

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2023 – 383 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF BEYOND BLEAF 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 Community 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, Beyond Bleaf LLC has expressed an interest in siting such a retail cannabis dispensary at 753 Macopin Road, West Milford, NJ (Block 14001, Lot 10); and

WHEREAS, the proposed location is within the Township's Community 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 Community 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 Cannabis Community Commercial Zone by Beyond Bleaf LLC to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances.

Adopted: October 4, 2023

Adopted this 4th day of October, 2023
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk