

Industrial Hemp

Ordinance

On April 7, 2020, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance and lifted the moratorium on cultivating Industrial Hemp. The ordinance places certain restrictions on the growing and processing of Industrial Hemp and requires the applicant to obtain a use permit. The ordinance can be found here

<https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/industrial-hemp-tulare-county-ordinance-pdf/>.

Checklists

The Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has checklists available showing what is required to register for Industrial Hemp. Depending on whether you are a Grower, Breeder, Agricultural Research Institution or a Processor determines what you are required to submit to our office. The checklists can be found here

Application Checklists:

<https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/application-checklists-7-20-pdf/>

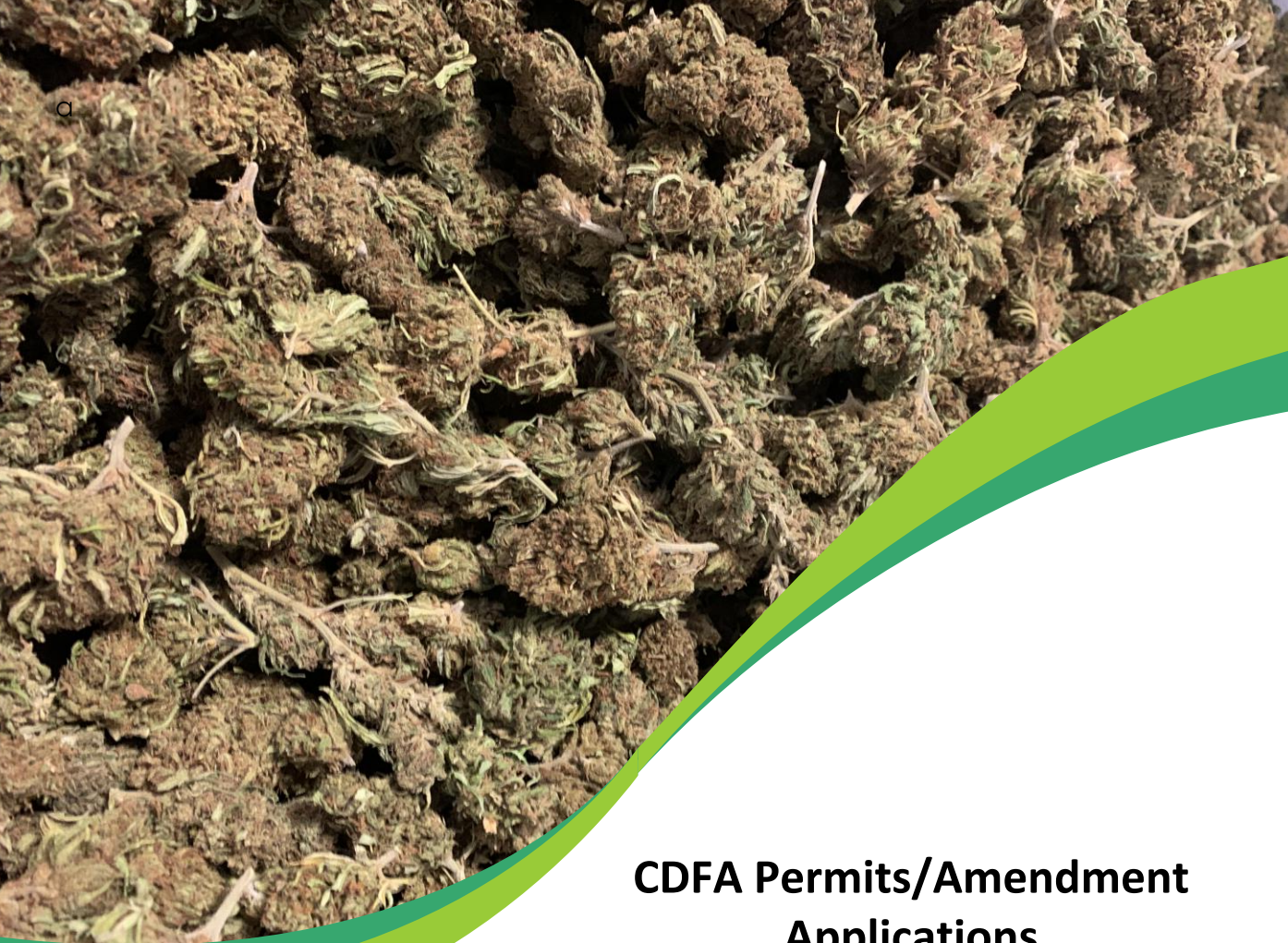
Amendments Checklists:

