

TOWN OF COWARTS ORDINANCE NO. 2022-004

AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF COWARTS

Section A.

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 dispensary 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 dispensary operation, (See, §§20-2A-50 - 20-2A-68, Code of Alabama), thus addressing any health, safety or welfare concerns for the citizens of the **TOWN OF COWARTS**; and

WHEREAS, the location of a dispensary within the corporate limits of the **TOWN OF COWARTS** will bring the potential of hundreds of new employment opportunities for the citizens of the **TOWN OF COWARTS**; and

WHEREAS, a dispensary would be required to purchase a business license and pay sales tax to the **TOWN OF COWARTS**, thus increasing revenue,

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

SECTION B.

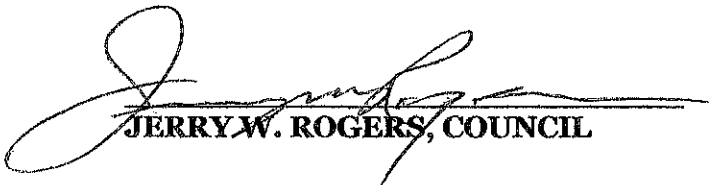
This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after it is posted as required by Alabama Code 11-45-8.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 12th day of September 2022.

ATTEST:

Wendy Smith
Wendy Smith, Town Clerk


Randy Roland, Mayor


JERRY W. ROGERS, COUNCIL

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