ORDINANCE	NO.	-22

AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY WITHIN THE CORRPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATTALLA, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, the Governor of 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

WHERAS, the Act authorizes and requires the Medical Cannabis Commission to heavily regulate dispensary operation, (See Section 20-20A-50 – Section 20-2A-68, <u>Code of Alabama</u>), thus addressing any health, safety or welfare concerns for citizens of the City of Attalla, and

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

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

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

- 1. The City of Attalla Council does hereby authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites, cultivators, processor, secure transporters, or integrated facilities licenses within the limits of the City of Attalla.
- 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 as publication as required by the law.

I certify that the City Council of the City of Attalla, Alabama, duly adopted this Ordinance at an open public meeting held on the 19th Day of October, 2022.

Mandy Cash, City Clerk