THE CITY OF

BARDSTOWN

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



RESOLUTION R2024-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY DIRECTING THE QUESTION OF PROHIBITING CANNABIS BUSINESSES FROM OPERATING WITHIN ITS TERRITORY BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION.

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 47 which establishes the licensing and regulation of the cultivation, processing, sale, distribution, and use of marijuana and related activities for medicinal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to issue licenses to the following businesses:

- 1. Tier I cannabis cultivator;
- 2. Tier II cannabis cultivator;
- 3. Tier III cannabis cultivator;
- 4. Tier IV cannabis cultivator;
- 5. Cannabis dispensary;
- 6. Cannabis processor;
- 7. Cannabis producer; or
- 8. Cannabis safety compliance facility; and

WHEREAS, due to the present uncertainties regarding the potential future impacts that allowing one or more classes of cannabis business might have on Kentucky municipalities in general, and on the City of Bardstown in particular, it is necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Bardstown's residents and members of the public who visit, travel or conduct business in the City of Bardstown to allow the voters of the City of Bardstown to determine whether the city should allow cannabis businesses by way of referendum vote.

WHEREAS, the City of Bardstown utilizes its authority under KRS 218B.130(2)(c) by directing that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within the City of Bardstown be submitted to the voters at the next regular election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, that the City of Bardstown hereby directs this Resolution to the county clerk and further directs the county clerk to place before the voters of the City of Bardstown at the next regular election the question, which shall be "Are you in favor of the sale of medicinal cannabis at a licensed dispensary and the operation of other cannabis businesses in the City of Bardstown? Yes...No...".

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary Little

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2024