

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2022 – 097 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF A CANNABIS BUSINESS TO BE LOCATED AT BLOCK 7006 LOT 1 ALSO KNOWN AS 1612 UNION VALLEY ROAD

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; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford 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 Township of West Milford supports the safe and appropriate siting of a cannabis Class 5 Retailer license to be located 1612 Union Valley Road within the Township's LMI Zone, where such licenses are permitted use pursuant to Chapter 500-193 "Cannabis Retailer", that any cannabis facility is subject to compliance with all laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to cannabis licenses issued by the State of New Jersey and the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS, 1612 Union Valley Road has expressed interest in siting such a cannabis Class 5 Retailer facility within the Township's LMI Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has not imposed any limits on the number of cannabis Class 5 Cultivation facilities that may operate in the LMI Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Milford Township Council supports the safe and appropriate siting of a cannabis Class 5 Retailer facility within the Township's Cannabis LMI Zone as a conditional use located at 1612 Union Valley Road to the extent consistent with all applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances.

Adopted: February 16, 2022

Adopted this 16th day of February, 2022
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk