



Information About Measure L

Q: What is Measure L?

A: Measure L is an initiative on the June 5th ballot. If enacted, Measure L overturns the existing ban adopted by the Yucca Valley Planning Commission and Town Council on indoor commercial cannabis growing, manufacturing, testing, and distribution (among other uses) in certain zoning districts, within Town limits.

Q: Why is Measure L on the ballot?

A: In 2017, the Yucca Valley Town Planning Commission and Town Council voted to ban all commercial cannabis operations locally after extensive deliberation, public hearings, and community input. Cannabis industry advocates who disagree with this ban qualified this measure for the ballot.

Q: Marijuana businesses are allowed by state law. Why did the Town impose a ban?

A: The Town Planning Commission and Town Council chose to exercise local control over these activities, which remain illegal under federal law. The Planning Commission and Town Council convened public hearings to hear from the public perspectives and considered the following public health and public safety risks:

- Criminal activity (trespassing, theft, robbery, break-ins)
- Plant chemicals causing illness
- Water pollution and environmental impacts
- Fire hazard from high wattage grow lights
- Odor effects if growing without proper indoor ventilation

For the full text of the Ordinance 268 ban, visit www.yucca-valley.org/MeasureL

Q: How does Measure L impact the Town?

A: Measure L allows unlimited indoor cultivation and other uses in certain zoning districts within Town limits. Cannabis oversight needs, public safety demands, and other factors mean the financial impact on the Town could be significant, and as much as \$150,000 annually. To view the Measure L Impact Report, visit www.yucca-valley.org/MeasureL

Q: Will property values increase if Measure L is adopted?

A: Based on experiences in other communities, some property values may rise. However, as more municipalities allow these types of businesses more land supply is created - so the actual impact on property values within our Town remains speculative.

Q: Does Measure L require these businesses to pay for the impacts of cannabis cultivation?

A: No. Measure L does not contain any requirement that cannabis growers and cultivation businesses contribute towards the cost of the unique potential public safety and financial impacts on the Town.

Q: Is personal cultivation permitted?

A: Personal cultivation is permitted and is not affected by Measure L.

Q: Does Measure L require additional local safety zones or buffers around schools and parks?

A: No.

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