

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Sonoma

ATTEST:

M. Christina Rivera,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors