



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 06/28/21 07:00 PM

2021 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 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Public Question No. 1 was approved by the voters of Bloomfield by a margin of 71% in favor; and

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, section 31a of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to adopt ordinances or regulations governing the number of cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as “a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer”), cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services allowed to operate within their boundaries, as well as the location, manner, and times of operation of such establishments and distributors, but not the time of operation of delivery services, and establishing civil penalties for the violation of any such regulations; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act requires municipalities that wish to prohibit or regulate one or more classes of cannabis-related activities do so only pursuant to an ordinance enacted pursuant to the specific authority to do so by section 31b, and invalidates any ordinance

prohibiting one or more types of cannabis-related activities within the jurisdiction of the municipality enacted prior to February 22, 2021 as null and void; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality, but not to prohibit the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies by a delivery service; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act also stipulates, however, that any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (*i.e.*, by August 22, 2021); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 31b of the Act, the failure to do so shall mean that for a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling and reselling of cannabis and cannabis items shall be permitted uses in all industrial zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield has determined that allowing and regulating one or more classes of cannabis business within Bloomfield is at this time necessary and appropriate, and 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, specified herein within certain geographic boundaries within Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield has further determined that the selling of cannabis and cannabis items to consumers from a retail store by a cannabis retailer shall be a conditional use in all B2, CBD and CC zones, with Planning Board approval required, subject to meeting the conditions set forth in any applicable zoning ordinance or receiving a variance from one or more of those conditions in accordance with the "Municipal Land Use Law," P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.); As dictated by the Township's enabling Ordinance, a total of no more than six Cannabis Retailers are permitted throughout the Township, with two permitted in the Northern Sector of the Township (including the portion of the B-2 Zone north of the Bay Avenue centerline); two permitted in the Central Sector (including the portion of the B-2 Zone south of the Bay Avenue centerline); and two permitted in the Southern Sector, irrespective of which of the two zones they may be located in. At least three of

the six Cannabis Retailers permitted in the Township shall be a microbusiness. No variance shall be granted permitting any greater number of Cannabis Retailers or microbusinesses either throughout the Township or in any individual Sector; 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, concurrently with this resolution, the Mayor and Council have introduced on first reading an Ordinance for the purpose of permitting the operation of certain classes of cannabis businesses; 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.

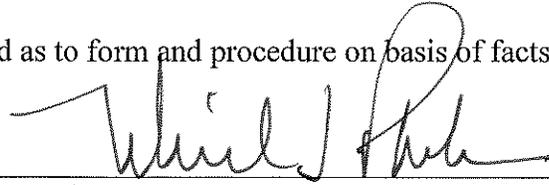
Section 2. The Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield hereby direct the Township of Bloomfield Planning Board to review, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, the proposed Ordinance permitting the operation of certain classes of cannabis businesses.

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.



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.

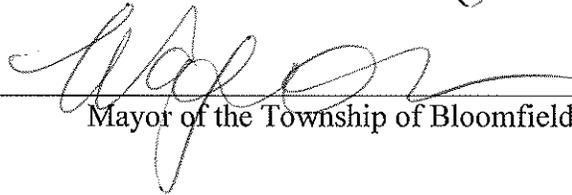


Acting Financial Director

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 28, 2021.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
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