

## ORDINANCE 880

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA: (1) AMENDING SECTION 9-5.128 OF TITLE 9, CHAPTER 5 OF THE COALINGA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL CANNABIS OPERATION IN THE CITY; (2) AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1 OF THE COALINGA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPEAL SECTION 9-5.129 PERTAINING TO THE STANDARDS FOR RETAIL CANNABIS OPERATIONS; AND FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES**

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 797 establishing Section 9-5.128 of the Coalinga Municipal Code to regulate commercial cannabis operations within the City, authorizing cultivation, manufacturing, testing, and distribution activities subject to local permitting requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2017, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 804 establishing Section 9-5.129 of the Coalinga Municipal Code to regulate retail cannabis operations within the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of Sections 9-5.128 and 9-5.129, the State of California has significantly evolved its cannabis regulatory framework, including through the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) and subsequent legislative and regulatory amendments, which have altered licensing categories, compliance requirements, and operator obligations applicable to commercial cannabis businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this incremental adoption and the ongoing evolution of State cannabis law, certain provisions of the City's existing cannabis regulations have become duplicative, outdated, or internally inconsistent, creating potential ambiguity for operators, the public, and City staff responsible for administration and enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that consolidating, updating, and restating the City's commercial cannabis regulations into a single, comprehensive section of the Municipal Code will improve clarity, enforceability, and administrative efficiency, while preserving the City's authority under applicable State law to exercise local control over the permitting and regulation of commercial cannabis operations within its jurisdiction; and,

**WHEREAS**, Notice of Public Hearing for Planning Commission and City Council was posted at City Hall, Police Department Bulletin Board, Fire Department Bulletin Board, Coalinga District Library, Chamber of Commerce, and City of Coalinga website, on April 8, 2026, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held the duly noticed Public Hearing on April 28, 2026, to take testimony with regard to the proposed Zoning Text Amendment and adopted a resolution with a recommendation to the City Council to approve the Zoning Text Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the laws and regulations relating to the preparation and adoption of environmental documents, as set forth in the State Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act have been adhered to; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, to consider the Zoning Text Amendment during which the Council solicited public testimony, and fully considered this request and the potential environmental effects; and

**WHEREAS**, after the public hearing, the City Council introduced the ordinance on \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council now desires to approve the Zoning Text Amendment to amend Section 9-5.128 and Section 9-5.129 of Title 9, Chapter 5 of the Coalinga Municipal Code as set forth in Exhibit '1'.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND DECLARES THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Recitals. The City Council hereby finds that all the facts set forth in the recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein.
2. CEQA. The Zoning Text Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines because the amendments will have no significant effect on the environment.
3. Zoning Text Amendment. The City Council finds as follows per Coalinga Municipal Code Section 9-6.910. – Required findings.
  - a. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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.
4. Approval of the Zoning Text Amendment. Given that all findings can be made, the City Council approval of the Zoning Text Amendment as set forth in Exhibit '1'.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 9-5.128 – Cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, testing, transportation and distribution of Title 9, Chapter 5 of the Coalinga Municipal Code is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit '1'.

Section 2. Section 9-5.129 – Retail Cannabis Operations of Title 9, Chapter 5, Article 1 of the Coalinga Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force after thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption.

Section 4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to cause this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance to be published and circulated in the City of Coalinga, within 15 days after its adoption. If a summary of this ordinance is to be published, then the City Clerk shall cause a summary of the proposed ordinance to be published and a certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance to be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least five days prior to the Council meeting at which the ordinance is adopted, and also shall cause a certified copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance to be posted in the office of the City Clerk after the meeting at which the ordinance is adopted. The summaries shall be approved by the City Attorney.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Coalinga, California, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, and was passed and adopted by the City Council on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

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Nathan Vosburg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

**Exhibit "1"**  
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