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CANNABIS REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOV. 6

A three-month registration process to assist local medical cannabis cultivators seeking regulatory approval for their operations ends Sunday, Nov. 6.

The registration process is a prerequisite for obtaining a future medical cannabis cultivation license from the County, and was established to encourage cultivators to take steps toward regulatory compliance and allow the County to advise cultivators whether their operations would be approved under a future Santa Cruz County medical cannabis cultivation ordinance now undergoing environmental review.

Under the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, cultivators must obtain a local license before seeking state approval to operate a cannabis cultivation operation.

During normal business hours, the registration process may be completed in person on the fifth floor of the County Governmental Building, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz. It may also be completed online at <https://scccannabis.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Account/Register>.

Registrants must complete and return required forms, and pay the \$500 registration fee, by Sunday's deadline. The County will accept in-person payments on Sunday between 2 p.m.-5 p.m. on the fifth floor of the County Governmental Building. Mail payments postmarked prior to Sunday's deadline will be accepted.

So far, 89 prospective cultivators have completed the registration process. Another 267 have set up accounts and are in varying stages of completing the process.