

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
ORDINANCE 2021 – 9

An ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on the permitting of new cannabis grows and the expansion of existing cannabis grows in Okanogan County, Washington.

WHEREAS, The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) has adopted rules to license production, processing, and retail sales of recreational marijuana (cannabis) and marijuana (cannabis) products; and

WHEREAS, Okanogan County has adopted Okanogan County Code 17A.290 creating review criteria and procedures for cannabis operations within Okanogan County consistent with regulations of Washington State and administered by Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, as they pertain to the authorization of licensed cannabis operations; and

WHEREAS, additional research and analysis is necessary for Okanogan County to determine the impacts of existing cannabis operations to the environment and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined it necessary to enact a moratorium on permitting new cannabis grows and the expansion of existing cannabis grows to ensure compliance with Okanogan County Code 17A.290 (Cannabis Operations), Okanogan County Code 15 (Building and Construction), and Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board licensing and permitting requirements; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) A moratorium is placed on the permitting of all new cannabis grows and the permitting of any expansion of existing cannabis grows in Okanogan County under Okanogan County Code 17A.290 and Title 15.
- 2) Existing cannabis grows are required to set an appointment with the Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development provide their current State licenses and existing site plan of their operation by January 1, 2022.
- 3) Existing cannabis grows that do not meet the requirement of providing current licensing and site plans of their operations will have any permits or approvals received from Okanogan County revoked and a notice will be sent to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board regarding noncompliance and revoked permit.

- 4) The Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development is directed to revisit Okanogan County Code 17A.290 to make amendments to address the issues they are dealing with pertaining to cannabis permitting, siting, regulation, and enforcement including establishing an Annual Registration requirement and fees.
- 5) This moratorium will expire six months after adoption unless otherwise extended or repealed.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 24 day of August 2021.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

ATTEST:



Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board



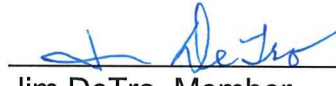
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