

ORDINANCE NO. 1142

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LOS BANOS
IMPOSING AN EXPRESS BAN ON MARIJUANA
CULTIVATION, MARIJUANA PROCESSING,
MARIJUANA DELIVERY, AND MARIJUANA
DISPENSARIES IN THE CITY OF LOS BANOS**

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed the " Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act" ("Act"), which is comprised of the state legislative bills known as AB 243, AB 266, and SB 643, into law;

WHEREAS, the Act becomes effective January 1, 2016 and contains provisions that govern the cultivating, processing, transporting, testing, and distributing of medical cannabis to qualified patients. The Act also contains new statutory provisions that:

1. Allow local governments to enact ordinances expressing their intent to prohibit the cultivation of marijuana and their intent not to administer a conditional permit program pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 11362.777 for the cultivation of marijuana (Health & Safety Code § 11362.777(c)(4));
2. Expressly provide that the Act does not supersede or limit local authority for local law enforcement activity, enforcement of local ordinances, or enforcement of local permit or licensing requirements regarding marijuana (Business & Professions Code § 19315(a));
3. Expressly provide that the Act does not limit the authority or remedies of a local government under any provision of law regarding marijuana, including but not limited to a local government's right to make and enforce within its limits all police regulations not in conflict with general laws (Business & Professions Code § 19316(c)); and
4. Require a local government that wishes to prevent marijuana delivery activity, as defined in Business & Professions Code section 19300.5(m) of the Act, from operating within the local government's boundaries to enact an ordinance affirmatively banning such delivery activity (Business & Professions Code § 19340(a));

WHEREAS, a number of California cities have reported negative impacts to the public health, safety, and welfare resulting from marijuana cultivation, processing and distribution activities, including offensive odors, illegal sales and distribution of marijuana, trespassing, theft, violent robberies and robbery attempts, fire hazards, and problems associated with mold, fungus, and pests.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Banos has experienced some of the negative impacts as well;

WHEREAS, based on the experiences of the City of Los Banos and other cities, these negative effects on the public health, safety, and welfare are likely to occur, and continue to occur, in the City due to the establishment and operation of marijuana cultivation, processing and distribution activities;

WHEREAS, the Los Banos Municipal Code currently prohibits medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of Los Banos;

WHEREAS, based on the findings above, it is in the interest of the City, its residents, and its lawfully permitted businesses that City adopts this ordinance to expressly prohibit the establishment and operation of marijuana cultivation, processing, delivery, and dispensary activities in the City.

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2015, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on a proposed ordinance imposing an express ban on marijuana cultivation, marijuana processing, marijuana delivery, and marijuana dispensaries in the City of Los Banos at which time all individuals desiring to comment on the proposed ordinance were heard and on December 9, 2015 the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance imposing an express ban on marijuana cultivation, marijuana processing, marijuana delivery, and marijuana dispensaries in the City of Los Banos; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed ordinance on January 6, 2016 and January 20, 2016 at which time all individuals desiring to comment on the proposed ordinance were heard; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance does not propose any changes to City policies or regulations that would result in a direct or indirect physical environmental impact; therefore it has been determined that the proposed ordinance is covered by the general rule that the California Environmental Quality Act applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) and is not subject to environmental review.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS BANOS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Los Banos hereby finds that the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into the substantive portion of this ordinance.

Section 2. The City Council hereby repeals Article 35 of the Los Banos Municipal Code in its entirety and reenacts Article 35 "Medical Marijuana" to read as follows:

9-3.3501. Legislative Findings and Statement of Purpose.

A. The City Council finds that the prohibitions on marijuana cultivation, marijuana processing, marijuana delivery, and marijuana dispensaries are necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare for the City and its community. The City Council's prohibition of such activities is within the authority conferred upon the City Council by state law.

B. On October 9, 2015, the governor signed the "Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act" ("Act") into law. The Act becomes effective January 1, 2016 and contains new statutory provisions that:

1. Allow local governments to enact ordinances expressing their intent to prohibit the cultivation of marijuana and their intent not to administer a conditional permit program pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 11362.777 for the cultivation of marijuana (Health & Safety Code § 11362.777(c)(4));
2. Expressly provide that the Act does not supersede or limit local authority for local law enforcement activity, enforcement of local ordinances, or enforcement of local permit or licensing requirements regarding marijuana (Business & Professions Code § 19315(a));
3. Expressly provide that the Act does not limit the authority or remedies of a local government under any provision of law regarding marijuana, including but not limited to a local government's right to make and enforce within its limits all police regulations not in conflict with general laws (Business & Professions Code § 19316(c)); and
4. Require a local government that wishes to prevent marijuana delivery activity, as defined in Business & Professions Code section 19300.5(m) of the Act, from operating within the local government's boundaries to enact an ordinance

affirmatively banning such delivery activity (Business & Professions Code § 19340(a)).

C. The City Council finds that this Article: (1) expresses its intent to prohibit the cultivation of marijuana in the City and to not administer a conditional permit program pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 11362.777 for the cultivation of marijuana in the City; (2) exercises its local authority to enact and enforce local regulations and ordinances, including those regarding the permitting, licensing, or other entitlement of the activities prohibited by this Article; (3) exercises its police power to enact and enforce regulations for the public benefit, safety, and welfare of the City and its community; and (4) expressly prohibits the delivery of marijuana in the City.

9-3.3502. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Marijuana" means any or all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* Linnaeus, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin or separated resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant; its seeds or resin, including marijuana infused in foodstuff or any other ingestible or consumable product containing marijuana. The term "marijuana" shall also include medical marijuana" as such phrase is used in the August 2008 Guidelines for the Security and Non-Diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use, as may be amended from time to time, that was issued by the office of the Attorney General for the state of California or subject to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 (Compassionate Use Act of 1996) or California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.7 to 11362.83 (Medical Marijuana Program Act).

