

**ORDINANCE NO. 63-2021**

**AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY  
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY**

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 Montgomery; and

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

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

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

ADOPTED this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

  
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STEVEN L. REED, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BRENDA GALE BLALOCK, CITY CLERK