



**City of Coalinga
Community Development Department**

**COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION INDEMNIFICATION
AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF COALINGA AND**

THIS INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into this ____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the City of Coalinga ("City") and _____ ("Applicant").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Applicant has a legal and/or equitable interest in the certain real property located at Assessor Parcel Number(s): _____ ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted an application to the City for the commercial cultivation, distribution, or manufacturing of commercial cannabis on the Property, pursuant to Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 9-5.128 of the City of Coalinga Municipal Code, Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacturing, Testing, Transportation and Distribution and the California Medicinal Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, hereafter referred to as the "Project."

TERMS

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 9-5.128 of the City of Coalinga Municipal Code, and in consideration of the promises, covenants and provisions set forth herein, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit, direct, impede or influence the City's review and consideration of the Project.
2. Applicant shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless the City of Coalinga, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, proceedings or liability of any nature whatsoever (including, but not limited to: any approvals issued in connection with any of the above described application(s) by City; any action taken to provide related environmental clearance under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") by City's advisory agencies, boards or commissions, appeals boards, or commissions, Planning Commission, or City Council; and attorneys' fees and costs awards) arising out of, or in connection with the City's review or approval of the Project or arising out of or in connection with the acts or omissions of the Applicant, its agents, employees or contractors.

With respect to review or approval, this obligation shall also extend to any effort to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of the Project, including any contention the Project or its approval is defective because a City ordinance, resolution, policy, standard or plan is not in compliance with local, State or federal law. With respect to acts or omissions of the Applicant, its agents, employees or contractors, its obligation, hereunder shall apply regardless of whether the City prepared, supplied or approved plans, specifications or both.

3. The obligations of the Owner and Applicant under this Indemnification shall apply regardless of whether any permits or entitlements are issued.
4. The City will promptly notify Owner and Applicant of any such claim, action, or proceeding that is or may be subject to this Indemnification and will cooperate fully in the defense. The City may, within its unlimited discretion, participate in the defense of any such claim, action, or proceeding if the City defends the claim, action, or proceeding in good faith.
5. The City Council shall have the absolute right to approve any and all counsel employed to defend the City. To the extent the City uses any of its resources to respond to such claim, action or proceeding, or to assist the defense, the Applicant will reimburse the City upon demand. Such resources include, but are not limited to, staff time, court costs, City Counsel's time at its regular rate for non-City agencies, or any other direct or indirect cost associated with responding to, or assisting in defense of, the claim, action or proceedings.
6. For any breach of this obligation the City may rescind its approval of the Project.
7. The Applicant shall not be required to pay or perform any settlement unless the settlement is approved in writing by the Applicant, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The City must approve any settlement affecting the rights and obligations of the City.
8. The parties agree that this Agreement shall constitute a separate agreement from any Project approval, and that if the Project, in part or in whole, is invalidated, rendered null or set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction, the parties agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement, which shall survive such invalidation, nullification or setting aside.
9. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
10. In any legal action or other proceeding brought by either party to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the appropriate venue is the Fresno County Superior Court.
11. The Applicant shall pay all court ordered costs and attorney fees.
12. The defense and indemnification of City set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect throughout all stages of litigation including appeals of any lower court judgments rendered in the proceeding.

After review and consideration of all of the foregoing terms and conditions, Applicant, but its signature below, hereby agrees to be bound by and to fully and timely comply with all of the foregoing terms and conditions.

Dated: _____

Applicant(s):

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature