

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 –18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A NONBINDING REFERENDUM TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE BOROUGH SHOULD ISSUE RETAIL LICENSES TO BUSINESSES FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF CANNABIS ITEMS FOR ADULT RECREATIONAL USE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South River is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:13-1 to submit a question or policy concerning municipal government to the voters in the municipality at a general election to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters on the question or policy; and

WHEREAS, the results of the election are non-binding on the Borough but may be followed by the governing body in its discretion; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River have determined that it would be in the public interest to place a non-binding referendum question on the November 7, 2023 general election ballot for the purpose of determining the sentiment of the majority of legal voters in the Borough of South River concerning the Borough offering retail licenses to businesses authorizing the retail sale of cannabis items for adult recreational use within the Borough.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Clerk of the County of Middlesex is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 7, 2023 general election the following question:

Shall new cannabis related license for businesses involved in the retail sale of adult recreational use cannabis items be issued in the Borough of South River?

SECTION 2. The Clerk of the County of Middlesex is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 7, 2023 general election the following Interpretative Statement:

A “yes” vote for this proposal means that you want the Borough of South River to issue licenses for businesses to engage in the retail sale of cannabis items for adult recreational use within the Borough of South River.

A “no” vote for this proposal means that you do not want the Borough of South River to issue licenses for businesses to engage in the retail sale of cannabis items for adult recreational use within the Borough of South River.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Clerk of the Middlesex County.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on March 20, 2023, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 10th day of April 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

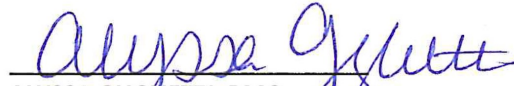
Introduced 3-20-23

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>	X		X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>						X


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 BOROUGH CLERK

Adopted 4-10-23

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		✓	✓			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i>	✓		✓			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			✓			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			✓			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>						✓
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			✓			


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SIGNED BY:


 JOHN M. KRENZEL

ATTESTED BY:


 ALYSSA GUGLIETTI, RMC