

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

ORDINANCE #22-11

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 330-160 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES” TO PROHIBIT FARMLAND ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTIES WHERE LEGAL CANNABIS IS CULTIVATED.

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, the Township Council of the Township of Vernon (“Township Council”) passed ordinance No. 21-16 which authorized cannabis cultivation, cannabis delivery, cannabis manufacturing, cannabis wholesaling, and cannabis distribution in the Township of Vernon (“Township”)

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2021, the Township Council passed ordinance No. 21-25 to permit retail sales of legalized cannabis.

~~**WHEREAS**, upon further review, a determination has been made that there is a need to update the Township’s legal cannabis regulations to comply with current requirements prohibiting farmland assessments on property where legal cannabis is cultivated.~~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1

§ 330-160 “Schedule of Permitted, Conditional and Accessory Uses and Structures” and “SCHEDULE A Permitted, Conditional and Accessory Uses and Structures” shall be amended and revised as follows:

No more than three of each of the following uses shall be permitted in the Light Industrial Zone: Cannabis Cultivator, Cannabis Delivery, Cannabis Manufacturer, Cannabis Wholesaler, and Cannabis Distributor. Additionally, no more than three Cannabis Cultivators shall be permitted in the McAfee Village Mixed Use Zone, on R-2 Zone properties with a minimum of 6 acres located west of County Road 517, and on R-1 Zone properties with a minimum of 6 acres located on the northbound side of County Road 517.

SECTION 2

Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity of constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

SECTION 3


Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Meeting of the Township Council held on June 13, 2022 and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Township Council held on June 27, 2022 at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard. The above ordinance will be in full force and effect in the Township of Vernon according to law.


Marcy Gianattasio, Clerk


Howard Burrell, Mayor

Township of Vernon

INTRODUCED: June 13, 2022

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.			X			
Furrey, M.	X		X			
Lynch, B.			X			
Shortway, H.		X	X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			

ADOPTED: June 27, 2022

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Buccieri, N.				X		
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