

ORDINANCE NO. O-37-22

**AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS
DISPENSARY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF
THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA**

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 qualifying medical conditions and a valid medical cannabis card; and

WHEREAS, a dispensary may only be operated in a municipality if the municipality has passed a resolution 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 City of Gadsden; and

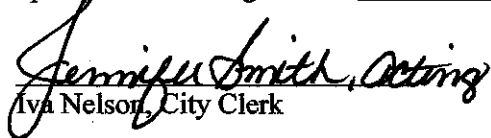
WHEREAS, the location of a dispensary within the corporate limits of the City of Gadsden will bring the potential of new employment opportunities for the citizens of the City of Gadsden; and

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

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. The Gadsden City Council does hereby authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites, cultivators, processors, secure transporters, or integrated facilities licenses within the corporate limits of the City of Gadsden.
2. The City Clerk or designee is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

I certify that the City Council of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, duly adopted this Ordinance at an open public meeting held on October 11, 2022.


Iva Nelson, City Clerk

APPROVED on October 11, 2022


Sherman Guyton, Mayor