

ORDINANCE NO. 15-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO
REPEALING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE VII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
OF EL CENTRO RELATING TO REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR
MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Centro, California (“the City Council”) adopted Ordinance No. 11-06 to establish regulations and procedures for medical cannabis dispensaries in the City of El Centro (“the City”); and

WHEREAS, State and Federal law continues to remain uncertain as to the ability of the City to regulate medical cannabis dispensaries within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, other public agencies in California that allow medical cannabis dispensaries within their jurisdictions have also realized secondary effects associated with the dispensaries, including recreational consumption of marijuana obtained at the dispensaries, criminal activity at or near the dispensaries, loitering and interfering with neighboring residential and business properties; and

WHEREAS, failure to allow medical cannabis dispensaries to operate in the City will not prohibit or deny access to individuals as patients or their caregivers because they can cultivate medical cannabis for personal use.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 13, Article VII the El Centro City Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance with the names of these City Council persons voting for and against the Ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of El Centro, California.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 5th day of May, 2015.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 19th day of May, 2015.

CITY OF EL CENTRO

ATTEST:

By _____
Efrain Silva, Mayor

By _____
L. Diane Caldwell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney

By _____
Kris M. Becker, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) ss
CITY OF EL CENTRO)

I, L. Diane Caldwell, City Clerk of the City of El Centro, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 15-06 had its first reading on May 5, 2015, and had its second reading on May 19, 2015, and was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sanders, Jackson, Silva, Viegas-Walker, Cardenas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

AYES: Sanders, Jackson, Silva, Viegas-Walker, Cardenas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

By _____
L. Diane Caldwell, City Clerk