

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE L

Measure L is proposed by voters in Butte County who signed an initiative petition. The measure is a proposed ordinance that establishes new regulations regarding the cultivation of medical cannabis and related commercial activities within Butte County consistent with the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. The proposed ordinance would:

1. Repeal Chapter 34A of the Butte County Code that regulates the cultivation of medical marijuana;
2. Amend Section 24-166 of the Butte County Code that currently prohibits marijuana dispensaries and permit marijuana dispensaries within the county;
3. Require that all existing cannabis cultivations and related commercial activities comply with the new regulations within 12 months of adoption of the regulations;
4. Establish new land use requirements for the cultivation of medical cannabis and related commercial activities including:
 - a. Generally permitting outdoor, indoor, and mixed commercial cultivations in most zones including in the Agriculture Zones, Foothill Residential Zones, Rural Residential Zones, and Very Low Density Residential Zones;
 - b. Permitting commercial cultivations in all Agriculture Zones on acres greater than five acres with cultivation areas up to 25% of the total square footage of a parcel;
 - c. Permitting the distribution, transportation, and manufacturing of cannabis, and dispensary operations, in the Agriculture Zones, Foothill Residential Zones, Rural Residential Zones, Commercial and Mixed Use Zones, and Industrial Zones with a Conditional Use Permit or an Administrative Permit;
 - d. Prohibiting outdoor cultivation in the Low, Medium, Medium High, High Density, and Very High Density Residential Zones; on parcels that are less than one-quarter acre in size regardless of zoning district; and on parcels within 1,000 feet of a K-12 public or private school or a licensed daycare facility;
 - e. Permitting indoor cultivation in the Sports and Entertainment Zone with an Administrative Permit; and
 - f. Establishing an exemption in all zoning districts for personal cultivations that are 100 square feet or less for a single patient or 500 square feet or less for five patients, unless the cultivations are in a prohibited zone, in which case a Zoning Clearance would be required.
5. Establish requirements and procedures for Zoning Clearances, Administrative Use Permits, and Conditional Use Permits for the cultivation of medical cannabis and related commercial activities;
6. Establish various design requirements for parcels that contain cannabis cultivations and related commercial activities;

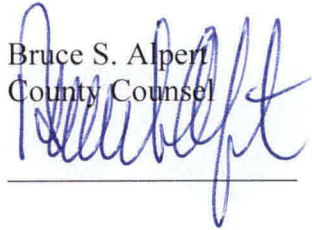
7. Require persons and entities engaged in commercial cannabis activities to obtain all required state and local licenses and permits; and
8. Not classify cannabis as a nuisance unless a person or entity is in violation of the new regulations or a related permit.

A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of the proposed ordinance which would repeal Butte County’s current regulations regarding the cultivation of medical marijuana, repeal the prohibition of marijuana dispensaries, and adopt the above provisions.

A “no” vote is a vote to reject the proposed ordinance and maintain Butte County’s current regulations regarding the cultivation of medical marijuana and the prohibition of marijuana dispensaries.

The measure must be approved by a majority of the voters to take effect.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure L. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call Butte County Elections at 530-538-7761 or 800-894-7761 within Butte County and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure on the county Website at the following Website address: <http://buttevotes.net>