

ORDINANCE NO. 1216

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.31 OF TITLE 17, TO PROHIBIT ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY IN ALL ZONES IN THE CITY AND TO ALLOW LIMITED INDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW, AND AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.26 OF TITLE 5

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. On September 19, 2017, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 17-07 recommending that the City Council adopt the proposed Zoning Code Amendments to Title 10 to prohibit commercial cannabis and allow limited indoor cannabis.

SECTION 2. On October 10, 2017, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing regarding the proposed Municipal Code Amendments, and following receipt of all public testimony, closed the public hearing.

SECTION 3. The proposed Amendments are not consistent with the following General Plan Goals and Policies of the Land Use and Public Safety Element:

1. **Goal 7.0 Public Safety**
"Provide safe environments for City residents and businesses."

SECTION 4. The proposed Amendments have been prepared in accordance with all applicable provisions of the California Government Code.

SECTION 5. Chapter 5.26 (Medical Marijuana Delivery) of Title 5 (Businesses Taxes, Licenses and Regulations) is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Chapter 5.26 CANNABIS ACTIVITIES

Section	5.26.010	Definitions.
Section	5.26.020	Prohibitions.
Section	5.26.030	Violation.

Section 5.26.010 Definitions.

A. "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa linnaeus*, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the 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. "Cannabis" also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis, and any product containing cannabis. "Cannabis" includes cannabis that is used for medical, non-medical, or other purposes.

“Cannabis” does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination. “Cannabis” also does not include industrial hemp, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11018.5, as the same may be amended from time to time.

B. “Cannabis products” means cannabis that has undergone a process whereby the plant material has been transformed into a concentrate, including, but not, limited to concentrated cannabis, or an edible or topical product containing cannabis or concentrated cannabis and other ingredients.

C. “Commercial cannabis activity” means the cultivation, possession, manufacture, distribution, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, packaging, transportation, delivery or sale of cannabis and cannabis products, for medical, non-medical or any other purpose, and includes the activities of any business licensed by the State or other government entity under California Business and Professions Code Division 10, or any other provision of State law that regulates the licensing of cannabis businesses. Commercial cannabis activity does not include any activities exempt from licensure requirements pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Division 10, as amended from time to time.

D. “Cultivation” means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis.

E. “Delivery” means the commercial transfer of cannabis or cannabis products to a customer. “Delivery” also includes the use by a retailer of any technology platform.

F. “Fully enclosed and secure structure” means a space within a building, greenhouse or other structure which has a complete solid roof enclosure supported by connecting walls extending from the ground to the roof, which is secure against unauthorized entry, provides complete visual screening, and which is accessible only through one or more lockable doors and inaccessible to minors.

G. “Indoors” means within a fully enclosed and secure structure.

H. “Outdoors” means any location that is not within a fully enclosed and secure structure.

I. “Person” means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, collective, cooperative, club, society, organization, non-profit, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular.

J. “Smoke” means to inhale, exhale, burn, or carry any lighted or heated device or pipe, or any other lighted or heated cannabis or cannabis product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. “Smoke” includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner

or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in a place.

Section 5.26.020 Prohibitions.

A. It is unlawful for any person to own, manage, establish, conduct, or operate, or to participate as a landlord, owner, employee, contractor, agent or volunteer, or in any other manner or capacity, in any commercial cannabis activity in the city. The city shall not approve any application for a building permit, conditional use permit, business license, or any other entitlement authorizing the establishment, operation, maintenance, development, or construction of any use that allows for commercial cannabis activity.

B. It is unlawful for any person to own, manage, conduct, or operate any cannabis delivery, or to participate as an employee, contractor, agent, or volunteer, in any manner or capacity, in any cannabis delivery in the city.

C. It is unlawful for any person to cultivate cannabis outdoors. Indoor cannabis cultivation is prohibited except as specified in Section 17.31.030(A)(4) of this Code.

D. In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 11362.3, as the same may be amended from time to time, it is unlawful for any person to smoke or ingest cannabis or cannabis products in a public place, or in any location where smoking tobacco is prohibited.

