

**ORDINANCE NO. 610-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA**

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 2021, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed the Darren Wesley “Ato” Hall Compassion Act into law, codified as *Alabama Code* (1975) § 20-2A-1, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Darren Wesley “Alto” Hall Compassion Act legalizes the medical use of marijuana for patients with a qualifying medical condition and a valid medical cannabis card; and

**WHEREAS**, a medical marijuana dispensary may only be operated in a city which authorizes and approves the operation of dispensaries within the city’s corporate limits; and

**WHEREAS**, medical marijuana dispensary operation is and will be heavily regulated by the Medical Cannabis Commission to ensure safe and legal operation of dispensaries.

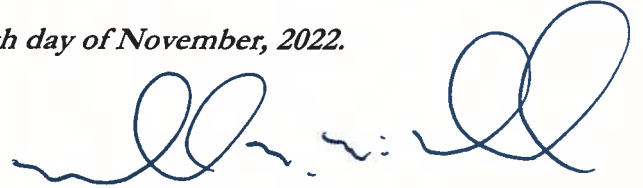
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of Spanish Fort hereby authorizes the operation of medical marijuana/cannabis dispensing sites within the City of Spanish Fort, subject to any applicable zoning restrictions which may be adopted by the City Council, pursuant to § 20-2A-51(c)(3), including, but not limited to the amendment of Section 6.4, the Table of Permitted Uses, as contained in Ordinance No. 51-96, as amended, to designate the zoning districts and conditions where such use will be allowed.

**SECTION 2.** Resolution No. 1272-2022 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

***ADOPTED and APPROVED this 7th day of November, 2022.***



Michael M. McMillan  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca A. Gaines  
City Clerk