B. "Marijuana Cultivation" means growing, planting, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, trimming, or processing of marijuana.

C. "Marijuana Processing" means any method used to prepare marijuana or its byproducts for commercial retail and/ or wholesale, including but not limited to: drying, cleaning, curing, packaging, and extraction of active ingredients to create marijuana related products and concentrates.

D. "Marijuana Dispensary" or "Marijuana Dispensaries" means any business, office, store, facility, location, retail storefront or wholesale component of any establishment, cooperative or collective that delivers (as defined in Business & Professions Code section 19300.5(m) or any successor statute thereto) whether mobile or otherwise, dispenses, distributes, exchanges, transmits, transports, sells or provides marijuana to any person for any reason, including members of any medical marijuana cooperative or collective consistent with the August 2008 Guidelines for the Security and Non-Diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use, as may be amended from time to time, that was issued by the office of the Attorney General for the state of California, or for the purposes set forth in California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 (Compassionate Use Act of 1996) or California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.7 to 11362.83 (Medical Marijuana Program Act).

E. "Medical marijuana collective" or " cooperative or collective" means any group that is collectively or cooperatively cultivating and distributing marijuana for medical purposes that is organized in the manner set forth in the August 2008 Guidelines for the Security and Non-Diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use, as may be amended from time to time, that was issued by the office of the Attorney General for the state of California or subject to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 (Compassionate Use Act of 1996) or California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.7 to 11362.83 (Medical Marijuana Program Act).

9-3.3503. Prohibited Use and Activities.

(a) Marijuana dispensaries are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts within the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity. No use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit, whether administrative or discretionary, shall be approved or issued for the establishment or operation of a marijuana dispensary in the City, and no person or entity including primary caregivers and qualified patients, collectives, cooperatives or dispensaries shall otherwise establish or conduct such activities in the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity for which the use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit is sought.

(b) Marijuana delivery is expressly prohibited in all zoning districts within the City, including deliveries that originate or terminate within the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity. No use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit, whether administrative or discretionary, shall be approved or issued for the delivery of marijuana in the City, and no person or entity including primary caregivers and qualified patients, collectives, cooperatives or dispensaries, shall otherwise conduct such activity in the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity for which the use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit is sought.

(c) Marijuana cultivation is expressly prohibited in all zoning districts within the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity. No use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit, whether administrative or discretionary, shall be approved or issued for the cultivation of marijuana in the City, and no person or entity including primary caregivers and qualified patients, collectives, cooperatives or dispensaries, shall otherwise conduct such activity in the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity for which the use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit is sought.

(d) Marijuana processing is expressly prohibited in all zoning districts within the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity. No use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit, whether administrative or discretionary, shall be approved or issued for the processing of marijuana in the City, and no person or entity including primary caregivers and qualified patients, collectives, cooperatives or dispensaries, shall otherwise conduct such activity in the City, except where the City is preempted by federal or state law from enacting a prohibition on any such activity for which the use permit, variance, building permit, or any other entitlement, license, or permit is sought.

9-3.3504. Public Nuisance. Any violation of this Article is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be summarily abated by the City pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 731 or any other remedy available to the City.

9-3.3505. Administrative Penalties. In addition to any other remedy or penalty set forth in this Chapter or this Code, administrative penalties may be imposed pursuant to applicable provisions of Chapter 11 Title 4 of this Code against any responsible party, in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter. Imposition, enforcement, collection and administrative review of administrative penalties imposed shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 11 Title 4 of this Code.

Section 3. To the extent that the terms and provisions of this Ordinance may be inconsistent or in conflict with the terms or conditions of any prior City ordinance, motion, resolution, rule or regulation governing the same subject, the terms of this Ordinance shall prevail with respect to the subject matter thereof and such inconsistent

or conflicting provisions of prior ordinances, motions, resolutions, rules or regulations are hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase added by this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases are declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

Section 5. The proposed amendments to the Los Banos Municipal Code do not propose any changes to City policies or regulations that would result in a direct or indirect physical environmental impact; therefore it has been determined that this ordinance amendment is covered by the general rule that the California Environmental Quality Act applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15601(b)(3) and is not subject to environmental review.

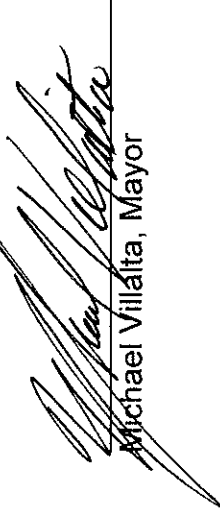
Section 6. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and operation thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be posted and published once within fifteen days after passage and adoption as may be required by law; or, in the alternative the City Clerk may cause to be published a summary of this Ordinance and a certified copy of the text of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Office of the City Clerk five days prior to the date of adoption of this Ordinance; and, within fifteen days after adoption, the City Clerk shall cause to be published, the aforementioned summary and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, together with the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk.

Introduced by Council Member Faria and seconded by Council Member Lewis on the 6th day of January, 2016.

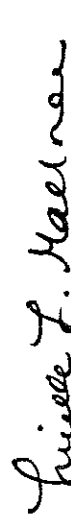
Passed on the 20th day of January, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Faria, Lewis, Silveira, Stonegrove, Mayor Villalta
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:


Michael Villalta, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lucille L. Mallonee, City Clerk