

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 34.5 AND CHAPTER 25, SECTION 24.2 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

(LICENSED CANNABIS ENTITIES)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapters 5 and 25 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to update the provision of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange governing: (i) the application fee for a Local License to operate a Licensed Cannabis Entity within the Township of West Orange to authorize the amount of such fee to be established by resolution of the Township Council; and (ii) the zoning conditions for Licensed Cannabis Entities within the Township of West Orange to add a condition that any such Licensed Cannabis Entity shall not be located within 100 feet from any school building owned and operated by the West Orange Board of Education.

II. CHAPTER 5, SECTION 34.5 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING:

5-34.5 Application for Local License and Local License Fee.

- a. Applications for licensing pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the Office of the Township Clerk under oath on a form furnished by the Township. Upon the filing of the application, the Applicant shall pay to the Township an application fee in an amount to be established by resolution of the Township Council. The Office of the Township Clerk shall then transmit the application to the Office of Police Chief for the West Orange Police Department or the Chief's designee for review of the application. The Office of the Township Clerk shall also provide a copy of the application to the: (i) Board of Education; (ii) the Township Zoning Officer; (iii) the Health Department; and the (iv) Township Fire Chief, except for the transmission of the requirements set forth in subsection (b)(4)(a) of this provision. These departments shall review the application and forward their comments to the Police Chief for the West Orange Police Department or the Chief's designee no later than fourteen (14) days from transmission of the application.
- b. The application shall require submission of the following information:
 1. The name and home address of the Applicant. If the Applicant is not a natural person, the Applicant shall submit a statement setting forth the names and home addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partnership who own 10% or more of its stock, of any class or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a

- 10% or greater interest therein, as the case may be. If one or more such stockholder or partner is itself a corporation or partnership, the stockholders holding 10% or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10% or greater interest in that partnership, as the case may be, shall also be listed with its home address. The disclosure shall be continued until names and home addresses of every noncorporate stockholder, and individual partner, exceeding the 10% ownership criteria has been listed.
2. The name of any other business entities in which any of the individuals identified pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of this provision have or have had an ownership interest which: (i) cultivates, manufactures, wholesales or dispenses cannabis or cannabis products; (ii) invests or finances in any such entity; or (iii) is regulated by any governmental entity.
 3. A copy of the license issued by the Commission authorizing the Applicant to operate as a Licensed Cannabis Entity with a copy of all application materials and documents submitted to the Commission for a license.
 4. Plans prepared by a duly licensed architect, engineer, or planner which shall depict the layout and design for the proposed location of the Licensed Cannabis Entity within the Township.
 - (a). The required plans shall depict the proposed security measures for the location in order for the West Orange Police Department to evaluate the sufficiency of the security measures as required under this section. The plans shall be deemed confidential and shall only be transmitted to the Police Chief for the West Orange Police Department or the Chief's designee.
 - (b). The Applicant shall also provide either a lease agreement or agreement of sale for the property where the Applicant intends to operate the Licensed Cannabis Entity. The lease agreement or agreement of sale may be contingent upon the Applicant's ability to successfully: (i) obtain a Local License; and (ii) if applicable, obtain approval from the West Orange Planning Board or the West Orange Zoning Board of Adjustment.
 5. Acknowledgment and agreement authorizing the West Orange Police Department to perform background checks and/or investigations regarding any individuals disclosed pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of this provision and any employees of the Applicant.
 6. If the Applicant is applying for a Local License as a Targeted Microbusiness, a copy of any and all documents issued by the Commission declaring the Applicant as microbusiness under the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act with a copy of all application materials and documents submitted to the Commission for such a declaration.
- c. The Police Chief for the West Orange Police Department or the Chief's designee shall review the application, review the comments from the departments provided pursuant to subsection (a) of this provision, and prepare a memorandum addressed to the Township Council: (i) analyzing the Applicant's ability to comply with all of the Township's

requirements for a Licensed Cannabis Entity, including the required security measures; (ii) assessing the benefits compared to the potential harm of the Applicant's proposed operation of a Licensed Cannabis Entity; and (iii) recommending whether to grant or deny the application for a Local License. The Police Chief or the Chief's designee shall transmit the memorandum to the Office of the Township Clerk.

- d. Within sixty (60) days from the transmission of the memorandum to the Office of the Township Clerk, the Township Council shall adopt a resolution either granting the application or denying the application. The Township Council's failure to adopt a resolution within the sixty (60) day period shall be deemed a denial of the application.

III. CHAPTER 25, SECTION 24.2 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING:

25-24.2 Conditional Uses.

- b. Specific Requirements. Subject to the stipulations, guiding principles and conditions contained in this section, the Planning Board shall have the power to grant conditional uses authorized by the Table of District Regulations, in specified districts, as follows:

2. Business and Industrial Districts.

(o) Licensed Cannabis Entities. Licensed Cannabis Retailers and Licensed Medical Cannabis Dispensaries shall be permitted as a conditional use in the B-1, B-2, and I Districts. All other Licensed Cannabis Entities shall be permitted as a conditional use in the I Districts. These conditional uses shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Licensed Cannabis Entity shall be required to have a Local License pursuant to Chapter 5, Section 34 of the Township of West Orange Municipal Code.
- (2) No Licensed Cannabis Entity shall be located within one hundred feet (100') of any school building owned and operated by the West Orange Board of Education.
- (3) No Licensed Cannabis Entity shall be housed in a vehicle or any movable or mobile structure.
- (4) No Licensed Cannabis Entity shall be allowed to operate as a Home Occupation.
- (5) Any signage for a Licensed Cannabis Entity shall be subject to the approval from either the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- (6) A Licensed Cannabis Entity shall meet of the required security measures as set forth in Chapter 5, Section 34 of the Township of West Orange Municipal Code.

(7) Cannas Consumption Areas, as defined in the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31, et. seq., shall be prohibited from all Licensed Cannabis Entities.

IV. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

V. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ROBERT D. PARISI, MAYOR

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C., MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCED: December 14, 2021

ADOPTED: January 4, 2021

Legislative History

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