



Mayor Brandon Van Hook

ORDINANCE 2022-54

**AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEMMES, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed the 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, the Alabama Legislature made the following findings of fact:

1. "Medical research indicates that the administration of medical cannabis can successfully treat various medical conditions and alleviate the symptoms of various medical conditions."
2. "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."
3. "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."

WHEREAS, a dispensary may only be operated in a city upon the approval of a ordinance authorizing the operation of dispensaries within the city'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 Semmes; and

WHEREAS, the location of dispensaries within the corporate limits of Semmes will bring the potential of hundreds of new employment opportunities for Semmes' citizens; and

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

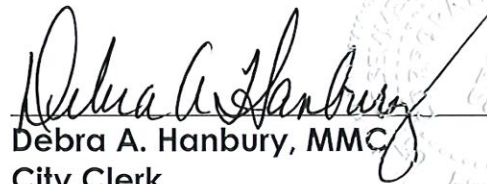
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMMES, ALABAMA that it authorizes the operation of dispensing sites within its corporate limits subject to any applicable zoning restrictions the Council may adopt pursuant to § 20-2A-51(c)(3).

Adopted and approved this 1st day of November 2022.

ATTEST:



Brandon Van Hook – Mayor



Debra A. Hanbury, MMC
City Clerk





City of Semmes, Alabama, Certificate of Publication.

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