

ORDINANCE NO. 2158

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS
DISPENSING SITES**

WHEREAS, in 2021 legislative session the Alabama legislature passed Act No. 21-450 legalizing and creating a regulatory framework for medical cannabis and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama legislature made a number of findings of fact including:

"Medical research indicates that the administration of medical cannabis can successfully treat various medical conditions and alleviate the symptoms of various medical conditions."

"There are residents in Alabama suffering from a number of medical conditions whose symptoms could be alleviated by the administration of medical cannabis products if used in a controlled setting under supervision of a physician licensed in this state."

"Establishing a program providing for the administration of cannabis derivatives for medical use in this state will not only benefit patients by providing relief to pain and other debilitating symptoms, but also provide opportunities for patients with these debilitating conditions to function and have a better quality of life and provide employment and business opportunities for farmers and other residents of this state and revenue to state and local governments,"; and

WHEREAS, this act requires the governing body of any municipality by ordinance to authorize the operation of the dispensing sites within the corporate limits of the municipality; and

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


WHEREAS, the City of Northport wishes to authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites within the corporate limits of the City of Northport to assure its citizens can benefit from the medical and economic benefits of medical cannabis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHPORT, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That, in accordance with Alabama Code § 20-2A-51 a holder of a license granted by the State of Alabama pursuant to Act 21-450 is hereby authorized to operate a medical cannabis dispensing site within the corporate limits of the City of Northport subject to the provisions of Act 21-450 and any relevant provisions of the code of the City of Northport.

ORDAINED THIS THE 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.


CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHPORT

BY: 
Jeff Hogg, Its President

ATTEST:




Glenda D. Webb
City Administrator

Approved this the 24th day of October 2022. 

Bobby Herndon, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance was published on November 09, 2022 in the Northport Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Northport.



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator

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