

CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2023-82

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM OF SIX MONTHS ON THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS ALLOWING ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS WITHIN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 "Adult Use Cannabis Control" of the Ohio Revised Code, which legalizes adult use marijuana usage, cultivation, processing, and sales in the State of Ohio, was adopted by the voters of Ohio on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code took effect December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution, "adult use cannabis operators" are given the same definition as found in Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3780.25 authorizes a municipality to limit the number of, or entirely prohibit, adult use cannabis operators; and

WHEREAS, City Council seeks time to study whether it should entirely prohibit adult use cannabis operators in the City of Franklin or, alternatively, develop and implement regulations concerning adult use cannabis operators operating in the City; and

WHEREAS, City Staff will require time to review and make recommendations on potential zoning regulations, prohibition, or limitations of adult use cannabis operators so that any necessary regulations conform to goals of the City of Franklin and help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium of six months on the issuance and processing of permits allowing adult use cannabis operators in the City of Franklin will allow Council time to accomplish the City's goals and help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Franklin, Ohio, a majority of Council Members present concurring, that:

Section 1. Council hereby imposes a moratorium of six months on the issuance and processing of permits for adult use cannabis operators in the City of Franklin. The purpose of this moratorium is to allow City Staff and City Council to study the law and the related issues and then determine whether to limit or entirely prohibit adult use cannabis operators in the City of Franklin and to prepare any necessary regulations.

Section 2. Council seeks to limit the duration of the moratorium and to instruct the City Manager and City Staff to immediately undertake a review of the law and related issues. City Staff will then make recommendations to Council as needed regarding whether to permit adult use cannabis operators in the City of Franklin, and how to regulate accordingly.

Section 3. It is found that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in this formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the Rules of Council.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

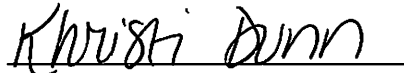
ADOPTED: December 18, 2023

ATTEST: 
Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: 
Brent Centers, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council for the Franklin City Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by that body on December 18, 2023.



Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council