

**ORDINANCE NO: 019-2022**  
**AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS**  
**DISPENSARY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF**  
**GOOD HOPE**

**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 regulates 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 City of Good Hope; and

**WHEREAS**, the location of a dispensary within the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope will bring the potential of new employment opportunities for the citizens of the City of Good Hope; and

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

**SEVERABILITY :** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable so that if any provision hereof is declared unconstitutional, void, or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions hereof shall not be affected by such declaration and shall remain in full force and effect as though the unconstitutional, void or invalid provision had not been included in the Ordinance as originally adopted.

**CONFLICTS WITH STATE STATUES:** This Ordinance shall be deemed cumulative with and supplemental to any and all statutes of the State of Alabama regarding the subject matter hereof and to be subordinate to same and in no manner intended to supersede any such statutes of the State of Alabama. Any provision hereof in conflict with any provision of any State statute shall be construed so as to be in harmony with the same where possible and otherwise to be subordinate to and superseded by the provisions of such State statute.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately in the entire City of Good Hope upon certification by the City Clerk, that it is legal to allow medical cannabis dispensary in the City of Good Hope, has been authorized pursuant to provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama.

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Jerry Bartlett  
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie Chamblee  
Christie Chamblee, City Clerk

