

ORDINANCE NO. 121724

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF MIDDLESBORO

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly passed 2024 House Bill 829, signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear on April 17, 2024, that amends KRS Chapter 218B, which codifies the statutes governing the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program;

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

WHEREAS, the City of Middlesboro wishes to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS 218B.090 and 218B.130 to prohibit cannabis business operations within City of Middlesboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by City of Middlesboro: **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 City of Middlesboro limits.

Section 3

Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment and publication by the 12/26/2024.