

Cannabis FAQ

- 1) Who is a Cannabis stakeholder?
 - a. City Council, Residents, Businesses, City Staff, Church's, School's, Cannabis Industry, Cannabis Patients and Community Organizations.
- 2) Is the state tax of 25% going to drop?
 - a. There was a bill to reduce the state tax rate, however, it has not been successful.
- 3) Would there be a local (City) tax in addition to a state tax?
 - a. Yes; the local tax would be proposed by the City Council and a ballot measure presented to the residents for approval.
- 4) What are the types of cannabis taxes?
 - a. State sales tax, state excise tax, county tax, local sales tax, local excise tax.
- 5) There are two (2) existing cannabis businesses permitted within Novato City limits, under the current moratorium.
 - a. Testing Lab (1) b. Manufacturer (1)
- 6) Did the regulation change on January 1st regarding delivery of medical cannabis within the City of Novato?
 - a. The state regulations of California that requires all Cities to permit the delivery of medicinal cannabis regardless of any moratorium they may have currently.
 - i. This does not mean that businesses will deliver within the City of Novato, but if they so choose to they would be permitted to under the law.
 - b. Any cannabis delivery business is required to obtain a license by the State and local governments prior to delivering within the City.
- 7) Are On-site consumption permits at cannabis establishments and events up to local controls and ordinances.
 - a. Yes, the city would need to specifically allow those activities; because they are not inherently permitted under the new laws.
- 8) Is it true that BHO's (Butane Hash Oil) are not legal in California?
 - a. No; Butane Hash Oil is simply a description that is commonly referred to when discussing the illegal open loop systems of extracting oils using gas. There are legal closed loop systems that can extract the Oils.
- 9) How am I as a purchaser able to determine that a product has been properly tested?
 - a. Customers/Patients will be able to see the breakdown of the test results on the packaging, and the manufacturers posted information. The retailer should have a report on site that shows the testing results of the products it sells.
- 10) Will the levels of THC and/or CBD's be required on the labels?
 - a. Yes, state regulations require the listing of the THC level in cannabis products
- 11) What are the requirement for a personal grow of cannabis plants in Novato?
 - a. Six (6) plants per residence (not resident) only permitted under the law
- 12) If a cannabis is being grown in a greenhouse is that still considered "indoors" under the law?
 - a. The city has not made that determination as of yet; however, that authority is under the jurisdiction of the City.