

RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL SUPPORT OF PROPOSED CANNABIS RELATED BUSINESS – WEST ORANGE WELLNESS, LLC LOCATED AT 26 SOUT VALLEY ROAD, WEST ORANGE NJ

WHEREAS, following the adoption of the Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act in 2019 and passage of the 2020 ballot issue amending the New Jersey Constitution to legalize the possession, cultivation, processing and sale of retail marijuana, the State of New Jersey adopted the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act in 2021 (the “State Statute”); and

WHEREAS, the State Statute created the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (the “Commission”) and established a framework for the application and issuance of a state license for the operation of cannabis related business licensed by the State of Jersey (“Licensed Cannabis Entities”) which includes the requirement that an applicant for a state license provide proof of local support as to the suitability of the proposed location for a proposed cannabis related business; and

WHEREAS, On August 19, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)1a of the State Statute, the Commission established regulations further governing the application and issuance of a state license for Licensed Cannabis Entities (the “Commission Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1(g) of the Commission Regulations requires the applicant for a State License to include in its application “proof of local support for the suitability of a cannabis business’s proposed location indicating that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business” (“Local Support”); and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the Township Council for the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) adopted Ordinance 2647-21 (the “Cannabis Ordinance”) which establishes both the zoning requirements and the Township’s licensing requirements for Licensed Cannabis

Entities which seek to operate within the Township; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the Township Council also adopted resolution 188-21 authorizing the establishment of a Taskforce and Advisory Committee regarding Cannabis Businesses for the Township (the “Taskforce”) to assist and advise with the implementation of the Township’s regulations governing cannabis related businesses within the Township; and

WHEREAS, WEST ORANGE WELLNESS, LLC (the “Applicant”) has submitted a request for Local Support from the Township for a proposed cannabis related business with the proposed location at **26 South Valley Road** by way of an application to the Taskforce (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Taskforce has evaluated to Application and has recommended the adoption of a resolution declaring Local Support consistent with the Commission Regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Local Support as set forth in this resolution does not constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall receive any required approvals from any of the Township’s land use boards, but shall be required to proceed with any such application and approval process as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Local Support as set forth in this resolution does not constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall be issued a license by the Township to operate a cannabis related business, but shall be required to apply for such a license with the Township as set forth in the Cannabis Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Local Support as set forth in this resolution does not constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall receive any approvals as needed from any department of the Township, but shall be required to apply for such approvals consistent with

all applicable laws; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, that consistent with the recommendation of the Taskforce, the Township declares its Local Support for the proposed location of the Applicant's proposed cannabis related business; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Local Support as declared in this Resolution does **NOT:** (1) constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall receive any required approvals from any of the Township's land use boards, but the Applicant shall be required to proceed with any such application and approval process as needed; (2) constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall be issued a license by the Township to operate a cannabis related business, but the Applicant shall be required to apply for such a license with the Township as set forth in the Cannabis Ordinance; and (3) constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall receive any approvals as needed from any department of the Township, but the Applicant shall be required to apply for such approvals consistent with all applicable laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's office in accordance with applicable law and shall be forwarded to the Applicant for inclusion in its application to the Commission.

Karen Carnevale
Township Clerk

Susan McCartney
Council President

Dated:

Adopted: