

RESOLUTION

No.

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Councilman /woman

presents the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRENTON HALTING CONSIDERATION OF RETAIL CANNABIS APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton, by ordinance, permits cannabis retail as conditional use in various zones throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1(g) states that, by resolution, “A municipality may demonstrate proof of local support for the suitability of a cannabis business’s proposed location by indicating that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for the activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business;” and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission’s “Notice of Application Acceptance for Personal Use Cannabis Licenses” indicates that:

Applicants for annual cannabis business licenses and conditional conversions shall include proof of local support in their applications, which shall be submitted as:

1. If the municipality has a governing body, a resolution by that governing body that includes:

- a. The license applicant's legal name under which they are registered to do business in the State of New Jersey;
- b. A determination that the municipality has authorized the type of cannabis business license being sought by the license-applicant to operate within its jurisdiction; and
- c. A confirmation that if the municipality has imposed a limit on the number of licensed cannabis businesses, the issuance of a license to the license applicant by the Commission would not exceed that limit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 146-48 of the Code of the City of Trenton, the number of Class V Cannabis Retailers permitted in the City is limited to ten (10); and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, the City has issued four (4) resolutions of local support to cannabis retail applicants, and there are another six (6) cannabis retail applicants under consideration by the City Council and by the City Cannabis Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, considering that the City’s cannabis provisions only permit ten (10) cannabis retailers in the City, the City Council now desires to halt acceptance of cannabis retailer applications; and

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WHEREAS, if circumstances change in the future, and as the cannabis rules, regulations and marketplace continue to evolve, the City Council will reconsider whether to again accept cannabis retail applications; and

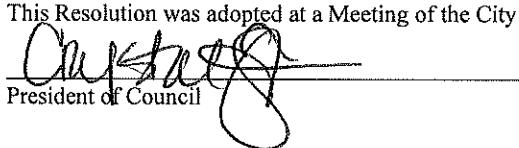
WHEREAS, this resolution does not apply to the other cannabis classes permitted in the City, including, cultivators, manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and delivery services, and the City shall continue to accept and review applications for resolutions of local support and licenses in those categories.

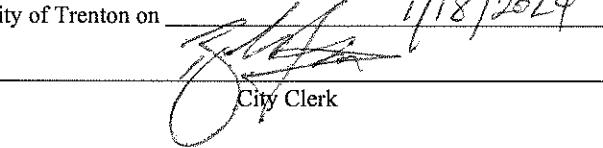
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, that until further notice, the City shall not accept any applications for cannabis retail establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, that the City Cannabis Advisory Committee and City Council shall consider the applications for cannabis retailers that have been submitted to date, but the City shall not accept any new applications going forward, until further notice.

MOTION: <i>Frisby</i>						SECOND: <i>Williams</i>								
	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
EDWARDS	✓				GONZALEZ	✓				FELICIANO	✓			
FIGUEROA KETTENBURG	✓				HARRISON	✓								
FRISBY	✓				WILLIAMS	✓								

This Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on 1/18/2024


President of Council


City Clerk