

ORDINANCE NO. 271

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANYON LAKE, CALIFORNIA, AN AMENDMENT TO THE CANYON LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 4.20: COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES, SECTION 4.20.250, LOCATION AND DESIGN OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the City of Canyon Lake has adopted Ordinance No. 215 and subsequent Ordinance amendments Nos. 246 and 269 to regulate cannabis businesses with the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken actions to update these regulations to reflect changing circumstances and reflect current desires that include efforts to modernize and streamline the approval processes; and

WHEREAS, the City's original actions referenced permitting cannabis uses within all of the commercially zoned areas of the City, which were zoned C-1, General Commercial; and

WHEREAS, the City has rezoned an area known as the Canyon Lake Towne Center from C-1 General Commercial to Mixed Use to provide consistency with the General Plan and permit the adoption of the Towne Center Specific Plan, which is intended to permit both commercial and residential uses and implement the City's adopted Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the adopted Specific Plan was to maintain the types of uses currently permitted within the Towne Center Mixed Use Zone, the Mixed Use Zone was amended to explicitly reference all uses permitted within the C-1 General Commercial Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to maintain the original intent of Ordinance No. 215 that required cannabis uses in commercial areas, including the Towne Center, notwithstanding subsequent zoning changes.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANYON LAKE, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation. The above recitals are all true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Environmental Determination and Findings. The proposed amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. **Municipal Code Amendments.** Section 4.20.250. Location and Design of Cannabis Businesses, is hereby amended as provided below (underlined represents additions, strikethrough deletions):

- (a) Retail must be in the C-1 General Commercial ~~Zone~~ or Mixed Use Zones and must meet all of the requirements for development in these zones.

Section 4. **Concluding Facts and Reasons.** Based on the substantial evidence presented to the City Council during the public hearing on the Ordinance, and the specific findings set forth in the Recitals, and Sections 1 and 2, above, the City Council hereby concludes that the proposed Amendment to the City of Canyon Lake Municipal Code is consistent with the goals, policies, plans, and exhibits of the General Plan. Staff has thoroughly reviewed the proposed Municipal Code Amendment and the conditions under which it will be implemented and has determined the proposed Municipal Code provisions to be consistent with the applicable goals, policies, plans, and exhibits of the General Plan. Additionally the City Council finds that the proposed Amendment to the City of Canyon Lake Municipal Code would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City.

Section 5. **Clerical Errors.** The City Council directs the City Clerk to correct any clerical errors found in this Ordinance including, but not limited to, typographical errors, irregular numbering and incorrect section references.

Section 6. **Severability.** Should any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; it being hereby expressly declared that this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional.

Section 7. **Effective Date.** In accordance with California Government Code section 36937, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from passage and adoption.

Section 8. Publication. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption and shall cause the ordinance or a summary thereof to be published in accordance with state law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Jeremy Smith, Mayor

ATTEST & CERTIFIED:

I, Sheryl Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Canyon Lake, hereby attest to the Mayor’s signature above and certify that the City Council duly adopted this Ordinance as recorded in the vote tally stated herein.

Sheryl L. Garcia, MMC, CPM
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven Graham Pacifico, City Attorney