



# CITY WATCH

## CITY OF LAKEPORT NEWSLETTER

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### COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ORDINANCE

In response to the adoption of the AUMA and MAUCRSA, commonly referred to as Proposition 64 and SB 94 respectfully, the City of Lakeport is exploring potential revisions to the Lakeport Municipal Code as it pertains to commercial cannabis:

- Cultivation
- Retail sales
- Processing/manufacturing
- Licensing/taxation

#### Background

Under SB 94, the State developed a regulatory structure for licensing the various uses associated with commercial cannabis. Local jurisdictions may pass their own regulations providing additional elements of local control. However, in accordance with SB 94 these local regulations must be in place by January 1, 2018.

For several months a Working Group consisting of two City Council Members and City Staff reviewed possible amendments to the City's Municipal Code. The primary focus of the Working Group aimed to balance the demand for commercial cannabis operations while at the same time limiting their visibility within the community and reducing potential negative impacts. The group's proposals were forwarded to the Planning Commission for review.

#### Public Input

The Planning Commission held a series of public meetings to take public comment and make recommendations. Efforts at outreach include a dedicated page upon the City's website on the topic ([www.cityoflakeport.com](http://www.cityoflakeport.com)) and an aggressive outreach campaign that has included press releases, newspaper articles, social media blasts and more.

The public is encouraged to attend and participate. All meetings will be held in the **Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 225 Park Street in Lakeport.**

**Additional Information:** contact the Community Development Department at (707) 263-5613 or [dchance@cityoflakeport.com](mailto:dchance@cityoflakeport.com).

#### Upcoming Public Meetings:

##### Commercial Cannabis Ordinance

- **Wednesday, November 8, 2017:** Lakeport Planning Commission (5:00 PM)
- **Tuesday, November 21, 2017:** City Council (6:00 PM)
- **Tuesday, December 19, 2017:** City Council (6:00 PM)

### CITY OF LAKEPORT PUBLIC SAFETY ROUND-UP



#### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

This is a reminder, in the light of recent local and regional emergencies, that the City of Lakeport maintains an emergency telephone notification system that is operated by the police department through **NIXLE**. All AT&T landline telephone numbers in the city are already connected to our **NIXLE** system.

#### Opt In to Receive Cell Phone, VoIP and Text Reverse 911 Notifications

We understand that many residents no longer maintain landline telephones but rather just use their cellular phones. Additionally, some residents and businesses use Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone services. We do not have access to VoIP or cellular telephone numbers in a format that can be obtained and loaded into our system in the same manner as the AT&T landline numbers.

However, residents can register their VoIP or cellular telephone numbers in our **NIXLE** system by logging into your account, or if you don't have an account, creating one here: <http://local.nixle.com/accounts/login/>.

1. Once logged, in go to the account tab and make sure your information and numbers are entered
2. Select where you want voice messages to go.
3. When completed with the account information, check your settings tab and make sure you are connected to the agency "Lakeport Police Department".

We are requesting that all residents and businesses make sure their numbers are registered with us. This is important for people to receive critical emergency information by telephone in the event the City or Police Department needs to send such information out by telephone.

You can also link directly to **NIXLE** from [www.cityoflakeport.com](http://www.cityoflakeport.com). Click on the Hot Topic "Current NIXLE Advisory".



#### SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

Traffic enforcement to reduce collisions and dangerous driving violations is currently a police priority. Two streets we are spending extra efforts on over the next month are:

- **20th Street to reduce speed**
- **11th street to reduce collision, speed and other dangerous driving violations**

Please drive carefully this Holiday Season!

## COMMISSION & COMMITTEE OPENINGS



### Influence the Future of Your Community

The City of Lakeport has opportunities for the general public to become involved in local

government by serving on local commissions and committees. If you have an interest in serving your community, applying for a position on a city commission or committee is a great place to start!

