Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Thursday, Oct 26
Partly Cludy
High --75 Low -- 50

Friday, Oct 27
Sunny
High -- 77 Low -- 49

Saturday, Oct 28
Sunny
High -- 71 Low -- 49

Sunday, Oct 29
Sunny
High -- 71 Low -- 49

Monday, Oct 30
Partly Cloudy
High -- 66 Low -- 47

Tuesday, Oct 31
Sunny
High -- 66 Low -- 47

Wednesday, Nov 1
Sunny
High -- 67 Low -- 46

Following are the high & low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl Johnson:

Oct	High	Low	Rain
13	62.5	40.5	
14	64.3	41.1	
15	70.3	34.1	
16	72.8	34.0	
17	76.3	36.2	
18	78.4	36.0	
19	60.6	42.4	1.39

Oct Rain: 1.44" YTD Rain: 1.44"

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Rural Residential growing ban nears completion

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(Photo by Amber Koch, for the *Illinois Valley News*)

A Skunk 4 strain awaits harvest. Josephine County Commissioners are attempting to ban grows of more than 12 plants on Rural Residential lands.

Ordinance No. 2017-002, which aims to regulate the production of cannabis on Rural Residential (RR) land, has been revised for the eighth time and is scheduled to have another public first reading Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. in the Anne Basker Auditorium. The previous version had a first reading Sept. 20 but, because none of the commissioners were comfortable with approving the ordinance as it was written, it was tabled for revision.

Most notably, the current iteration outright bans the growth of commercial cannabis on any RR property that's five acres or less. All sections which outlined the conditions for "grandfathering," known officially as nonconforming use, have been omitted. On RR properties that are greater than five acres, the ordinance mandates that no grow site may be larger than Micro-tier II. Micro-tier II, according to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, (OLCC) is a grow site between 626 square feet and 1,250 square feet for an indoor grow and between 2,501 square feet and 5,000 square feet for an outdoor grow.

For RR properties that are greater than five acres, the production site must be owned, or at the very least partly owned, by the OLCC license holder.

2017-002 also requires that production sites emit no mechanically generated noise from dusk to dawn. Furthermore, with the exception of cannabis grow site employees who guard the crop, the sites hours of operation will be prohibited from dusk to dawn, Monday through Saturday.

Should the grower have a greenhouse or other building on the property that's used for the growth of cannabis, the ordinance mandates that it's required to have an effective odor control system consisting of a carbon filtration system and one or more fans which can move as much cubic feet of air per minute as the volume of the building divided by three. Other technology which can mitigate odor in an equal or better fashion can also be considered, provided the property owner can demonstrate to the county that the system is engineered sufficiently to do so.

All commercial grow sites on RR property that are larger than five acres must acquire a development permit which will, if accepted, be mailed not only to the applicant but all adjacent properties as well. Furthermore, the property owner will need to apply for Annual Compliance Certificates.

Grow site minimum setback requirements, which in the previous iteration had been 300 feet for an RR5 property, have been lowered to a minimum of 100 feet for an indoor production site and 150 feet for an outdoor production site. Accessory structures or other uses that don't require a development permit don't require being set back. However, noncommercial cannabis production sites are required to meet the minimum setback standard.

Should the ordinance be accepted as written during the first reading Nov. 1, it will require a second reading before it can be adopted. The time between a first and second reading can be no less than 13 days and after it's signed into law by the county commissioners there's a 90 day period before the ordinance goes into effect. During that 90 day period, citizens may draft up a petition which, should it attain the amount of required signatures, has the opportunity to refer the ordinance to the voters.

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