

**Cannabis Visioning Session – Land Use –
August 9, 2021 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Chat**

00:22:45 Sarah Stierch (she/her): Learn more: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/cannabis-program/>

00:25:48 Sarah Stierch (she/her): Please send us your ideas, questions, feedback and thoughts to cannabis@sonoma-county.org.

00:29:50 Sarah Stierch (she/her): You can learn more about zoning in Sonoma County via Permit Sonoma: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Planning/>

00:32:13 McCall Miller: From Rich Auger: 2. Prioritize neighborhood compatibility by limiting cannabis cultivation and processing to areas that do not create noise and odor nuisances for residents, are not in public view, are not in impaired watersheds or water scarce zones 3 and 4, are accessed by legal fire safe roads and do not impact public safety. No permitting in high fire risk zones or on remote roads with evacuation challenges. Permit cannabis processing only on designated commercial and industrial zoned land. A new ordinance must address neighborhood compatibility and be science-based to ensure cannabis operation permitting does not create individual or cumulative impacts.

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00:44:45 Sarah Stierch (she/her): Have other questions about this? Please email them to cannabis@sonoma-county.org.

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01:03:19 Sarah Stierch (she/her): Right to Farm Ordinance:
https://library.municode.com/ca/sonoma_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH30AG_ARTIIRIFA

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01:05:36 Sarah Stierch (she/her): Here is the General Plan's noise element:
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Long-Range-Plans/General-Plan/Noise/>

01:11:12 Sarah Stierch (she/her): ✉ Please send us your ideas, questions, feedback and thoughts to cannabis@sonoma-county.org.

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01:21:45 McCall Miller: From M Sidbury: Commercial cannabis growing can be done effectively without destroying the aesthetic, cultural, rural nature of Sonoma County which drew all of its residents here in the first place. It is imperative that the ordinance have strict guidelines for where and how these operations are situated so as to become part of the social fabric of the county rather than a divisive force.

Outdoor permits should only be given in areas that are zoned for agriculture: LEA, LIA and DA zoning with adequate space for setbacks from any school, park, riparian zone, impaired watershed, residential area to prevent lights, security fencing and odor from impacting the visual integrity and gestalt of the community. Parcels should be 10 acre minimums to allow for such set backs.

Community separators are totally inappropriate sites for commercial operations as they are meant to be publically enjoyed and provide natural divisions between residential clusters.
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01:22:12 McCall Miller: continued: Operations should not be grown on slopes greater than 15 degrees so as to minimize erosion and loss of rainfall absorption.

Our native woodlands and forests must be protected from further loss as they are a necessary component to mitigating the effects of drought and climate crisis.

Indoor operations should be in industrially zoned areas where light and odor pollution is not likely to impact residents. Security measures will be more in keeping with the surrounding pre-existing usage.

Rows and rows of hoop houses with artificial lighting 24/7 is definitively not compatible with our rural environment. These operations also need to have appropriate and adequate power and waste disposal capacity.

The proposed siting of these operations should include a projection of 20 years into the future of where natural growth will occur and what kind of resource demands will be needed to meet that growth. We can expect our current drought situation to be a norm rather than a fluke and need to plan accordingly

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01:28:31 Sarah Stierch (she/her): ✉ Please send us your ideas, questions, feedback and thoughts to cannabis@sonoma-county.org.

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