

**RESOLUTION 2026-09
A RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN
A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON THE REGULATION OF “CBD STORES”
IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, GA**

WHEREAS, the new Charter of the City of Cleveland became effective on July 1, 2025, and the City continues implementation of its updated governmental and regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager was instructed and successfully coordinated a systemic comprehensive review of the current Code of Ordinances by June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland remains actively engaged in a comprehensive review and modernization of its land use regulations, zoning ordinances, business licensing provisions, and public health and safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of hemp-derived cannabinoid products, including cannabidiol (CBD), Delta-8 THC, Delta-9 THC, THCA-derived products, and other cannabinoid products continues to evolve at the federal and state levels; and

WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration has not established a comprehensive regulatory framework governing the use of CBD and certain hemp-derived cannabinoids in food products and continues to identify unresolved public health, labeling, dosage, and safety concerns associated with such products; and

WHEREAS, substantial uncertainty remains in Georgia even with new regulations of many consumable hemp products through licensing, age restrictions, testing, packaging, and THC-content requirements; and

WHEREAS, issues surrounding the regulation of stores which sell Cannabis-based products or CBD (CBD Stores) continue to be one of a complicated nature; and

WHEREAS, the long-term health impacts associated with certain hemp-derived cannabinoid products remain the subject of ongoing study and regulatory review; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that issues surrounding businesses primarily engaged in the retail sale of CBD products, hemp-derived cannabinoid products, and cannabis-related products remain complex and involve land use, zoning, public health, law enforcement, and community compatibility considerations; and

WHEREAS, the newly adopted City Code currently does not contain a comprehensive regulatory framework specifically addressing such businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council determine that additional time is necessary to evaluate the true impact of such a substantial revision of a newly adopted Code of Ordinances and the impact on such businesses; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Cleveland Mayor and Council as follows:

1. The City of Cleveland hereby establishes an additional study period of up to twelve (12) months following the expiration of the temporary moratorium established by Resolution No. 2025-23.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall expire by its own terms at 11:59 p.m. on July 7, 2027, unless sooner repealed, modified, or extended by action of the City Council.
3. For purposes of this Resolution, a "CBD Store" means any business whose principal line of retail sales consists of products containing cannabidiol (CBD), hemp-derived cannabinoids, cannabis-derived products, or similar cannabinoid products.
4. For purposes of this Resolution, "CBD-related" means a business in which products containing CBD or other cannabinoid products constitute at least twenty-five (25) percent of the business's gross retail sales or occupy more than twenty-five (25) percent of the floor area devoted to the display, marketing, or sale of such products.
5. During the study period established by this Resolution, the City shall not accept applications for, process, or issue any permit, license, approval, zoning authorization, business license, occupational tax certificate, or other authorization for the establishment or operation of a CBD Store within the City of Cleveland.

SO RESOLVED, this 15th day of June, 2026.

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ATTEST:

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