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Merced County Industrial Hemp Program Registration Guidance

Registration procedures and guidance have been outlined below concerning the steps, information, and documents needed to register hemp in Merced County. This is ***guidance only*** and is dependent on each registrant's particular situation. This process is a multi-step process that involves submission and approval of documents to the Merced County Agricultural Commissioner's Office (MCAC), Merced County Community and Economic Development (MCCED), and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). These departments, in addition to the Merced County Sheriff's Office are responsible for the enforcement of California Laws, Regulations, and the Merced County Code involving the registration and cultivation of industrial hemp in Merced County.

1. **Compliance Agreement.** Prior to accepting CDFA registration documents, registrant will read, sign, and agree to a "Merced County Industrial Hemp Compliance Agreement." Applicants will receive a packet containing California Laws and Regulations, as well as the Merced County Code concerning the registration and cultivation of industrial hemp. This is the time to review the requirements prior to application submission.

Things to consider:

- Industrial Hemp must be grown on a minimum parcel size of 20 acres
- Industrial Hemp must be 1000 feet away from a sensitive receptor (i.e. schools, churches)

2. **Ancillary Bond.** After the applicant has read, signed, and agreed to terms of the compliance agreement, the applicant will submit a bond or alternative financial instrument to cover the expense of destruction of all sites to be registered. After determining the cultivation method and purpose (i.e. transplants, clones, CBD, fiber, seed), MCAC will estimate the cost of destruction of the crop to determine the amount of the bond. Bonds will be held until the crop is harvested or destroyed by the applicant at which point the bond will be returned or refunded if not needed.

Things to Consider:

- The average bond price is \$180 per Acre. This value may fluctuate depending on a number of different variables.

3. **Merced County Hemp License.** Registrant will submit a completed Merced County Hemp License application. This application will be reviewed by the MCAC and then forwarded to the MCCED for approval. After approval by MCCED, MCAC can begin the CDFA registration process. Documents include:

- a. Map(s) of property with APN number(s) and location of grow site(s) and acreage(s)
- b. Map(s) must be documented with setbacks from parcel boundary, residence, and sensitive receptors

Things to consider:

- Each cultivar is to be considered its own cultivation site

4. **CDFA Hemp Registration License Application.** Applicant will submit completed registration documents and MCAC staff will verify accuracy and completeness of all documents. Documents will include:

- a. CDFA application
- b. Seed certification and/or
- c. Certificate of Analysis
- d. Federal Bureau of Investigation's Identity History Summary Report

Things to consider:

- Each cultivar is to be considered its own cultivation site

5. **CDFA Hemp Registration License Application Amendment.** Applicant will submit a revised application indicating the changes to the original registration whenever a correction or change occurs. Any documents needed to verify the information will be submitted.

6. **Registration Confirmation Inspection.** After the registration has been reviewed and sent in, MCAC will visit the site(s) to verify the accuracy of the map(s) and compliance with regulatory requirements. Growers will be responsible for identifying the planted area

7. **Billing.** Applicants will be billed for all required regulatory compliance inspection and verification not associated with initial registration. This may include, but is not limited to pre-harvest report inspection, harvest, and/or destruction verification. This will be charged in minimum half-hour weighted average hourly rates determined by the Merced County Auditor. Mileage will also be billed at the federal mileage rate of \$ 0.58/mile (subject to change)

8. **Pre-Harvest Report.** Harvest must be completed within 30 days of testing. Grower will indicate harvest date and laboratory performing testing. Lab will be approved by MCAC staff prior to testing. Laboratory must be ISO/IEC 17025 approved. Grower will submit the Pre-Harvest Report form 30 days prior to harvest.

9. **Sampling.** Prior to harvest, sampling shall be done or witnessed by MCAC staff and registrant will be billed accordingly for the time and mileage. The sample shall be delivered to the laboratory within 24 hours of collection.

10. **Harvest Report.** If the sample analysis indicated a THC at or below 0.3 % , the registrant will submit a harvest report within 72 hours, and MCAC staff will conduct a harvest report inspection and bill accordingly.

11. **Re-Testing.** If the crop tests above 0.3 % and does not exceed 1 % , the registrant may request a second sample to be collected. If a second sample is not collected, the crop must be destroyed.

12. **Destruction Plan.** In the event that the crop fails, a destruction plan shall be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the start of destruction. The plan shall be approved by the commissioner prior to the start of destruction.

13. **Destruction Verification.** MCAC staff will conduct a post destruction verification inspection of the field(s) to assure destruction of the crop.

