

ORDINANCE NO. 24-04

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF Russell

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly adopted House Bill 829, signed into law by the Governor on April 17, 2024 amending KRS Chp. 218B, the Kentucky Medical Cannabis chapter; and

WHEREAS, KRS §§218B.090 and 218B.130 authorize local governments to prohibit cannabis business operations within their territory through the passage of an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the County of Russell's residents and members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in the County of Russell to prohibit all cannabis business within the boundaries of the County of Russell; and

WHEREAS, the County of Russell wishes to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS §§218B.090 and 218B.130 to prohibit cannabis business operations with the County of Russell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the fiscal court of county of Russell, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1

Definitions

The definitions within KRS §218B.010 are hereby adopted as if set out herein and as relevant to this ordinance.

Section 2

Cannabis Businesses Prohibited

All cannabis businesses are hereby prohibited from operating within Russell County limits.

Section 3

Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment and publication by the County of Russell.

Randy Mason
County Judge/Executive

First reading was held on the 30th day of May, 2024

Second reading, with passage by a vote of 5 to 0, was held on the 10th day of June, 2024

Kim Blanchet
Fiscal Court Clerk
