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Bristol Town Council

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL – AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM ON CANNABIS

WHEREAS, in the 2022 legislative session, the General Assembly is expected to pass legislation known as H 7593 and S 2340 (the “Proposed Cannabis Act”), which would legalize and regulate recreational cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Cannabis Act would require State-issued licenses for cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing, and retail sale of cannabis products; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Cannabis Act provides that a city or town council may authorize a referendum regarding whether cannabis licenses shall be issued by the State for proposed facilities within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Cannabis Act provides that upon the adoption of such a resolution by the city or town council, the State shall not issue licenses for proposed cannabis facilities within the municipality unless and until the electors of the municipality vote to approve the issuance of such licenses within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the electors of the Town of Bristol should be permitted to determine whether cannabis licenses shall be issued in the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Town Council hereby authorizes a referendum to be held on the issuance of cannabis licenses within the Town, such referendum to be submitted to the electors of the Town at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, and shall be printed on the ballot as follows: ““Shall cannabis licenses for businesses involved in the cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing and for the retail sale of adult recreational use cannabis be issued in the Town of Bristol?”
2. Provided, however, that if the General Assembly fails to enact the Proposed Cannabis Act in the 2022 legislative session, or should the Proposed Cannabis Act be amended such that a referendum would no longer be required for a municipality to opt-out of the issuance of cannabis licenses, this authorization for such a referendum shall become null and void.

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Cordeiro, Council Clerk

