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July 2, 2024

Regular Meeting

**Item #7d. -
Updated
Presentation**

Retail Sale of Cannabis-Infused Beverages

Board Interpretation of Mono County Code Chapter 5.60

Background

- Retail sale of cannabis infused beverages prohibited by Mono County Code.
- Currently allowed in neighboring jurisdictions.

MCC 5.60.150.N.6 prohibits sale of:

“any cannabis-infused beverages, powders, gels, or other concentrates with instructions for the preparation of cannabis-infused beverages”.

Discussion

- Issue brought to our attention by local cannabis retailers.
- Public Health Department consultation.
- Cannabis foods and beverages are both regulated by the State of California.

Option 1: Board Interpretation

- Direct staff to interpret **Mono County Code Section 5.60.140.N.6** as prohibiting :

Concentrated cannabis products with instructions for the preparation of cannabis-infused beverages.

- This option could take effect immediately.

Option 2: County Code Amendment

- Direct staff to initiate amendment of County Code.
- Option would require approval of Ordinance

This option would require 90+ days.

Option 3: Leave Current Policy and Interpretation in Place

- Continue prohibition of cannabis-infused beverages.

No action is required for this option.

Recommendation

- Approve Option 1 & 2

Direct staff to interpret **Mono County Code Section 5.60.140.N.6** as prohibiting :

Concentrated cannabis products with instructions for the preparation of cannabis-infused beverages.

AND

Direct staff to initiate amendment of County Code as workflow allows.

Thank you

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