

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, following the adoption of the Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act in 2019 and passage of the 2020 ballot issue amending the New Jersey Constitution to legalize the possession, cultivation, processing and sale of retail marijuana, the State of New Jersey adopted the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act in 2021 (the “State Statute”); and

WHEREAS, the State Statute created the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (the “Commission”) and established a framework for the application and issuance of a state license for the operation of cannabis related business licensed by the State of Jersey (“Licensed Cannabis Entities”) which includes the requirement that an applicant for a state license provide proof of local support as to the suitability of the proposed location for a proposed cannabis related business; and

WHEREAS, On August 19, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)1a of the State Statute, the Commission established regulations further governing the application and issuance of a state license for Licensed Cannabis Entities (the “Commission Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1(g) of the Commission Regulations requires the applicant for a State License to include in its application “proof of local support for the suitability of a cannabis business’s proposed location indicating that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business” (“Local Support”); and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the Township Council for the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) adopted Ordinance 2647-21 (the “Cannabis Ordinance”) which establishes both the zoning requirements and the Township’s licensing requirements for Licensed Cannabis Entities which seek to operate within the Township; and

WHEREAS, SWEETES SWEETS LLC (the “Applicant”) has submitted a request for Local Support from the Township for a proposed cannabis cultivation or manufacturing business with the proposed location at **10 Park Avenue** by way of the submission of an application to the Township (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has evaluated to Application and has determined to adopt this resolution declaring Local Support consistent with the Commission Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Local Support as set forth in this resolution does not constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall receive any required approvals from any of the Township’s land use boards, but shall be required to proceed with any such application and approval process as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Local Support as set forth in this resolution does not constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall be issued a license by the Township to operate a cannabis related business, but shall be required to apply for such a license with the Township as set forth in the Cannabis Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Local Support as set forth in this resolution does not constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall receive any approvals as needed from any department of the Township, but shall be required to apply for such approvals consistent with all applicable laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, that the Township declares its Local Support for the proposed location of the Applicant’s proposed cannabis cultivation or manufacturing business; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Local Support as declared in this Resolution does **NOT:** (1) constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall receive any required approvals from

any of the Township's land use boards, but the Applicant shall be required to proceed with any such application and approval process as needed; (2) constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall be issued a license by the Township to operate a cannabis related business, but the Applicant shall be required to apply for such a license with the Township as set forth in the Cannabis Ordinance; and (3) constitute a declaration or promise that the Applicant shall receive any approvals as needed from any department of the Township, but the Applicant shall be required to apply for such approvals consistent with all applicable laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's office in accordance with applicable law and shall be forwarded to the Applicant for inclusion in its application to the Commission.

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Bill Rutherford, Council President

Adopted: December 10, 2024