



**Township Council**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Louise M. Palagano**  
*Municipal Clerk*

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Meeting: 06/13/22 07:00 PM

**2022 RESOLUTION APPROVAL**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFERRING TO THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 315, LAND DEVELOPMENT, SECTION 39B, SUBSECTION 9(c)[4] "REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" (the "Act"), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 16, 2021, the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield adopted an Ordinance allowing and regulating one or more classes of cannabis business within Bloomfield, finding it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of Township of Bloomfield's residents and members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in Township of Bloomfield, and amending the Township of Bloomfield's zoning regulations to permit those cannabis-related activities, including land use and development, within certain geographic boundaries within Bloomfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have introduced on first reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 315, Land Development, Section 39b, "Requirements For Conditional Uses" of the Code of the Township of Bloomfield for the purpose of removing the 200 feet buffer between a Cannabis Retail Establishment and a house of worship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have previously adopted amendments to Chapter 159 of the Township Code limiting the hours of operation of Cannabis Retail Establishments to those hours between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays and between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. any other day of the week; and Alternative Treatment Centers to those hours between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays and between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. any other day of the week; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council believe these decreased hours of operation will create an adequate buffer of time and space for traffic and pedestrians travelling to various houses of worship without further reducing the inventory of eligible commercial space throughout the Township by imposing a permanent 200 feet buffer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Land Use Law (“**MLUL**”) requires in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 that all ordinances constituting a development regulation must be referred to the Planning Board for review to determine whether there are any inconsistencies between the proposed ordinance and the Township Master Plan and for any other recommendations the Planning Board may have with respect to the proposed ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, by this resolution, the Mayor and Council hereby refer to the Planning Board the aforementioned Ordinance for its review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield hereby direct the Township of Bloomfield Planning Board to review, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 315, Land Development, Section 39b, “Requirements for

Conditional Uses” of the Code of the Township of Bloomfield for the purpose of removing the

200 feet buffer between a Cannabis Retail Establishment and a house of worship.

Section 3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of proposed the Ordinance to the Planning Board for its review.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Temporary Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on June 13, 2022.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
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