

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-28

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF 180 DAYS ON THE GRANTING OF ANY NEW PERMITS ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF MONROE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council implemented a moratorium for a period of 180 days on the granting of any new permits allowing retail dispensaries for medical marijuana on April 11, 2023, through the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2023-08; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary to provide for additional time to coordinate regulations regarding the location and operation of businesses within the City, including retail dispensaries for medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3796.29 allows municipalities to prohibit and/or limit the location of retail dispensaries for medical marijuana within the corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City Administration continue to review and make recommendations on the issue to conform to the City's goal of providing adequate regulations to ensure the public peace, health, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, an extension of a moratorium on the granting of permits within the City of Monroe will allow the City time to accomplish these goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The Monroe City Council hereby extends the moratorium established in Emergency Ordinance No. 2023-08 on permits for the establishing and/or relocation of retail dispensaries for medical marijuana to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Monroe, Ohio.

SECTION 2: The Monroe City Council seeks to limit the duration of the moratorium and to request immediate investigation and review of proposed comprehensive regulations on the establishment of retail dispensaries for medical marijuana within the 180 day period of the moratorium.

SECTION 3: That Monroe City Council hereby imposes a moratorium on permits for the establishment of retail dispensaries for medical marijuana for a period of 180 days from the effective date of this Ordinance and directs that no permits shall be issued for these facilities during the 180 day period of the moratorium.

SECTION 4: That Monroe City Council further finds that a moratorium for 180 days is reasonable and will allow a study for comprehensive regulations.

SECTION 5: This measure is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and further for the reason that Council deems it necessary to implement a moratorium at the earliest possible date to continue the review of the regulations. Therefore, this measure shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: October 24, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Clerk of Council


Mayor

"I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the city of Monroe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing (ordinance or resolution) was published as required by Section 7.16 of the Charter of the City of Monroe.

This legislation was enacted in an open meeting pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Sunshine Law, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


Clerk of Council
City of Monroe, Ohio