

Township of West Milford
Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2022 – 392 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF J & J FLOWERS LLC'S CANNABIS BUSINESS

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2010, Governor Jon Corzine signed the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act, N.J.S.A. 24:61-1 et seq., which provided for the legalization of medical marijuana and creation of a program to allow persons suffering from qualifying debilitating medical conditions to obtain medical marijuana in a safe, timely and compassionate manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey in 2018 amended its regulatory scheme so as to expand the scope of citizens to whom medical marijuana may be prescribed and so as to make medical marijuana more accessible and available to many of the citizens who need it; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the Marijuana Legalization Amendment was approved by voters in New Jersey, which legalized the possession and use of cannabis for residents twenty-one years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act, which established the adult use cannabis program in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford endorses the adult use cannabis program in the State of New Jersey, as well as the medical use program, which provides needed relief to the many persons suffering from chronic and/or debilitating illnesses who may benefit from this program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford supports the safe and appropriate siting of a retail cannabis dispensary within the Township's Highway Commercial Zone, where such facilities are permitted use pursuant to Chapter 500-193, to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, J & J Flowers LLC has expressed interest in siting such a retail cannabis dispensary at 3055 Route 23 (Block 16001, Lot 3); and

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within the Township's Highway Commercial Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has not imposed any limits on the number of retail cannabis dispensary that may operate in the Highway Commercial Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Milford Township Council supports the safe and appropriate siting of a retail cannabis dispensary within the Township's Highway Commercial Zone by J & J Flowers LLC to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances.

Adopted: November 2, 2022

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 2022
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk