

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON
ADULT USE MARIJUANA CULTIVATION, PROCESSING AND DISPENSING
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SEVEN MILE, OHIO, TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD
OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution and local ordinances, the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio, Council has the inherent power to enact planning, zoning and business regulation laws that further the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of its citizens, including restricting, prohibiting and/or regulating certain business uses; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Seven Mile Council deems it necessary to ban the sale of *adult use cannabis or marijuana* as defined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780, to help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Seven Mile, County of Butler, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of *adult use cannabis or marijuana* as defined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780 is hereby specifically prohibited anywhere within the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the adoption of this ordinance. Activities subject to this moratorium include, but are not limited to, the acceptance of any application for, or the grant of, building permits, zoning approvals, certificates of business occupancy or certificates of occupancy that would enable the cultivation, processing distribution or sale of *adult use cannabis or marijuana* in the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio.

Section 2. That no existing business in the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio, may expand in any way that would establish the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of *adult use cannabis or marijuana* for the duration of the moratorium period established in this ordinance.

Section 3. That upon the expiration of the twelve (12) month moratorium, Council may allow the moratorium to expire or may elect to renew the moratorium. It is the intent of the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio, to revisit the issue no later than the end of the eleventh (11th) month following the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall have not prohibit the cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of *Medical marijuana* as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3796.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members elected to Council and approval by the Mayor or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

Section 5. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6. Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, such emergency arising out of the necessity to regulate the sale of adult use cannabis or marijuana as defined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780, to help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens within the territorial limits of the Village of Seven Mile, Ohio; wherefore this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.


Signature: 

Printed Name: Melissa Mick
Village Mayor

DATE OF PASSAGE: 1/11/24

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/11/24

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signature: 
KYLE M. RAPIER
Director of Law

ATTEST: 
T. Garret Kehr
Clerk of Council