CITY OF PARIS ORDINANCE 2024-24

AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING MEDICAL CANNABIS AND NEW KENTUCKY LAW

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has adopted KRS Chapter 218B providing for the legalization of the use of medical cannabis and the operation of medical cannabis facilities in the Commonwealth pursuant to the terms and conditions of state law,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris desires to codify the intent of the City to permit those entities operating and licensed in accordance with KRS Chapter 218B and other federal and Kentucky law to operate within the City of Paris pursuant to KRS 218B.130.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PARIS CITY COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION SHALL BE ADDED TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.

- (1) Pursuant to KRS 218B.130, the City of Paris elects to adopt ordinances relating to the time, place, and manner of cannabis business operations.
- (2) The definition of the term "cannabis business," unless the context otherwise requires, means "an entity licensed under this chapter as a cultivator, dispensary, processor, producer, or safety compliance facility" or any definition provided by KRS 218B.130 as may be amended. The definition of any other term in this Code of Ordinances relating to cannabis business operations, unless the context otherwise requires, shall be construed as consistent with incorporated from those definitions applicable to KRS 218B.010, as may be amended.
- (3) Nothing in this Code of Ordinance should be construed as less restrictive than KRS Chapter 218B or any administrative regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (4) Nothing in this Code of Ordinances should be construed to impose an undue burden or make cannabis business operations unreasonable or impractical except as the ordinances may be generally applicable within the City.

Section 2.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION SHALL BE ADDED TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.

The City adopts KRS 218B.095(1) and no cannabis business shall be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of an existing elementary or secondary school or a daycare center.

Section 3.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION SHALL BE ADDED TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.

A local fee is assessed to every cannabis business within the City to compensate for any additional costs caused by the operation of cannabis businesses. This fee shall be calculated and assessed annually and shall not exceed the additional costs caused by the operation of cannabis businesses.

Section 4.

The Board of Commissioners intends for cannabis business operations including but not limited to cultivators, processors, producers, dispensaries, and safety compliance facilities, to be located in the most appropriate respective zoning classification under the City's zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission shall review the current permitted and conditional use classifications of the City's zoning ordinance to determine if any text amendment is recommended.

The foregoing ordinance shall take effect immediately upon execution and publication.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and read for the first time as the City Commission's regular meeting of August 13, 2024. Read for the second time, adopted and approved at its regular meeting of August 27, 2024.

Mayor John A. Plummer

ATTEST:

City Clerk