Things to consider:

- The applicant will be responsible for, and MCAC will invoice for all time spent inspecting and verifying all activities (with the exception of registration applications) concerning the registration, growing, and or destruction of industrial hemp. In the event the MCAC must destroy the crop and the ancillary bond does not cover the full destruction cost. MCAC will invoice for the remainder of the destruction cost.

14. **Shared Drive.** Information concerning licensing and registration will be available immediately to all county departments involved in the hemp program via a shared computer drive.

ORDINANCE NO. 1972

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE CULTIVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MERCED COUNTY, ADDING CHAPTER 9.31 TO TITLE 9 OF THE MERCED COUNTY CODE.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The County of Merced Urgency Interim Ordinance number 1969, imposing a temporary moratorium on the cultivation of industrial hemp within the unincorporated areas of the County by any person or entity including “established agricultural research institutions,” shall be repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Chapter 9.31, Title 9, titled “Industrial Hemp Cultivation,” is added to the Merced County Code as follows:

Chapter 9.31

INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION

Sections:

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9.31.010 Purpose and authority

Pursuant to Article XI, section 7, of the California Constitution, the County of Merced (“County”) may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to establish standards, requirements, and regulations governing industrial hemp cultivation.

Further, it is the purpose and intent of this chapter to impose reasonable land use regulations to protect the County’s residents, neighborhoods, businesses, and the

environment from disproportionately negative impacts caused by industrial hemp cultivation, and to enforce rules and regulations consistent with state and federal law.

The provisions of this chapter are in addition to any other permits, licenses and approvals which may be required to conduct business in the County, and are in addition to any permits, licenses and approval required under state, County, or other law.

9.31.020 Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. If a word is not defined in this chapter, the common and ordinary meaning of the word shall apply. All citations to state law shall refer to the act, statute, or regulations as may be amended from time to time.

- A. "Cultivation" shall include any activity involving the propagation, planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of hemp.
- B. "Established agricultural research institution" is an institution of higher education, as defined in Section 101 of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C Sec. 1001), that grows or cultivates industrial hemp for purposes of research conducted under an agricultural pilot program or other agricultural or academic research in accordance with Section 7606 of the federal Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. Sec. 5940) or is otherwise approved by the California Secretary of Food and Agriculture.
- C. "Hemp" shall have the same meaning as "industrial hemp" set forth below.
- D. "Industrial hemp" has the same meaning as that term is defined in section 11018.5 of the Health and Safety Code. That section defines industrial hemp as "a crop that is limited to types of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. having no more than three-tenths of 1 percent tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) contained in the dried flowing tops, whether growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin produced therefrom."
- E. "Nursery stock" shall have the meaning set forth in Food and Agricultural Code section 5005.
- F. "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business, business trust, receiver, syndicate, collective, cooperative, institution, including an established agricultural research institution, or any other group or entity, or combination acting as a unit. Except where otherwise indicated by context, the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.
- G. "Sensitive receptor" is a facility or land use that serves or attracts members of a population who are particularly sensitive to the effects of air pollutants or strong odors, such as children, the elderly, and people with illnesses. Examples of sensitive receptors include hospitals, schools, and parks.

- H. "Transplant" is a cultivated hemp plant grown from seed or cutting in soil or individual containers for less than 8 weeks that does not exceed a height of eight (8 inches).

9.31.030 Administration

The Sheriff, the Agricultural Commissioner, and/or the Director of Community and Economic Development, or their respective designees, are charged with the responsibility of administering, and exercising the authority conferred under, this chapter.

9.31.040 License required

No person shall cultivate industrial hemp in the unincorporated areas of Merced County without first obtaining a license issued by the Agricultural Commissioner to cultivate as provided in this chapter. A license for cultivation may be issued to an established agricultural research institution only if it meets the definition of established agricultural research institution stated in section 9.31.020 of this chapter. A license issued under this chapter does not grant any interest in real property or create any interest of value and is not transferable.

