

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 29
TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSING SITES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN

WHEREAS, during the 2021 Regular Session of the Alabama legislature, Act 2021-450 was enacted and codified in Title 20, 2A, *Code of Alabama* 1975, to create within Alabama a wholly interstate system of the cultivation, processing, and distribution of medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 defines a "dispensary" as an entity licensed by the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission to dispense and sell medical cannabis at the dispensing sites to registered, qualified patients and registered caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 defines an "integrated facility" as an entity licensed to perform the functions of a cultivator, processor, secure transporter, and dispensary; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 defines a "dispensing site" as a site operated by a dispensary licensee or an integrated facility licensee; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 states that a dispensary licensee or integrated facility licensee may not operate a dispensing site within a municipality unless the governing body of that municipality has authorized, by ordinance, the operation of dispensing sites within its jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 states that a program providing for the administration of cannabis derivatives for medical use in this state will not only benefit patients by providing relief from pain and other debilitating symptoms but will also provide opportunities for patients with debilitating conditions to function and have a better quality of life and provide employment and business opportunities for farmers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the public's interest to authorize the operation of dispensing sites within the corporate limits of the City of Cullman.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Cullman City Council does hereby authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites by dispensary licensees and integrated facility licensees within the corporate limits of the City of Cullman.
2. The City Clerk or designee is hereby directed to forward a copy of this ordinance to the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission within seven calendar days its adoption.
3. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void or invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provisions which might have been invalid.
4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 22nd day of August, 2022.

ATTEST:

President of the City Council

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 22nd day of August, 2022.

Mayor