

CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ALLOWANCE OF CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS

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, KRS 218B.130 also authorizes the legislative body of a city located within a county, consolidated local government, charter county government, or unified local government that has prohibited all cannabis business operations to approve cannabis business operations within the city through the passage of an ordinance;

WHEREAS, the City of Russell Springs wishes to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS 218B.130 to allow cannabis business operations within the city limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, 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 Allowed

All cannabis businesses are hereby allowed to operate within the city limits of Russell Springs, subject to compliance with all applicable state and local regulations.

Section 3. Zoning and Location Requirements

Cannabis businesses may only operate in areas zoned for commercial use and must be located at least 500 feet from any school, or daycare center.

Section 4. Licensing and Permits

All cannabis businesses must obtain the necessary licenses and permits from the Kentucky Department of Cannabis Regulation and the City of Russell Springs prior to commencing operations.

Section 5. Operating Standards

Cannabis businesses must adhere to the following operating standards:

- No consumption of cannabis products on the premises.
- Secure storage and handling of all cannabis products.

- Compliance with all health and safety regulations.

Section 6. Inspections and Enforcement

The City of Russell Springs reserves the right to conduct inspections of cannabis businesses to ensure compliance with this ordinance and all applicable laws. Any violations may result in fines, suspension, or revocation of licenses and permits.

Section 7. Effective Date

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

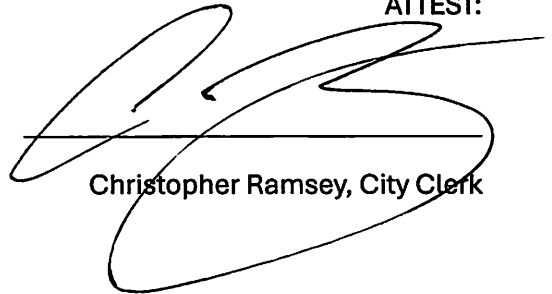
PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of July 2024.

Signed:



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk

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