

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

An Ordinance Authorizing the Operation of a Medical Cannabis Dispensing Site within the Corporate Limits of the City of Alexander City, Alabama

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Alexander City, Alabama, as follows:

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, the Governor for the State of Alabama signed Darren Wesley 'Ato' Hall Compassion Act into law (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for the medical use of marijuana for patients with a qualifying medical condition and a valid medical cannabis card; and

WHEREAS, a dispensing site may only be operated in a municipality if the municipality has passed an ordinance authorizing the operation of dispensaries within the municipality's corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes and requires the Medical Cannabis Commission to heavily regulate dispensing site operation, (See, §§20-2A-50 - 20-2A-68, Code of Alabama), thus addressing any health, safety or welfare concerns for the citizens of the City of Alexander City; and

WHEREAS, the location of a dispensing site within the corporate limits of the City of Alexander City could bring employment opportunities for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, a dispensing site would be required to purchase a business license and pay sales tax to the City, thus increasing revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDER CITY, ALABAMA, that it authorizes the operation of dispensing site within the corporate limits of the City of Alexander City subject to any applicable zoning restrictions the City of Alexander City may adopt pursuant to §20-2A-51(c)(3).

SECTION 2. If any paragraph, section, subsection, or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid in a court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, it shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance as pertains to its validity or to other applications.

SECTION 3. Any ordinance or provisions of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and rescinded insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

This ordinance will be published in compliance with Section 11-45-3, Code of Alabama 1975.

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of October, 2022.

ATTEST:

Amanda F. Thomas
Amanda F. Thomas, City Clerk

Audrey "Buffy" Colvin
Audrey "Buffy" Colvin, Council President

Curtis "Woody" Baird
Curtis "Woody" Baird, Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

The undersigned, as City Clerk of the City of Alexander City, Alabama, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of **Ordinance No. 2023-04** which was adopted by the City Council on this 17th day of October, 2022.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, as City Clerk of the City Alexander City, Alabama, under the seal thereof, this 17th day of October, 2022.



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Amanda F. Thomas
City Clerk of the
City of Alexander City, Alabama

Yeas: Tapley, Colvin, Hardy, E. Brown

Nays: None

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