RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, the Township of West Orange adopted Resolution 310-24, granting Dogwood Green Inc. ("Dogwood Green") a local license to operate a Cannabis Retail Business as a Local Cannabis Entity, at Block 10, Lot 1.01, commonly known as 5 Central Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey (the "Location"); and

WHEREAS, the local license granted to Dogwood Green was for a term of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green submitted a renewal application for its local license to the Office of the Township Clerk seeking an additional one (1) year license to operate a cannabis retail business within the Township for calendar year 2025, which was approved; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green began its latest one (1) year renewal term on November 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green's renewal application was required to be submitted sixty (60) days before expiration of its license in accordance with the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, Section 5-34.6; and

WHEREAS, provided that a Local Cannabis Entity requests an extension no later than thirty (30) days before the expiration of its license, the Township is permitted to grant a thirty (30) day extension for submission of a renewal application; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green submitted its renewal application on October 27, 2026 and requested an extension for the same to be heard on October 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green acknowledges that its renewal application and its request for an extension were each submitted after the applicable deadlines; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green has requested that the Township consider its extension request *nunc pro tunc*, treating the request as though it had been submitted thirty (30) days before the expiration of its current license; and

WHEREAS, the current General Revised Ordinances of the Township of West Orange do not provide a mechanism for reinstating a license when a renewal application or extension request was not timely submitted; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act grants the Township broad discretion over the licensing of local cannabis entities; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green asserts that, as a local business employing local residents, it would be adversely affected if its renewal application were not heard; and

WHEREAS, despite Dogwood Green's late extension request, the Township concurs that this local business would be adversely affected if its renewal application were not heard; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green has advised that its pending renewal application is unchanged from its renewal application for 2025; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Matthew Fuela recommended renewal of Dogwood Green's license in his November 2, 2026 memorandum to the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Director of Health and Welfare, and Director of Planning and Development were all provided an opportunity to comment on Dogwood Green's renewal application, and all responded with no comments which would prevent the approval of the renewal application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that, in the best interests of the Township and its inhabitants, Dogwood Green is granted a thirty (30) day extension, *nunc pro tunc*, so that its application shall be deemed to have been filed in a timely fashion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body will either grant or deny the renewal application at its November 24, 2026 Council meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's Office for reasonable inspection in accordance with applicable law.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Susan Scarpa
Council President

Adopted: November 10, 2026