

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

Ordinance No.: 2022 – 21

To Authorize the Operation of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries and Businesses Within the
Corporate Limits of the City of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, has been presented with information concerning the proposed operation of a medical cannabis dispensary and other medical cannabis concerns, including processors, within the corporate limits of the City of Jasper, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Alabama has, on May 17, 2021, signed into law the Darren Wesley “Ato” Hall Compassion Act (“the Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for the medical use of cannabis products for patients with a qualifying medical condition and a valid medical cannabis card; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides regulations for the operation of medical cannabis dispensaries, processors, transporters, growers, and integrated facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes and requires the Medical Cannabis Commission to heavily regulate all medical cannabis operations, thus providing a method for addressing all health, safety and welfare concerns which may be raised by the citizens of the City of Jasper, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for the operation of a medical cannabis dispensary only in a municipality which has passed an ordinance authorizing the operation of dispensaries within the corporate limits of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the location of a medical cannabis facility would bring the potential for new employment opportunities to the City of Jasper, as well as additional municipal revenues in the form of business license fees and potential new sales tax revenue;

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. The operation of medical cannabis dispensaries and other medical cannabis facilities is authorized within the corporate limits of the City of Jasper, Alabama.

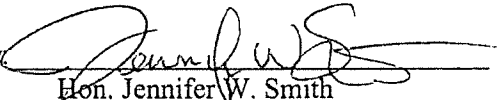
Section 2. The City of Jasper, Alabama, will upon proper application determine whether to issue a business license to a medical cannabis facility, and the operation of any such facility shall be subject to the City of Jasper Zoning Ordinance and other applicable regulations duly adopted by the City of Jasper, Alabama.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, such that if any portion of the Ordinance is ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said Ordinance shall be unaffected thereby.


Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval in the manner required by the laws of the State of Alabama.

Adopted and approved this the 20th day of December, 2022.

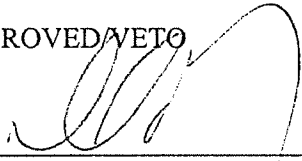
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JASPER, ALABAMA

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