

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 5.148 OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE REGARDING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Planning and Building Department drafted amendments to the County's Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance (Chapter 5.148 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code) based on a comprehensive review of the regulatory effectiveness of the ordinance over the past 5 years and consideration of concerns raised by existing license holders operating in the unincorporated County; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the adoption of the ordinance amending the County's Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance (Chapter 5.148) is a "project" as that term is defined under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

WHEREAS, the County prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for this project (included as Attachment C to the Board memorandum accompanying this resolution), consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment because all potential impacts of the project would be below established CEQA thresholds of significance; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study and Negative Declaration were posted, noticed, and circulated for public comment from March 16, 2022 and until April 4, 2022 in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing on July 12, 2022, to consider the Negative Declaration and the ordinance amending the County's Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance and to take public testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, in its independent judgement and analysis, has considered the Initial Study and Negative Declaration, along with comments received, and finds on the basis of the whole record before it that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors adopts the Negative Declaration included as Attachment C to the Board memorandum accompanying this resolution as complete, correct and adequate, and prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and applicable State and County guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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