

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance adding a new Section 3.2.76 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide standards for a Medical Cannabis Dispensary.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of the UDO is amended by adding a new Section 3.2.76 to provide specific standards applicable to the specific use of a Medical Cannabis Dispensary to read as follows:

3.2.76. Medical Cannabis Dispensary.

Medical Cannabis Dispensaries shall comply with the standards listed below:

A. Prohibited Locations. Georgia state law (O.C.G.A. § 16-12-215) prohibits a medical cannabis dispensary within 1,000 feet of a covered entity. The term 'covered entity' means a public or private school; an early care and education program; or a church, synagogue, or other place of public religious worship, in existence prior to the date of licensure of such licensee under State Law. A dispensing licensee may request a variance from Council to locate in places prohibited in this subsection based on a showing that such modification is needed to allow retail outlets to be established to service registered patients residing within this local jurisdiction.

B. Lighting. No flashing lights, search lights, spotlights, or other similar lighting systems may be used on the exterior of the building.

C. Signage. Electronic message boards and temporary signs are not allowed.

D. Hours of Operation. Hours of operation are 7:00 AM until 10:00 PM.

E. Structure. This use shall be in a stand-alone building.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____

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