

RESOLUTION NO. 48/2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA
ACCEPTING A REPORT DESCRIBING THE MEASURES TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE
THE CONDITION WHICH LED TO THE ADOPTION OF INTERIM
ORDINANCE NO. 971 TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING MEDICAL AND
NONMEDICAL CANNIBAS RELATED BUSINESSES FROM LOCATING AND
OPERATING IN THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera adopted Interim Ordinance No. 971 on September 19, 2017, for the purpose of temporarily prohibiting medical and nonmedical cannabis-related businesses from locating and operating in the Town of Corte Madera pending analysis and consideration by the Planning Commission and ultimately the Council of new zoning amendments and other regulations for the cannabis industry. Interim Ordinance No. 971 is in effect for 45 days, until November 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera adopted Interim Ordinance No. 972 on October 17, 2017 which extended the temporary prohibiting medical and nonmedical cannabis-related businesses from locating and operating in the Town of Corte Madera until September 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, town staff has prepared a staff report and draft ordinance (Ordinance 978) to extend the moratorium to September 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CA Government Code Section 65858(d), the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera is required to issue a written report describing the measures taken to alleviate the conditions that led to the adoption of the Interim Ordinance No 971 ten days prior to the expiration or extension of that Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera that:

In accordance with California Government Code Section 65858(d), the Town Council hereby accepts the report dated August 9, 2018 and attached hereto as Exhibit A, describing the measures taken to alleviate the conditions that led to the adoption of Interim Ordinance No. 971.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Town Council of Corte Madera at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of August, 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers: Andrews, Beckman, Kunhardt, Ravasio

NOES: Councilmembers: - None -

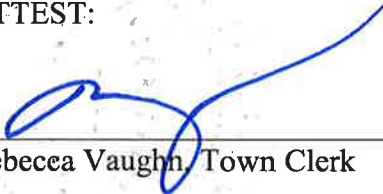
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers: - None -

ABSENT: Councilmembers: Bailey



Bob Ravasio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk

Attachments:

1. Exhibit A: Report on Measures Taken to Alleviate the Conditions that Led to the Adoption of Ordinance No. 971

EXHIBIT A

**TOWN OF CORTE MADERA
PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

August 9, 2018

**REPORT ON MEASURES TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE CONDITIONS THAT LED TO THE
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 971**

On October 17, 2017 staff provided a report to the Town Council describing the measures taken to alleviate the conditions that led to the adoption of the Ordinance No. 971, adopted September 19, 2017. Also on October 17, 2017, the Council extended the temporary prohibition on medical and non-medical cannabis-related businesses in Corte Madera until September 18, 2018. This is a follow up report describing the additional measures Town staff has taken since October 17, 2017 to alleviate the conditions that led to the adoption of Ord. No. 971.

The purpose of Ordinance No. 971 was to allow Town staff, the Planning Commission, and the Town Council, a reasonable amount of time to analyze, consider, and adopt through the required public process with appropriate community outreach and engagement – new policies and regulations applicable to medical and nonmedical cannabis-related businesses.

Since the adoption of Ordinance No. 971, staff has gathered additional information regarding the types of cannabis-related businesses that could be licensed by the State; discussed mobile delivery business models with industry representatives; attended seminars related to regulatory best practices for cannabis-related businesses; and met with local planning staff from other jurisdictions to understand regional regulatory responses and other jurisdiction's policy directions.

In the last several months staff has also hired a consultant to provide project management services in coordination with Planning Department Staff. Staff has also developed a public survey that will be available via the Town's website to get a sense of the community opinions and concerns about cannabis. Finally, staff has developed a schedule of public workshops this fall to gather opinions and answer questions the community has regarding cannabis regulations, cannabis use and cannabis businesses. The public workshops will be followed by public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Town Council to discuss and potentially adopt permanent cannabis regulations for the Town. The goal is to have an ordinance adopted by the end of 2018 or early in 2019.

These actions described above were necessary first steps to alleviate the conditions leading to the adoption of the interim urgency ordinance. However, due to the current workload and Town priorities staff still needs additional time to complete the lengthy process of analyzing, considering, and adopting appropriate regulations to govern this new industry. Therefore, a one year extension of the urgency ordinance will be considered by the Town Council at the August 21, 2018 Town Council meeting.

Phil Boyle,
Senior Planner