BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON ORDINANCE 2025-12

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 215-81, OF THE BOROUGH CODE EXTENDING OPERATING HOURS OF THE LICENSED CANNABIS RETAILER IN THE BOROUGH FROM 8:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

WHEREAS, Section 215-81 of the Borough Code authorizes no more than one cannabis retailer in the Borough;

WHEREAS, that retailer, known as "Jersey Meds", is owned by Jersey Meds Management LLC and is located at 7 Route 31 North in the Pennington Square Shopping Center, in the Business-Highway (B-H) zoning district;

WHEREAS, Jersey Meds has been in operation since 2023 and has been a productive and responsible member of the Pennington community;

WHEREAS, the State statute authorizing establishment of a store for the retail sale of recreational cannabis $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$ 24:61-31 et seq, permits the municipality to regulate hours of operation;

WHEREAS, Section 215-81 of the Borough Code provides in Section D (1) that the operating hours for the licensed retail facility shall be between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm daily;

WHEREAS, with continued growth of Jersey Meds' clientele have come requests for longer hours from customers who would benefit from extended evening hours, particularly those with non-traditional work schedules or evening availability;

WHEREAS, Jersey Meds has therefore asked for extension of its operating hours to 9:00 pm;

WHEREAS, this one-hour extension of operating hours is compatible with the operating hours of other business establishments in Pennington Square, some of which extend to 10:00 pm, and is otherwise a reasonable accommodation for a growing and responsible local business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that Section 215-81, Subsection D(1), of the Code of the Borough of Pennington is hereby amended (with new language underlined and deleted language crossed out) as follows:

"The operating hours of the licensed retail facility shall be between 9:00 a.m. and $8:00 \ 9:00$ p.m. daily. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or dispense cannabis or cannabis products in any licensed retail facility at any time other than between these hours."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

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Public Hearing:		-	
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Published:		-	
ATTEST:		APPROVED:	
Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk		James Davy, Mayor	