

RESOLUTION 020P-007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COALINGA PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE RELTED TO PERMITTING OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION

WHEREAS, Article 1 of Chapter 5 of the Coalinga Planning and Zoning code establishes local regulations applicable to commercial cannabis operations as may be permitted under the California Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (SB 94), approved by the Governor on June 27, 2017 or subsequently enacted State law pertaining to the same; and

WHEREAS, the City currently permitted indoor commercial cannabis cultivation however, outdoor cultivation is currently prohibited within the City of Coalinga, and;

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend section 9-5.128 of the planning and zoning code to allow for outdoor cultivation with specific restrictions to location and distance from sensitive uses subject to the same permitting processes as other cannabis operations; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the City's website, provided to the Coalinga Press, posted at City Hall, Police Department bulletin board, Fire Department Bulletin Board, Coalinga District Library, and Chamber of Commerce on May 27, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held the noticed Public Hearing on June 9, 2020 to take testimony with regard to the proposed Zoning Text Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission completed its review of the proposed Zoning Text Amendment and details in the Staff Report and has considered the testimony received during the public hearing process, and;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has made the following findings based on the Zoning Text Amendment proposal:

- The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
- The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is consistent and compatible with the goals, policies, and actions of the General Plan, and the other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- If applicable, the site is physically suitable (including, but not limited to access, provision of utilities, compatibility with adjoining land uses, and absence of physical constraints) for the requested zoning designations and anticipated land uses/developments.

- The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment has been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends approval to the City Council adoption of a draft ordinance (Exhibit "A") to amend the planning and zoning code related to commercial cannabis outdoor cultivation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the City of Coalinga Planning Commission at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of June 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Planning Commission Chairman/Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

Exhibit "A"

Draft Ordinance