ORDINANCE 2022-5

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CENTER POINT, ALABAMA TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMIT OF THE CITY OF CENTER POINT PURSUANT TO ALA. CODE, 1975, §20-2A-51

WHEREAS, during the 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 selling 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 Midfield, thus increasing revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Center Point wishes to authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites within the corporate limits of the City of Center Point 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 CENTER POINT that, in accordance with Alabama Code § 20-2A-5 l 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 Center Point subject to the provisions of Act 21-450 and any relevant provisions of the code of the City of Center Point

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any business license or sales tax revenue generated by medical cannabis dispensaries authorized by this ordinance shall be deposited to the general fund of the city. This ordinance shall become effective immediately when published as required by law.

Approved this 15th day Of December, 2022.

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