

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Sonora City will conduct a public hearing at 5:00 PM, or shortly thereafter, on the 2nd day of November 2020, in the Sonora City Council Chambers, 94 North Washington Street, Sonora, CA for the purpose of considering the following:

1. Adopting an ordinance to amend Chapter 3.60, Purchasing, Section 3.60.010 through 3.60.160 of the Sonora Municipal Code, to enact the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Procedures.
2. Adopting an ordinance to amend Chapter 8.36, Cannabis Business Regulation, of the Sonora Municipal Code, relating to cannabis businesses.
3. Adopting an ordinance to amend Section 17.60.040, Uses Permitted in Specific Zones, of the Sonora Municipal Code, relating to cannabis businesses.

This meeting will be held in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950, ET SEQ.), and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. This meeting will not be physically open to the public. All members of the public may participate in the meeting via teleconference and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment. The posted meeting agenda will include the phone number and passcode needed to participate in the teleconference. Pursuant to State law, challenges in court to actions on the above proposal may be limited to issues raised during public hearings or meetings conducted on the matter, or in correspondence submitted prior to the hearing or meeting.

At its meeting of October 13, 2020, the City of Sonora Planning Commission held a public hearing on Item #3 above. Subsequent to the hearing the Commission voted to recommend denial by the City Council. The Cannabis Ordinances are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because MAUCRSA provides an exemption from CEQA for any ordinance, rule, or regulation by a city that requires discretionary review and approval for commercial cannabis activity (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 26055, subd. (h)). Additionally, the Cannabis Ordinances do not constitute a project under the CEQA, because they do not establish any entitlements or authorize any projects within the City (Pub. Res. Code, §§ 21065, 21080). Item #1 above is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) – General Rule.

The meeting agenda, project staff reports, and all supporting documents will be available for review on the City of Sonora’s website at www.sonoraca.com or in the City Administration Department at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA. Questions regarding the project may be directed to Mary Rose Rutikanga, City Administrator, at (209) 532-3508 or mrutikanga@sonoraca.com.

Mary Rose Rutikanga
City Administrator

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