



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 23-105

IN SUPPORT OF CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2010, Governor Jon Corzine signed the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act, N.J.S.A. 24:61-1 et seq., which provided for the legalization of medical marijuana and creation of a program to allow persons suffering from qualifying debilitating medical conditions to obtain medical marijuana in a safe, timely and compassionate manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey in 2018 amended its regulatory scheme so as to expand the scope of citizens to whom medical marijuana may be prescribed and so as to make medical marijuana more accessible and available to many of the citizens who need it; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the Marijuana Legalization Amendment was approved by voters in New Jersey, which legalized the possession and use of cannabis for residents twenty-one years of age or older;

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Act, which established the adult use cannabis program in the State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands endorses the adult use cannabis program in the State of New Jersey, as well as the medical use program, which provides needed relief to the many persons suffering from chronic and/or debilitating illnesses who may benefit from this program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands supports the safe and appropriate siting of an adult-use cannabis dispensary within the Central Business District zone(s) of the Borough of Highlands to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances, including but not limited to the cannabis retailer licensing provisions of Borough Code Section 4-18 and the conditional use zoning requirements of Section 21-97(M); and

WHEREAS, Scarlet Reserve Room has expressed interest in the siting of such a facility within the Borough of Highlands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council supports the safe and appropriate siting of an adult-use cannabis dispensary within the Central Business District and Highway Oriented Business zones of the Borough of Scarlet Reserve Room to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to the cannabis retailer licensing provisions of Borough Code Section 4-18 and the conditional use zoning requirements of Section 21-97(M).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to the Borough’s limit of a single Cannabis Retailer License, upon submission of a complete license application, the license applicant that receives Cannabis Regulatory Commission approval first in time shall be deemed approved by the Borough.

Motion to Approve R 23-105:

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This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

DATE OF VOTE: April 19, 2023

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands