

TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ORDINANCE NO. 9-3-2023

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
AMENDING CHAPTER 160-75 SIGN REGULATIONS
RELATED TO CANNABIS BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2020, New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, amending the New Jersey Constitution to permit the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis" subject to regulated recreational and personal use by adults 21 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" (the "Act"), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2021 the Township adopted Ordinance No. 31-8-2021 which included an amendment to Code 160-75.M by adding paragraph "(8)" to provide sign regulations for certain cannabis business; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended the code should be amended to further clarify certain limits on the manner of signage permitted for cannabis related businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Township Council of the Township of Evesham, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the following sections of the Township Code should be amended as follows:

SECTION I. Ordinance 160-75M(8) is repealed and replaced with new section (8) as follows:

(8) For cannabis related businesses, signage may contain the name of the entity only and no signage reflecting a cannabis leaf or leaves or other symbol will be permitted. The word "cannabis" may be used, but not "marijuana", "pot" or any other common terms for cannabis; the word "dispensary" may not be used. No advertising signs shall be permitted. No display of pricing shall be permitted.

SECTION II. Ordinance 160-75N. Signs permitted in the IP District is supplemented by adding new section "(4) as follows:

(4) For cannabis related businesses, signage may contain the name of the entity only and no signage reflecting a cannabis leaf or leaves or other symbol will be permitted. The word "cannabis" may be used, but not "marijuana", "pot" or any other common terms for cannabis; the word "dispensary" may not be used. No advertising signs shall be permitted. No display of pricing shall be permitted.

SECTION III. Ordinance 160-75E. Prohibited Signs is supplemented by adding new section "(16) as follows:

(16) For cannabis related businesses, signage may contain the name of the entity only and no signage reflecting a cannabis leaf or leaves or other symbol will be permitted. The word "cannabis" may be used, but not "marijuana", "pot" or any other common terms for cannabis; the word "dispensary" may not be used. No advertising signs shall be permitted. No display of pricing shall be permitted.

SECTION IV. REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION V. INVALIDITY

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its proper publication after final passage as required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE - <i>Upon Introduction</i>						
COUNCIL MEMBER	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
COOPER						
ESPINOZA						
FREEMAN						
HANSEN						
MAYOR VEASY						

ROLL CALL VOTE - <i>Upon Adoption</i>						
COUNCIL MEMBER	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
COOPER						
ESPINOZA						
FREEMAN						
HANSEN						
MAYOR VEASY						

Adopted on second and final reading on

Mayor Veasy

ATTEST

Mary Lou Bergh Township Clerk