



CITY OF NOVATO
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**COMMERCIAL CANNABIS LICENSING AND PERMITTING
CITY OF NOVATO - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 6:00pm in the Novato City Hall Council Chambers, 901 Sherman Avenue, Novato, California to consider adopting an ordinance to amend Novato Municipal Code Chapters 8 and 19 to establish regulations for licensing and permitting of commercial cannabis activities in the City. Those activities could consist of cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing and sales of cannabis and cannabis-related products. The Council will also consider adoption of a resolution establishing the process and criteria for selection of cannabis business operators, as well as performance standards for those operations.

The Environmental Coordinator has determined that this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3) and BPC 26055(H).

On September 23, 2019, the Novato Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider providing a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed commercial cannabis licensing and permitting ordinance and CEQA exemptions. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the City Council: a) find the proposed cannabis ordinance to be exempt from CEQA; and b) adopt the requested cannabis ordinance with modifications.

Comments received on or before the public hearing date will be considered by the City Council. If anyone wishes to challenge this project in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or anyone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Community Development Department at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Information on the above proposal is available at the City of Novato Community Development Department, 922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA 94945. It is recommended that an appointment be made with the staff member noted below, prior to visiting the City offices. The Department is open Monday through Friday (closed every other Friday including October 18th) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit the City web site at:

<https://novato.org/cannabis>

Or contact Vicki Parker, Community Development Director

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