

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-290**

### **AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSING SITES**

**WHEREAS**, in the 2021 Legislative Session, the State of Alabama Legislature passed Act No. 21-450 legalizing and creating a regulatory framework for medical cannabis; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Legislature made the following findings of fact:

1. "Medical research indicates that the administration of medical cannabis can successfully treat various medical conditions and alleviate the symptoms of various medical conditions."
2. "There are residents in Alabama suffering from a number of medical conditions whose symptoms could be alleviated by the administration of medical cannabis products if used in a controlled setting under supervision of a physician licensed in this state."
3. "Establishing a program providing for the administration of cannabis derivatives for medical use in this state will not only benefit patients by providing relief to pain and other debilitating symptoms, but also provide opportunities for patients with these debilitating conditions to function and have a better quality of life and provide employment and business opportunities for farmers and other residents of this state and revenue to state and local governments."

**WHEREAS**, this act requires the governing body of any municipality to authorize by ordinance the operation of the dispensing sites within the corporate limits of the municipality; and,

**WHEREAS**, a dispensary would be required to purchase a business license and pay sales tax to the City of Dothan, thus increasing revenue; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dothan wishes to authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites within the corporate limits of the City of Dothan to assure its citizens can benefit from the medical and economic benefits of medical cannabis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Dothan, Alabama, as follows:

**Section 1.** In accordance with Alabama Code § 20-2A-51, a holder of a license granted by the State of Alabama pursuant to Act 21-450 is hereby authorized to operate a medical cannabis dispensing site within the corporate limits of the City of Dothan subject to the provisions of Act 21-450 and any relevant provisions of the code of the City of Dothan.

Ord. No. 2022-290, authorizing the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites, continued.

**Section 2.** That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2022.**

ATTEST:

Wendy Shiver  
City Clerk

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Mayor

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Associate Commissioner District 1

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**BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was published in THE DOTHAN EAGLE, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Dothan, Alabama, on September 23, 2022.

Wendy Shiver  
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City Clerk