



## **WHAT ARE THE CITY RULES ABOUT CANNABIS/MARIJUANA?**

City of Santa Paula Planning Department  
Information Bulletin

### ***Didn't California voters legalize marijuana outright?***

No. Under Proposition 64, which legalized *recreational* marijuana in California in 2016, any California resident over the age of 21 can grow and possess small quantities of marijuana for their own use without a license, unless otherwise restricted by law. Cities and counties have the authority to ban or regulate *commercial-scale* cultivation and sale of both medical and recreational marijuana.

### ***What am I allowed to do, and what forms do I need to grow my own marijuana for personal use?***

The City of Santa Paula allows individuals over the age of 21 to grow up to six (6) marijuana plants inside their dwelling unit or accessory structure. The marijuana must be for personal use only and cannot be sold or distributed. Six marijuana plants are the maximum allowed per dwelling unit regardless of the number of adult occupants and/or condition of the plants. The plants also must be grown completely inside your dwelling unit or accessory structure and an approved Personal Cannabis Cultivation Permit is required. (Note: a permit is different from a license.) Personal Cannabis Cultivation Permit applications and fee information are available on the City website (<http://www.ci.santa-paula.ca.us>) or at the Community Development Building public counter (200 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street).

### ***Where am I allowed to use my personal marijuana?***

Within your private residence. Proposition 64 prohibits smoking or ingesting marijuana in public places (including, but not limited to, hallways and lobbies of multi-family buildings), hotels, on the street, in schools, amusement parks, public parks, places of business usually open to the general public, and anywhere tobacco use is already prohibited. Proposition 64 also prohibits smoking or ingesting marijuana, or even possessing an open container or package of marijuana, while driving or riding in a motor vehicle.

### ***Can I sell homegrown marijuana plants or marijuana products to others?***

No. Proposition 64 does not allow the sale of homegrown marijuana, whether whole plant, clippings, clones, or any product derived from any part of the plant.

### ***Where can I buy marijuana for recreational use?***

Currently, no retail or manufacturing businesses have been approved to sell recreational marijuana or marijuana concentrates in Ventura County.

### ***Can I buy and/or transport marijuana from another county or city, to use here?***

Yes, in limited amounts. Under Proposition 64, adults 21 years and older can possess, transport, or purchase from a licensed facility up to (1 ounce) / (28.3 grams) of marijuana and up to (0.28 ounces) / (8.0 grams) of marijuana concentrates. You may possess/transport seeds and clones (up to 6) if you are over 21.

### ***What should I do if I smell marijuana from my neighbor's house?***

You may contact your landlord, property management, or the Santa Paula Police Department on their non-emergency line at (805) 525-4474 for questions or concerns regarding marijuana use in private homes. Be advised, however, that Proposition 64 allows the use of marijuana within one's private residence.

### ***Does the City and/or County plan to issue licenses for commercial marijuana growing activities?***

No. Santa Paula City Council Ordinance No. 1272 prohibits commercial marijuana growing activities within City limits. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors also passed ordinance amendments expressly prohibiting commercial marijuana growing activities, except for deliveries from a licensed facility or where superseded by California State law. Currently, legitimate cannabis/marijuana testing and/or research facilities are excluded from these bans and prohibitions.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO: [HTTPS://CANNABIS.CA.GOV](https://cannabis.ca.gov)**

## **OBTAINING A PERSONAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION PERMIT**

The City of Santa Paula allows individuals over the age of 21 to grow up to six (6) marijuana plants in their dwelling unit. The marijuana must be for personal use only and cannot be sold or distributed. Six marijuana plants are the maximum allowed per dwelling unit regardless of the number of adult occupants and/or condition of the plants. The plants must be grown completely inside a dwelling unit or accessory structure and an approved Personal Cannabis Cultivation Permit is required.

### **THERE ARE TWO STEPS TO OBTAINING A PERSONAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION PERMIT:**

- 1. Submit a Personal Cannabis Cultivation Permit application; a Personal Cannabis Cultivation Plan listing the measures taken to comply with the City's regulations; a Cultivation Site Plan that shows the cultivation site on the property and indicates all requested information; and fees.***
- 2. Schedule an appointment with City staff to inspect the property for compliance, after which the Personal Cannabis Cultivation Permit will be approved for one (1) calendar year.***

**Personal Cannabis Cultivation Permits, inspections, and fees must be renewed annually;** however, a new Personal Cannabis Cultivation Plan and Cultivation Site Plan are not required if the previously approved plans have not changed. You will receive a renewal notice in the mail prior to the expiration of your permit. Failure to renew your permit by the expiration date may result in revocation and/or issuance of a citation and/or fine.

### **FOR PERMIT INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS:**

City of Santa Paula Community Development Department  
Planning Division  
200 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Santa Paula, CA 93060  
Phone: (805) 933-4214  
Email: [plan@ci.santa-paula.ca.us](mailto:plan@ci.santa-paula.ca.us)

Planning staff is available by appointment for application submittals.

### **FOR BUILDING & SAFETY INFORMATION:**

City of Santa Paula Community Development Department  
Building & Safety Division  
200 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Santa Paula, CA 93060  
Phone: (805) 933-4218

Community Development Department public counter open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

\*Public counter is closed 12:00pm-1:00pm for lunch

\*City offices are closed alternate Fridays