

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-92

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OR PROCESSING OF PERMITS FOR ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, USE OR CHANGE OF USE THAT WOULD ENABLE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, OR RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3780.25 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Constitution, and local ordinances, City Council possesses the power to enact a moratorium, temporarily prohibiting the cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of marijuana for adult-use business purposes in any form within the City of Wooster, except as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, Council previously determined it to be in the best interests of the community health, safety, and welfare to impose a moratorium on any cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of marijuana for adult use business purposes in any form within the City of Wooster, except as required by the Act, and adopted Resolution No. 2024-47, which further provided that the moratorium would expire no later than December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Council has now determined it to be in the best interests of the community health, safety, and welfare to further extend the moratorium for a definite period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO:

SECTION 1. City Council hereby extends the moratorium on the issuance and processing of any permits for cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of adult-use marijuana as defined in Sections 3780.01 through 3780.99 of the Ohio Revised Code, beyond July 31, 2024.

SECTION 2. Council hereby directs that no permits for cultivators, processors or retail dispensaries of adult use marijuana shall be issued or processed by the City during the moratorium.

SECTION 3. The moratorium shall continue for a period beginning from December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2026, or until Council approves legislation explicitly revoking this moratorium, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 4. This Council finds and declares that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution occurred in an open meeting of this Council or its committees, in compliance with law.

SECTION 5. This Resolution is declared to be necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, safety and welfare of the City, or providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department or division; and for the further reason that prompt action is necessary to impose this moratorium in order to permit the City of Wooster to more fully study the problem and the need, if any, for the regulation thereof; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor; provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Council; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

1st reading 11-12-24 2nd reading 12-2-24 3rd reading 12-16-24

Passed: December 16, 2024

Vote: 4-3

Attest: Amy Hamilton
Clerk of Council

[Signature]
President of Council

Approved: 12/17, 2024

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Mayor

Introduced by: Barb Knapic