

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018 - 1800**

**AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS PROHIBITING TEMPORARY CANNABIS EVENTS  
IN UNINCORPORATED SOLANO COUNTY**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano do hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. Findings**

The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, based upon the following facts:

- A. On October 2, 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 2018-1799 prohibiting all commercial cannabis activities in unincorporated Solano County. This ordinance excepted out temporary cannabis events from this prohibition. Staff was directed to return to the Board to provide alternatives on how these events could be regulated.
- B. Currently, Business & Professions Code section 26200(e) allows state-licensed temporary cannabis events authorizing on-site cannabis sales to, and consumption by, individuals 21 and over at fairgrounds, such as the Solano County Fairgrounds, and district agricultural events, such as those put on by the 36<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association at the Dixon Fairgrounds, if the local jurisdiction has authorized these types of events.
- C. On September 28, 2018, Assembly Bill 2020 was signed into law. This bill will amend section 26200(e) to also allow state-licensed temporary cannabis events at any venue authorized by the local jurisdiction to hold such events.
- D. The regulations for cannabis and temporary cannabis events are still going through the approval process required by the Administrative Procedure Act and have not been finalized. The current temporary regulations, adopted by emergency rulemaking, requires in part, "written approval from the local jurisdiction authorizing the applicant to engage in onsite cannabis sales to, and onsite consumption by, persons 21 years of age or older at the temporary cannabis event." (16 CCR 5601(h)(10).)
- E. The County currently has no ordinances to regulate temporary cannabis events at the Solano County Fairgrounds or other venues in unincorporated Solano County, or on-site cannabis sales and consumption at these events.
- F. Without sufficient regulations, standards, procedures, and thresholds which are enforceable pursuant to an adopted ordinance, there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.
- G. Pursuant to Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution, the County of Solano ("County") may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.
- H. Pursuant to Government Code section 65858, to protect the public safety, health, and welfare, the County may adopt with a four-fifths vote of the board of supervisors an urgency measure adopting an interim ordinance prohibiting potential land uses that

the County is studying, considering, or intends to study within a reasonable time that may be in conflict with existing land use regulations and which shall be in effect immediately.

- I. By adopting this interim urgency ordinance, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors to enact a moratorium that is only temporary in order to provide time for the County to study and develop appropriate regulations and standards that are consistent with state laws and regulations.

## SECTION 2. Definitions

For purposes of this interim ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "County." The County of Solano.
- B. "Cannabis." Cannabis shall have the have the same meaning as in Business & Professions Code section 26001(f).
- C. "Cannabis Sales." Cannabis sales shall have the same meaning as in Business & Professions Code section 26001(as).
- D. "Temporary Cannabis Event." A state-licensed event of less than four days as described in Business and Professions Code section 26200(e) and Title 16, section 5601 of the California Code of Regulations.

## SECTION 3. Interim Prohibition on Temporary Cannabis Events

From and after the date of this ordinance no approval, authorization, use permit, variance, business license, or any other entitlement or license for use shall be approved or issued for any temporary cannabis event with on-site cannabis sales and consumption at the Solano County Fairgrounds or any other location under the jurisdiction of the County of Solano.

The exemption provided in Section 14-17(a) of the Solano County Code, allowing a business to operate after having filed an application for a business license and pending final action on that application, shall not apply to any business engaged in, or proposing to engage in, a temporary cannabis event.

## SECTION 4. Effective Period

This interim ordinance shall take effect immediately and expire in 45 days (December 21, 2018) in accordance with the provisions set forth in Government Code section 65858.

## SECTION 5. Authority

California Government Code section 65858 provides that an urgency measure in the form of an interim zoning ordinance may be adopted, which shall be initially effective for only 45 days following its date of adoption. Such an interim ordinance may be extended by a four-fifths vote of the board of supervisors for an additional period of time, either 10 months and 15 days with the possibility for an additional 12-month extension or for 22 months and 15 days in compliance with Government Code section 65858.

## SECTION 6. Penalties

The definitions and penalties for land use violations that are prescribed in Section 28.113 of the Solano County Code shall apply to violations of the provisions of this interim ordinance.

**SECTION 7. Severability**

If any provision of this interim ordinance or the application of it to any persons or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of the interim ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 8. Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act**

This interim ordinance is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §21000 *et seq.*; "CEQA") because it will preserve the status quo while the County develops a permanent ordinance. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the interim ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15061(b)(3).)

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on November 6, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Hannigan, Brown, Spering, Thomson  
and Chair Vasquez

NOES: Supervisors None.

EXCUSED: Supervisors None.

  
JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By:   
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk

**Introduced:**  
**Adopted:**  
**Effective:**  
**Operative:**