9.31.050 License requirements

A license for the cultivation of industrial hemp may be issued only if each of the following requirements are met:

- A. Applicants shall submit an application in accordance with the application process established by the Agricultural Commissioner. A single license may be issued for multiple parcels.
- B. An applicant shall be the deed holder of the land upon which hemp is to be cultivated, or provide written consent in a form acceptable to the Agricultural Commissioner, from the deed holder granting permission for the cultivation of industrial hemp on the specified parcel(s).
- C. Each parcel for which a license application is submitted must be a minimum of 20 acres in size, and located in the A-1 (General Agricultural) zoning district.
- D. Before a license is issued under this chapter, the applicant shall submit a bond or other form of security acceptable to the agricultural commissioner in the amount of one hundred (100%) of the estimated cost to fully abate a crop of industrial hemp that does not meet requirements for legal harvest under applicable laws and regulations. The financial security provided shall be released to the applicant after the agricultural commissioner determines that the security is no longer needed to secure the abatement of a non-compliant hemp crop.
- E. An applicant shall fully satisfy the registration requirements stated in Food and Agricultural Code section 81003.

- F. An applicant for the cultivation of transplants shall have a license to sell nursery stock as required under California Food and Agricultural Code section 6721 et seq.
- G. Each license issued under this chapter shall expire one year from the date of its issuance.

9.31.060 Cultivation requirements

The following standards shall apply to the cultivation of industrial hemp.

- A. The cultivation of industrial hemp is permitted in the A-1 (General Agricultural) zoning district. Cultivation of industrial hemp is prohibited in all other zoning districts.
- B. A person cultivating industrial hemp shall design the parcel used for cultivation in a manner that minimizes odors to surrounding areas.
- C. Except as provided in a variance granted in accordance with Merced County Code, outdoor industrial hemp cultivation shall meet the following setback requirements:
 - i. 200 feet from any boundary line of the parcel, unless the boundary line is adjacent to the boundary line of a parcel that is either owned, managed, or otherwise under the control of the person who obtained the license for the cultivation of industrial hemp.
 - ii. 1000 feet from any sensitive receptor.
 - iii. 200 feet from any residence.
- D. Any structure(s) containing facilities used for the processing of industrial hemp must have all permits required under state law and Merced County Code.
- E. The indoor cultivation of hemp is limited to the cultivation of hemp transplants in a structure dedicated solely to the cultivation of nursery stock and located within the A-1 zoning district on a parcel with a minimum size of twenty (20) acres. All other indoor cultivation of industrial hemp is prohibited. Structures must comply with applicable building codes and be permitted by the Department of Public Works Building Division and the Community and Economic Development Department as required by County code.
 - i. Except as provided in a variance granted in accordance with Merced County Code, structures used for indoor cultivation of hemp shall meet the following setbacks:
 - i. 50 feet from any boundary line of the parcel adjacent to a parcel under different ownership.
 - ii. 500 feet from any sensitive receptor.
 - iii. 100 feet from any residence.
- F. All parcels used for the cultivation of industrial hemp shall have onsite signage indicating that hemp is being cultivated on site. The signs shall:
 - i. Be of a size so that the wording on the sign is clearly visible and readable to a person with normal vision from a distance of twenty five (25) feet; and

- ii. Use letters and symbols that are of a color that sharply contrasts with their immediate background; and
 - iii. Be posted at the corners of the parcel and at all usual points of entry to the parcel, including each road, footpath, walkway, or aisle that enters the cultivation area. When a parcel is adjacent to a public right-of-way, such as a road, trail, or path, signs shall be posted at intervals not exceeding 600 feet along the parcel's border with the right-of-way.
- G. A person cultivating industrial hemp shall comply with all provisions of California State law, and associated regulations, applicable to the cultivation of industrial hemp, including, but not limited to, requirements for cultivation, sampling, laboratory testing, harvesting, and crop destruction.

9.31.070 Destruction of non-compliant industrial hemp crops

An industrial hemp crop that does not comply with the provisions of this chapter and all applicable provisions of California State law, and associated regulations, shall be destroyed. Crop destruction shall proceed as provided for in all applicable laws and regulations, which includes Food and Agricultural Code section 81006 and California Code of Regulations, title 3, sections 4950 and 4950.1. The grower of the industrial hemp crop shall submit a destruction plan to the Agricultural Commissioner at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the destruction. The Agricultural Commissioner shall approve the method of destruction. An industrial hemp grower that fails to destroy an industrial hemp crop as required shall forfeit the financial security provided under section 9.31.050, subsection D, and the Agricultural Commission shall proceed to destroy the non-compliant crop.

9.31.080 Fees

The Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, establish a fee for a license issued under this chapter.

9.31.090 Public nuisance

The cultivation of industrial hemp in violation of state law, state regulation, this chapter, or other local regulation constitutes a public nuisance subject to abatement and the imposition of administrative penalties under chapter 9.70 of the Merced County Code. Each and every day a violation of this chapter exists constitutes a separate and distinct violation.

