

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEHAMA COUNTY'S NEW MARIJUANA ORDINANCE

On March 3, 2015, the Tehama County Board of Supervisors adopted Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2000, which amended Tehama County Code Article 9.06 to Prohibit the Outdoor Cultivation Of Marijuana and Establish an Alternative Abatement Process.

WHAT ARE THE NEW RULES?

- Outdoor cultivation of marijuana is now completely banned in Tehama County.
- Cultivation of marijuana in ANY building intended for human occupancy is now completely banned in Tehama County.
- As of April 1, 2015, the Environmental Health Department will refuse to register outdoor grows or grows located inside buildings used for human occupancy.

I HAVE STARTED GROWING OUTDOORS IN COMPLIANCE UNDER THE OLD ORDINANCE, WHAT DO I DO?

- If you have actually started growing in compliance with the old ordinance and are registered before April 1, 2015, you may continue to grow marijuana outdoors until December 31, 2015, after that date you cannot grow marijuana outdoors.
- Your current registration expires on December 31, 2015. You will need to re-register with a compliant in-door grow pursuant to Tehama County Code 9.06.035(E) to lawfully grow in Tehama County after December 31, 2015.

WHAT IS THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS PROCESS?

- Abatement Hearings will now be heard by an Administrative Hearing Officer instead of the Board of Supervisors.
- When an Abatement Notice is issued a hearing is automatically scheduled on the next available hearing date that is at least five calendar days later (six if the notice is served by overnight mail.)
- You have the right to be present at the hearing and present to the Hearing Officer any evidence about why the marijuana should not be abated. If you do not appear or if the Hearing Officer allows the abatement then the marijuana will be abated at least two calendar days after the hearing and without further notice.
- Abatement of noncompliant marijuana will usually occur much more rapidly under the new ordinance.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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