

## **IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – MEASURE L**

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In 2017, the Yucca Valley Town Council adopted Ordinance 268 which prohibits all commercial marijuana operations in the Town. Measure L seeks voter approval to modify the Town's prohibition on commercial marijuana operations to allow indoor cultivation, manufacturing, distribution and testing of marijuana by operators with a state-issued license in certain locations in the Town ("Exempted Commercial Cannabis Activity").

If Measure L is approved, operations granted Exempted Commercial Cannabis Activity status will be exempt from the Town's prohibition on commercial marijuana operations and will be allowed in certain zones of the Town. Retail sales, outdoor cultivation and microbusinesses would remain prohibited.

To obtain Exempted Commercial Cannabis Activity status, applicants must undergo an application process to obtain the Town Clerk's approval. The Town Clerk must approve an application for Exempted Commercial Cannabis Activity status if a completed application form is submitted for a location that is within the Industrial Zoning District or in the Old Town Industrial/Commercial use district located within the Old Town Yucca Valley Specific Plan. Applications for manufacturing that involve volatile solvents must be at least 250 feet away from any established residential zoning district.

Any commercial marijuana operation granted Exempted Commercial Cannabis Activity status must comply with operating standards, including location limitations and compliance with all other Town laws. If any Exempted Commercial Cannabis Activity operator violates any applicable provisions of Measure L, the Town may enforce such violations as a public nuisance or under other municipal code provisions.

Measure L does not place limitations on the number of operations which may be granted Exempted Commercial Cannabis Activity status within the Town. Further, Measure L does not establish minimum distance requirements which set forth how far away operations granted Exempted Commercial Cannabis Activity status must be from each other, parks, private or public schools, religious institutions or private or public recreation and athletic facilities.

Measure L will result in a codification error within the municipal code because it seeks to adopt new cannabis-related provisions in the existing Chapter 9.54 which currently contains the Town's short term rental regulations. As a result, the Town's short term rental regulations must be renumbered if this Measure is approved.

Measure L was placed on the ballot by initiative petition that was signed by a legally sufficient number of registered voters of the Town of Yucca Valley.

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**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure L. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (760) 369-7209 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also view the Full Text of Measure L at <http://www.yucca-valley.org>.**