9.31.100 Violations

Each and every violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate violation. All violations of this chapter are subject to punishment and enforcement measures authorized under federal, state, and Merced County Code.

SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force on and after thirty (30) days of its passage and adoption, and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the passage and adoption thereof, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Merced, State of California, together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, voting for or against the same.

SECTION 3: VALIDITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, word, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, words, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, State of California at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of August, 2019 by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS

AYES: Lloyd Pareira, Rodrigo Espinoza, Lee Lor, Daron McDaniel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Scott Silveira



Lloyd Pareira
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JAMES L. BROWN
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By  _____
Deputy



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:
JAMES N. FINCHER,
MERCED COUNTY COUNSEL

By:  _____
Forrest W. Hansen

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
INDUSTRIAL HEMP LICENSE APPLICATION

New Hemp Cultivation License

Hemp Cultivation License Renewal

A. Applicant information as it appears on the CDFA Industrial Hemp Registration Application Page of

Applicant Name: _____ Business Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Primary Contact Name: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

B. Felony Conviction Statement

Effective January 1, 2020, Merced County industrial hemp license applications for applicants that have been convicted of a state or federal felony related to a controlled substance may be subject to denial or later revokation of their Merced County Industrial Hemp License (FAC 81013).

Have you been convicted of a felony related to a controlled substance? Yes No

C. Cultivation Site Information

Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____
Parcel size: _____	Parcel size: _____	Parcel size: _____	Parcel size: _____
Planted size: _____	Planted size: _____	Planted size: _____	Planted size: _____
APN: _____	APN: _____	APN: _____	APN: _____

Include a map for each cultivation site.

I hereby certify that the information submitted in this application is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant Signature Date

<p>For County Use Only</p> <p>Date Received: _____</p> <p>Registration Number: _____</p> <p>Expiration date: _____ (valid for 1 year)</p> <p>Ag Commissioner : Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Title _____</p>	<p>County Code 9.31 Compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parcel in A-1 zone</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 20 acres parcel size</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 200 feet from residences/parcel*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1000 feet from Sensitive Receptors*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deed holder permission</p> <p>Signature/Date Approved _____</p>
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* Indoor grows = 50 ft from parcel, 500 ft from sensitive receptor, 100 ft from residence



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**INDUSTRIAL HEMP LICENSE APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR
ADDITIONAL CULTIVATION SITES**

B. Cultivation Site Information

Registration Number: _____

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Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____
Parcel size:	Parcel size:	Parcel size:	Parcel size:
Planted size:	Planted size:	Planted size:	Planted size:
APN:	APN:	APN:	APN:
Include a map for each cultivation site.			

Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____	Cultivation Site # _____
Parcel size:	Parcel size:	Parcel size:	Parcel size:
Planted size:	Planted size:	Planted size:	Planted size:
APN:	APN:	APN:	APN:
Include a map for each cultivation site.			

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Deed Holder Authorization to Cultivate Industrial Hemp

I, _____ affirm that I am the deed holder for the location(s) indicated
(Deed Holder)

below and hereby give my permission for _____ to cultivate
(Cultivator)

industrial hemp on the parcels indicated below and identified by assessor's parcel numbers. I understand that the cultivator will need to provide written documentation of a lease, rental, or similar type of agreement between the cultivator and deed holder prior to the issuance of a Merced County Industrial Hemp Cultivation license. I am aware that the cultivation of hemp is regulated under federal and state laws and regulations and by County ordinance. I understand that I am not relieved of any liability for violations of hemp laws, regulations or ordinance incurred by any person cultivating hemp on my property. By signing below, I attest to ownership of the indicated parcel(s) and the above permission statement.

(Location)

Site # 1	_____	APN #	_____
Site # 2	_____	APN #	_____
Site # 3	_____	APN #	_____
Site # 4	_____	APN #	_____
Site # 5	_____	APN #	_____
Site # 6	_____	APN #	_____
Site # 7	_____	APN #	_____

(Deed Holder Name)

(Deed Holder Signature)

(Address)

(Phone #)

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HEMP PROGRAM

COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

FOR PLANTING OR PROPAGATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Registration number: _____

The regulation of hemp in Merced County is a joint effort between county departments including the Merced County Agricultural Commissioner's Office (MCAC), The Merced County Community and Economic Development Department (MCCED), and the Merced County Sheriff's Department. Regulatory authority and directives for the regulation of hemp can be found in Division 24 of the California Food and Agriculture Code (FAC) and the California Code of Regulations Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 8. Additional County specific statutes were approved by the Merced County Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2019 as Chapter 9.31 "Industrial Hemp Cultivation" of the Merced County Code of Regulations.

