



**CITY OF DIXON
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CITY OF DIXON: CANNABIS PILOT PROGRAM

Dixon, CA – On June 1, 2017, the City of Dixon (“City”) released a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to solicit proposals from potential cannabis business operators interested in operating in the City.

The RFQ will form the basis for a selection process of qualified cannabis operators for participation in a pilot program designed to allow limited cannabis businesses within the City (the “Cannabis Pilot Program”). If approved by the City Council, the creation of the Cannabis Pilot Program will provide the City with flexibility to regulate additional cannabis businesses through the use of a permitting process, development agreements, impact fees, taxes, or any combination of these regulatory tools, to determine which cannabis uses are the most desirable and will have the least amount of negative impacts on the community.

The proposal may be for any cannabis business, except dispensaries, currently legal under California state law that includes all of the following uses of medical or non-medical cannabis:

- (1) Commercial cultivation (indoor only);
- (2) Manufacturing (volatile and non-volatile);
- (3) Distribution;
- (4) Transportation; and
- (5) Testing facilities.

The City is not seeking proposals for dispensaries as the City is currently creating the regulatory structure to allow up to two medical cannabis dispensaries. Currently under the Dixon Municipal Code, all other commercial cannabis businesses are prohibited.

Proposals must be submitted with a \$5,000, non-refundable, application fee. The City does not guarantee any applicants will be selected for participation in the Cannabis Pilot Program.

Qualified candidates interested in participating in the Cannabis Pilot Program must attend a pre-submittal conference on June 15, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.. The presence of a representative of the project team is strongly encouraged. The conference will be held in the City Hall Council Chamber, 600 East A Street, Dixon CA 95620.

Proposals are due no later than 3 p.m. Friday, June 30. For further information please visit www.ci.dixon.ca.us.

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