This Section shall be read and interpreted in conjunction with Municipal Code Chapter 17.31. It is the intent of the City Council to prohibit all commercial cannabis activity and uses in the City that are not otherwise preempted by State law.

Section 5.26.030 Violation.

Violations of this chapter are subject to the penalty provisions set forth in Municipal Code Chapters 1.16 and 1.14. In the discretion of the City Prosecutor, a violation of this chapter may be prosecuted as an infraction or misdemeanor. In any civil action brought pursuant to this chapter, a court of competent jurisdiction may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party. Notwithstanding the penalties set forth in Municipal Code Chapter 1.16, this chapter does not authorize a criminal prosecution, arrest or penalty inconsistent with or prohibited by Health and Safety Code Section 11362.71 *et seq.* or Section 11362.1 *et seq.*, as the same may be amended from time to time. In the event of any conflict between the penalties enumerated in Municipal Code Chapter 1.16 and established by the City Council pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 1.14, and any penalties set forth in state law, the maximum penalties allowable under state law shall govern."

SECTION 6. Chapter 17.31 of Title 17 (Zoning) is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Chapter 17.31 CANNABIS

Section 17.31.010 Definitions.

Section 17.31.020 Prohibitions.

Section 17.31.030 Exceptions.

Section 17.31.160 Violation.

17.31.010 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply.

A. "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa linnaeus*, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the 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. "Cannabis" also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis, and any product containing cannabis. "Cannabis" includes cannabis that is used for medical, non-medical, or other purposes.

"Cannabis" does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination. "Cannabis" also does not include industrial hemp, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11018.5, as the same may be amended from time to time.

B. "Cannabis accessories" means any equipment, products or materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, smoking, vaporizing, or containing cannabis, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing cannabis or cannabis products into the human body.

C. "Cannabis products" means cannabis that has undergone a process whereby the plant material has been transformed into a concentrate, including, but not limited to concentrated cannabis, or an edible or topical product containing cannabis or concentrated cannabis and other ingredients.

D. "Commercial cannabis activity" means the cultivation, possession, manufacture, distribution, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, packaging, transportation, delivery or sale of cannabis and cannabis products, for medical, non-medical or any other purpose, and includes the activities of any business licensed by the State or other government entity under California Business and Professions Code Division 10, or any other provision of State law that regulates the licensing of cannabis businesses. Commercial cannabis activity does not include any activities exempt from licensure requirements pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Division 10, as amended from time to time.

E. "Concentrated cannabis" means cannabis that has undergone a process to concentrate one or more active cannabinoids, thereby increasing the product's potency. Resin from granular trichomes from a cannabis plant is a concentrate.

F. "Cultivation" means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis.

G. "Delivery" means the commercial transfer of cannabis or cannabis products to a customer. "Delivery" also includes the use by a retailer of any technology platform.

H. "Distribution" means the procurement, sale, and transport of cannabis and cannabis products between entities licensed under California Business and Professions Code Division 10, as the same may be amended from time to time.

I. "Fully enclosed and secure structure" means a space within a building, greenhouse or other structure which has a complete solid roof enclosure supported by connecting walls extending from the ground to the roof, which is secure against unauthorized entry, provides complete visual screening, and which is accessible only through one or more lockable doors and inaccessible to minors.

J. "Indoors" means within a fully enclosed and secure structure.

K. "Manufacture" means to compound, blend, extract, infuse, or otherwise make or prepare a cannabis product.

L. "MAUCRSA" means the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, as codified in California Business and Professions Code Division 10, as the same may be amended from time to time.

M. "Outdoors" means any location that is not within a fully enclosed and secure structure.

N. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, collective, cooperative, club, society, organization, non-profit, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular.

O. "Private residence" means a house, an apartment unit, a condominium unit, a mobile home, or other similar dwelling, that is lawfully used as a residence.

17.31.020 Prohibitions.

A. Commercial cannabis activity, whether or not for profit, is not a permitted use anywhere in the city. The city shall not approve any application for a building permit, conditional use permit, business license, or any other entitlement authorizing the establishment, operation, maintenance, development, or construction of any use that allows for commercial cannabis activity. This section shall prohibit all activities for which a State license is required pursuant to the MAUCRSA, as the same may be amended from time to time.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, manage, establish, conduct, or operate, or to participate as a landlord, owner, employee, contractor, agent or volunteer, or in any other manner or capacity, in any commercial cannabis activity in the city.