The City invites applications for the following Committees and Commissions:

- **Planning Commission**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission**
- **Lakeport Economic Development Advisory Committee (LEDAC).**

These appointments would be effective as of January 1, 2018. Membership on these commissions and committees is voluntary. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, applications are available on the City's website, [www.cityoflakeport.com](http://www.cityoflakeport.com), under the Hot Topic, "Now Recruiting: Commission/Committee Openings".

For additional information, please contact Hilary Britton, Deputy City Clerk, at 263-5615, Ext. 12, or by e-mail at [hbritton@cityoflakeport.com](mailto:hbritton@cityoflakeport.com).

**Applications will be accepted until November 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**



### FALL STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

**MONDAYS** - Clearlake Avenue to North City Limits.

Any streets in this area that might have been missed on Monday will be taken care of on Thursday.

**TUESDAYS** - First Street to south city limits including Esplanade area, Lupoyoma Heights, Lakeport Boulevard and Parallel Drive.

**WEDNESDAYS** - Second Street to Clearlake Avenue.

**THURSDAYS** - Additional Streets that may have been missed on prior schedule.

**FRIDAYS** - Main Street and Westside Park Road, and any areas needing special attention. Every other Friday they will not be running the street sweeper.

Blowing leaves into the street is acceptable, but please **DO NOT** put them in piles as the street sweeper cannot sweep up piles of leaves. We do encourage residents to utilize their green waste service.

This schedule will remain in effect for the Fall season only. This schedule is provided for the City of Lakeport within city limits and is on an "as needed" basis to maintain City streets during this time of year when leaves and debris accumulate in our streets.

Please be advised that there may be minor interruptions to the schedule from time to time due to City workloads and availability of manpower.



## UTILITY BILLING REMINDERS

### Payment Due Date

Utility Payments are "Due upon Receipt" of the bill and **must be received in our office by 5:30 p.m. on the 9th of the month** to avoid a late fee. Postmark date does not apply. If the last

payment date of the 9th falls on a weekend you will have the following Monday to pay without a late fee.

### Convenient Payment Options

With Easy Pay and On-Line Payments save money on gas and stamps **and** never pay another late fee!

Sign up for "**Easy Pay**" which allows us to automatically deduct your payment from a checking account or credit card on the 5th of each month.

We also offer **On-Line Payments** that you can schedule at your convenience. Payments made on-line by 10:00 p.m. will be posted the same day.

Go to [www.cityoflakeport.com](http://www.cityoflakeport.com) for more information

## 2017 FLOOD REPAIR PROJECTS UPDATE

The 2017 Flood Event in January and February resulted in damage throughout the City. The City experienced flood damage in neighborhoods along the lakeshore, including Library Park, as well as water intrusions into the municipal sewer system.

The City is working with FEMA for funding for restoration & recovery projects. The cost of these projects is approximately \$1.1 million. While these projects will unfortunately compete for resources with other disasters that have struck the State this year, the City is assured that the funds will be dispersed over time. These projects include:

- **Library Park Seawall Replacement:** Once funding is established, the seawall replacement will take place contingent on environmental mitigation issues as well as seasonal issues. Replacement is dependent on low lake levels to construct the new seawall. The fencing in Library Park will remain until the seawall is rebuilt.
- **The 3<sup>rd</sup> street Boat Ramp** is expected to be fully operational by Summer 2018
- **Sewer System:** Incursion of water into the Municipal sewer system has been capped, and the system is now in a better position to withstand a future catastrophic flood event.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Dickens' Faire & Tree Lighting

**When:** Saturday, November 25, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Main Street between 1st and 4th Streets, Lakeport, CA.

**Description:** Enjoy the sights and sounds of an old fashion holiday. Main Street merchants and

vendors will offer holiday gifts and food. Lots of free activities for the kids. Come in costume and enter the Dickens' theme costume contest for prizes. In addition to the Faire we will be singing carols and lighting the Museum Park Christmas Tree, courtesy of the Lakeport Kiwanis Club.

