

**ORDINANCE 2022-02**

**AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MALVERN**

**WHEREAS**, in 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 setting 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 Town of Malvern, thus increasing revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Malvern wishes to authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites within the corporate limits of the Town of Malvern to assure its citizens can benefit from the medical and economic benefits of medical cannabis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MALVERN, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That, in accordance with Alabama Code § 20-2A-51 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 Town of Malvern subject to the provisions of Act 21-450 and any relevant provisions of the code of the Town of Malvern may adopt pursuant to §20-2A-51(c)(3).

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

  
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Tom Vickers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Louise Couture, Municipal Clerk

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