

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 1150**

**AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY  
WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD**

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, the Governor for 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 a qualifying medical condition and a valid medical cannabis card; and

WHEREAS, a dispensary may only be operated in a municipality if the municipality has passed an ordinance authorizing the operation of dispensaries within the municipality's city limits; and

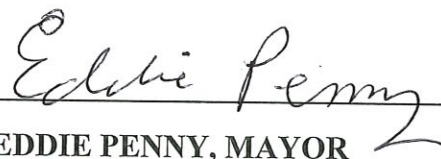
WHEREAS, the Act authorizes and requires the Medical Cannabis Commission to heavily regulate dispensary operation, (See, §§ 20-2A-50 – 20-2A-68, Code of Alabama), this addressing any health, safety or welfare concerns for the citizens of the City of Fairfield; and

WHEREAS, the location of a dispensary within the city limits of the City of Fairfield will bring the potential of hundreds of new employment opportunities for the citizens of the City of Fairfield; and


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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD, ALABAMA, that authorizes the operation of dispensing sites within the city limits of the City of Fairfield subject to any applicable zoning restrictions the City of Fairfield may adopt pursuant to §20-2A-51(c)(3).

ADOPTED this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022

  
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EDDIE PENNY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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MARY ROBerson, CITY MANAGER/CLERK