Authorization is hereby granted to plant, grow, and harvest industrial hemp under the following conditions:

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants shall submit an application for a Merced County License in accordance with the application process established by the Merced County Agricultural Commissioner (MCAC). A single license may be issued for multiple parcels.
2. An applicant must be the deed holder of the land upon which hemp is to be cultivated, or provide written consent in a form acceptable to the MCAC from the deed holder granting permission for the cultivation of industrial hemp on the specified parcel and identified by a Merced County APN.
3. Registrants will be subject to MCAC weighted hourly average rate for any and all inspections or actions necessary for the regulation of industrial hemp in Merced County by MCAC.

Merced County Agricultural Commissioner
Industrial Hemp Compliance Agreement

4. Registrants must comply with any and all applicable California Food and Agricultural Laws and California Regulations pertaining to, but not limited to, nurseries, organic practices, pesticide use, phytosanitary and export requirements, quarantine restrictions, and seed certification requirements.
5. A person cultivating industrial hemp shall design the parcel used for cultivation in a manner that minimizes odors to surrounding areas.
6. All sites shall be posted with information designating the field as an industrial hemp site according to the Merced County Industrial Hemp Ordinance 9.31.060(F). In addition to the requirements of this ordinance, the sign shall contain the following wording:

This field contains INDUSTRIAL HEMP,
NOT Marijuana
No THC
Zero Effects if Smoked
Merced County Registration # *Applicant registration*

7. The sign can be formatted as to the registrants need and may contain additional wording, but must contain the above information, including the registration number assigned (*Applicant registration*) to the applicant by MCAC.
8. An operator identification number must be obtained prior to the use of any pesticide on hemp.
9. Except as provided in a variance granted in accordance with section 18.34.060 of the Merced County Code, industrial hemp cultivation shall meet all setback requirements designated in Merced County Code of Regulations Chapter 9.31.
10. Prior to planting and after the submission of the license application and CDFA registration, the grower will submit to the commissioner a planting schedule listing dates of each cultivar listed on the registration to arrange for inspection of the site to verify compliance with Merced County Code of Regulations Chapter 9.31 and CDFA laws and regulations.
11. An industrial hemp crop that does not comply with all applicable provisions of California State law, and associated regulations, shall be destroyed.
12. The grower of the industrial hemp crop shall submit a destruction plan to the MCAC at least 24 hours prior to the start of the destruction.
13. All destruction plans must be evaluated and subject to approval of the commissioner prior to the commencement of destruction.
14. Any industrial hemp grower that fails to destroy an industrial hemp crop as required shall forfeit the financial security provided, and MCAC shall proceed to destroy the non-compliant crop.
15. At the time of licensing, an ancillary bond or other financial instrument of security must be provided by the grower in an amount mutually agreed upon by MCAC and the registrant to cover destruction of all industrial hemp sites that do not meet the conditions of this compliance agreement. The estimate will be based on current bids accepted by the county for the chopping and disking of the site unless it is determined that an alternate or additional methods are required. Indoor grow site method and cost estimate of destruction will be determined prior to the signing of this agreement by MCAC and the applicant and MCAC will verify destruction estimate cost to determine the bond amount.

16. Registration and hemp license information including, but not limited to; applicants name and contact information, site location and information, testing and sampling dates, testing and sampling results, destruction dates, and any other information necessary for the regulation of industrial hemp will be shared between MCAC, MCCED, and the Merced County Sheriff's Office.
17. Registration information including, but not limited to; applicants name and contact information, site location and information, testing and sampling dates, testing and sampling results, destruction dates, criminal history report, and any other information may be available to the public upon request.
18. The Merced County Agricultural Commissioner may revoke the Merced County Industrial Hemp License due to failure to comply with conditions, discovery of felony convictions related to controlled substances, laws, regulations, or ordinances in or referenced by this this agreement.

VIOLATIONS

The cultivation of industrial hemp in violation of state law, state regulations, or Merced County ordinance constitutes a public nuisance subject to abatement and the imposition of administrative penalties under federal, state, and Merced County Code.

I hereby agree to abide by the above conditions:

Registrant/Representative

Date

This agreement is valid for one year from this date, but may be revoked for a violation of any of the above conditions.

David A. Robinson

Merced County Agricultural Commissioner

Date