<https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/application-checklists-amendments-8-20-pdf/>

CDFA Requirements

At this time all growers and breeders are required to provide the county with a California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) registration which will be, once reviewed by the county, be provided to CDFA. When listing the cultivars on your application make sure they are approved. Certified cultivars are grown for grain and fiber. We need to have proof of certification submitted with your application if you plan on using this type of seed. If you are not going to use certified seed and if you are going to use seed grown in the state of California, you need to provide the grower's lab results and the county approved registration information (including any and all cover letters) that was provided by the grower of the seed when you submit your application. If you are going to use seed produced in the United States but outside of California, you need to have the grower of the seed provide you a copy of their registration (including any cover letters) with their state and a copy of their lab results for the seeds you are going to plant.





CDFA Permits/Amendment Applications

The registration application for growers can be found at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/registration/IH-RegistrationApplicationPacket-Growers.pdf>

The registration application for breeders can be found at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/registration/IH-RegistrationApplicationPacket-SeedBreeders.pdf>

The application to amend registered contact/business/key participant information can be found at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/registration/IH-AmendmentAppContactBusinessKP.pdf>

The application to amend registered site/cultivar/plan:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/registration/IH-AmendmentAppSiteCultivarPlan.pdf>

Information on Industrial Hemp from CDFA can be found on their website at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/>

Tulare County Permits

The ordinance requires an Industrial Hemp Tulare County Permit. Depending on whether you are a Grower, Breeder, Established Agricultural Research Institution or a Processor determines what type of permit you are required to submit to our office. You can obtain the application for the permit below:

- Grower Permit application click here
<https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/permit-growers-application-pdf/>.
- Breeder Permit application click here
<https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/permit-breeders-application-pdf/>.
- Agricultural Research Institution Permit application click here
<https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/permit-established-agricultural-research-institutions-application-pdf/>.
- Processor Permit application click here
<https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/permit-processing-application-pdf/>.



Zoning Requirements

Tulare County's Industrial Hemp Cultivation Ordinance only allows for Hemp cultivation in AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, or AE-80 (Exclusive Agricultural), and M-1 (Light Manufacturing) zones. Processing of Hemp is allowed in the same zones as Hemp cultivation with the addition of M-2 (Manufacturing) zones. Parcel and zoning information from the Tulare County Research Management Agency's Parcel Search can be found here

<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning-building/zoning-entitlements/parcel-search/>



Important Information

It is important that you do not start planting Industrial Hemp until you have received approval from the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. We will review your application information and will send you a document in the mail either approving or denying your application. If your application is approved, you can start planting.

For a list of Frequently Asked Question click here

<https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/fag-without-links-pdf/>.

Proof of Registration





Reporting to FSA

Registrants, except for established agricultural research institutions, are required to report all hemp production in the state and any changes to where hemp will be produced to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the United States Department of Agriculture. Please see link for guidance on reporting hemp planting to the FSA. See the link below:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/2019/crop-acreage-reporting-19.pdf>

Industrial Hemp Reports

The following reports must be submitted, if applicable, to the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's office after registering for Hemp Cultivation.

- A Planting Report:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/IH-Planting_Report.pdf
- Pre-harvest Report:
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/IH-Preharvest-Report.pdf>
- Harvest Report :
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/IH-Harvest-Report.pdf>
- Destruction Plan:
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/IH-Destruction-Plan.pdf>
- Destruction Report:
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