

**TOWN OF PARADISE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

a. **Item determined exempt from environmental review:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town Council of the Town of Paradise that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California regarding the following matter: To consider introducing a proposed ordinance relating to restricting medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and distribution.

The proposed ordinance provides, among other things, as follows:

1. Qualified patients or primary caregivers would be allowed to cultivate no more than 50 square feet of medical marijuana within a residential zoning district, in a rear or side yard with certain setbacks from adjacent properties.
2. Qualified patients or primary caregivers in a residential zoning district would be allowed to cultivate no more than 50 square feet indoors only with a permit issued by the Planning Director based on specific criteria.
3. All marijuana cultivated on residential property would be for the personal use of the qualified patient residing on the property.
4. Prohibits the cultivation, processing or distribution of medical marijuana by collectives, cooperatives, dispensaries, operations, establishments, associations or similar entities within all Town of Paradise zoning districts.

In addition, the proposed ordinance is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the permits would be ministerial and not discretionary.

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the proposed ordinance is exempt from environmental review because there is no possibility that its adoption will have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed ordinance file is available for public inspection at the Town of Paradise, Community Development Department, Paradise Town Hall, located at 5555 Skyway. If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information please contact the Community Development Department (planning division), Town Hall, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA (530) 872-6993.

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Town Clerk