C. To the extent not already prohibited by subsection A above, all deliveries of cannabis or cannabis products to or from any location in the city are expressly prohibited. No person shall conduct or perform any delivery of any cannabis or cannabis products, which delivery either originates or terminates within the city. This subsection shall not prohibit any person from transporting cannabis through the jurisdictional limits of the city for delivery or distribution to a person located outside the city, where such transport does not involve delivery or distribution within the jurisdictional limits of the city.

D. All outdoor cannabis cultivation is prohibited in the city. Indoor cannabis cultivation is prohibited except as specified in Section 17.31.030(A)(4).

17.31.030 Exceptions.

A. To the extent that the following activities are permitted by State law, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a person 21 years of age or older from:

1. Possessing, processing, purchasing, transporting, obtaining or giving away to persons 21 years of age or older, without compensation whatsoever, not more than 28.5 grams of cannabis not in the form of concentrated cannabis;

2. Possessing, processing, purchasing, transporting, obtaining or giving away to persons 21 years of age or older, without compensation whatsoever, up to eight grams of cannabis in the form of concentrated cannabis;

3. Possessing, transporting, purchasing, obtaining, using, manufacturing, or giving away cannabis accessories to persons 21 years of age or older without compensation whatsoever; or

4. Engaging in the indoor cultivation of six or fewer live cannabis plants within a single private residence or inside an accessory structure located upon the grounds of a private residence that is fully enclosed and secured, to the extent such cultivation is authorized by California Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.1 and 11362.2, as the same may be amended from time to time.

B. This chapter shall also not prohibit any commercial cannabis activity that the city is required by law to permit within its jurisdiction pursuant to state law.

17.31.160 Violation.

Violations of this chapter are subject to the penalty provisions set forth in Municipal Code Chapters 1.16 and 1.14. In the discretion of the City Prosecutor, a violation of this chapter may be prosecuted as an infraction or misdemeanor. In any civil action brought pursuant to this chapter, a court of competent jurisdiction may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party. Notwithstanding the penalties set forth in Municipal Code Chapter 1.16, this chapter does not authorize a criminal prosecution, arrest or penalty inconsistent with or prohibited by Health and Safety Code Section 11362.71 *et seq.* or Section 11362.1 *et seq.*, as the same may be amended from time to time. In the event of any conflict between the penalties enumerated in Municipal Code Chapter 1.16 and established by the City Council pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter

1.14, and any penalties set forth in state law, the maximum penalties allowable under state law shall govern.”

SECTION 7. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT EXEMPTION. The City Council determines that this ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., “CEQA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq., the “CEQA Guidelines”). It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this Ordinance, and the regulations established hereby, may have a significant effect on the environment, and the action taken herein is not a “project” within the meaning of CEQA.

SECTION 8. INTERNAL CONSISTENCY. Any provisions of the Municipal Code, or any other resolution or ordinance of the City, to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and the City Clerk shall make any necessary changes to the Municipal Code for internal consistency.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY. If any part of this Ordinance or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the City Council intends that such invalidity will not affect the effectiveness of the remaining provisions or their application and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 10. SAVINGS CLAUSE. Neither the adoption of this Ordinance nor the repeal or amendment by this Ordinance of any ordinance or part or portion of any ordinance previously in effect in the City, or within the territory comprising the City, shall constitute a waiver of any license, fee or penalty or the penal provisions applicable to any violation of such ordinance.

SECTION 11. CERTIFICATION. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be published within 15 days after its passage, in accordance with Government Code Section 36933.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the 31st day after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED 24th day of October, 2017.



Gloria Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rose Juarez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Quinn M. Barrow, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE)

I, Rose Juarez, City Clerk of the City of South El Monte, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1216, was duly passed and approved by the South El Monte City Council at a regular meeting held on 24th day of October, 2017 and that said Ordinance was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Angel, Delgado, Garcia, Gonzales, (Mayor) Olmos
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Rose Juarez, City Clerk