

REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEALDSBURG  
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858(d)

On December 18, 2017, following a report from City staff and opportunity for public comment, the City Council of the City of Healdsburg adopted an interim ordinance as an urgency measure pursuant to California Code Section 65858. Ordinance No. 1170 established a 45-day moratorium on new stand-alone retail establishments engaging in the sale of firearms. This ordinance will expire on January 31, 2018. A City Council public hearing will be scheduled for January 22, 2018, to consider extension of the ordinance for a period of 10 months and 15 days.

California Government Code Section 65858 (d) provides that at least ten days before expiration of an interim ordinance or any extension, the legislative body shall issue a written report describing the measures taken to alleviate the condition which led to adoption of the interim ordinance.

The subject interim ordinance was adopted in order to allow sufficient time for the City of Healdsburg to receive community input and for City staff to study amendments to the Land Use Code to address retail establishments selling firearms.

Since December 18, 2017, City staff has reviewed the City's current regulations and regulations in other jurisdictions in Sonoma County. Staff intends to continue its review, and expects to recommend that firearm sales be allowed in an appropriate district in the City, with a Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission and the City Council are expected to review and consider necessary amendments early this year.

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