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COUNTY CANNABIS ORDINANCES UP FOR POSSIBLE FINAL REVIEW

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors is scheduled on Tuesday, January 9 to consider beginning the process to formally adopt three ordinances regulating commercial cannabis activity in Inyo County. Deliberations begin with a public hearing at 11 a.m. in the Board Chambers in the County Administrative Center, 224 N. Edwards St., Independence, adjacent to the Historic County Courthouse.

The final process would start with Tuesday's public hearing, and then, if the Board chooses, waiving the first reading of the ordinances and scheduling enactment for 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2018. The ordinances would then take effect 30 days after enactment, meaning Inyo County could have its first-ever commercial cannabis regulations in place by mid-February.

The three draft ordinances focus on land use, licensure, and abatement, and have undergone numerous revisions and updates since first being unveiled during a Board of Supervisors workshop on November 7. Those changes were propelled by feedback from the Board itself, constituents weighing in at both Board meetings and community workshops, and local fire chiefs.

Considerable input went into their initial development – approximately one year and 20 public meetings' worth – until staff comprising the Inyo County Cannabis Working Group felt confident they had a solid framework of regulations to present for review. These regulations provide for zoning and business license mechanisms by which commercial cannabis operations (cultivation, manufacturing, retail, laboratory testing, etc.) can occur in Inyo County, while also providing for necessary environmental protections and public health and safety considerations.

The latest versions of the ordinances and accompanying staff report can be viewed on the County's website at www.inyocounty.us under "What's New?" or via the following link: [http://www.inyocounty.us/Documents/Commercial Cannabis Ordinances Associated Backup Material.pdf](http://www.inyocounty.us/Documents/Commercial_Cannabis_Ordinances_Associated_Backup_Material.pdf).

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