

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION OR SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 28-2017, passed May 16, 2017, this Council created a moratorium on applications for and the granting of zoning certificates for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of medical marijuana for a period of six months; and

WHEREAS, draft zoning regulations have been prepared and introduced by Council governing the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of medical marijuana which must proceed through the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council public hearing processes for final adoption; and

WHEREAS, the original six month moratorium on applications for and the granting of zoning certificates for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of medical marijuana needs to be extended, for an additional period of six (6) months, to accommodate the public hearing process and the Village's consideration of the referenced draft medical marijuana regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The moratorium created by Ordinance No. 28-2017 of this Council is hereby extended for a period of six (6) months from November 17, 2017 through May 16, 2018 or to such time as a permanent ordinance is enacted and takes effect which regulates the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of medical marijuana, whichever date occurs first.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

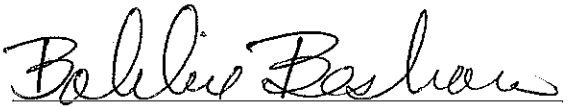
SECTION 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason to immediately extend the moratorium to accommodate the public hearing processes on draft regulations governing the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of medical marijuana; wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor;

otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11-2-17



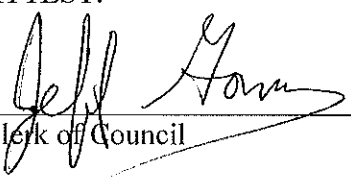
President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 11/2/17

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council