

RESOLUTION NO. 23-28

A RESOLUTION BY NEW MADISON VILLAGE COUNCIL IMPOSING A MORATORIUM OF ONE YEAR ON THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF ANY PERMITS ALLOWING RECREATIONAL ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW MADISON, OHIO.

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 “Adult Use Cannabis Control” of the Ohio Revised Code, which legalizes recreational marijuana usage, cultivation, processing, and sales in the State of Ohio, was adopted by initiative petition on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code became effective December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution, “adult use cannabis operators” are given the same definition as is found in Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3780.25 authorizes a municipality to limit the number of, or entirely prohibit, adult use cannabis operators in the Village of New Madison; and

WHEREAS, Village Council seeks time to study whether it should entirely prohibit the adult use recreational cannabis operators in the Village of New Madison or, alternatively, develop and implement regulations concerning adult use cannabis operators operating in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Village Staff will require time to review and make recommendations on zoning, prohibition and/or limitations of adult use recreational cannabis operators so that any necessary regulations conform to goals of the Village of New Madison and help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium of one year on the issuance and processing of permits allowing adult use recreational cannabis operators in the Village of New Madison will allow Council time to accomplish the Village’s goals and help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW MADISON, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I. Council hereby imposes a moratorium of one year on the issuance and processing of permits for adult use cannabis operators in the Village of New Madison. The purpose of this moratorium is so that Village Staff and Village Council may study the law and the related issues and then determine whether to limit or entirely prohibit adult recreational use cannabis operators in the Village of New Madison and to prepare any necessary, related regulations.

SECTION II. Council seeks to limit the duration of the moratorium and to instruct the Village Staff to immediately undertake a review of the law and related issues. Village Staff will then make recommendations to Council as needed regarding whether to permit adult use cannabis operators in the Village of New Madison.

SECTION III. Council hereby directs and orders that there shall be no issuance or processing of permits for adult recreational use cannabis operators by the Village of New Madison during the one-year moratorium.


SECTION IV. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage.

Passed this 19th day of December, 2023.



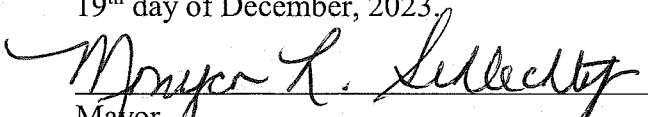
President of Council

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer

APPROVED by the Mayor this
19th day of December, 2023.



Mayor