

**A RESOLUTION TO REPLACE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12, LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, AND RETAIL SALE OF ADULT USE CANNABIS WITHIN SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, OHIO AND IMPOSING REGULATIONS ON SUCH USE**

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2023, Ohioans voted to approve Issue 2, legalizing adult use recreational marijuana use effective December 7, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code establishes a Division of Cannabis Control within the Department of Commerce, which shall provide for the licensure of “adult use” cannabis cultivators and processors, cannabis testing laboratories and adult use dispensaries; and

**WHEREAS**, for purposes of this Resolution, the definition of “cultivators,” “processors,” and “adult use dispensaries” shall be accorded the same definitions as those found in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780; and

**WHEREAS**, Sycamore Township previously imposed a moratorium on cannabis-related business in order to study whether to limit or prohibit the cultivation, processing and/or dispensing of adult use cannabis, or, alternatively, to develop and implement regulations regarding the possible location and operation of cannabis related business within Sycamore Township; and

**WHEREAS**, of the electors who cast ballots in Sycamore Township voted over 60% in favor of Issue 2; and

**WHEREAS**, having completed its study Sycamore Township now desires to lift the moratorium on cannabis-related businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sycamore Township Board of Trustees recognizes the need for regulations concerning cannabis-related businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1:** The previously established moratorium on cannabis- related businesses, as set forth in Resolution 2023-12, is hereby superseded and replaced with a cap and framework on select cannabis uses in Sycamore Township as set forth in this Resolution.

**SECTION 2:** The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following regulations which shall be applicable to the entire Township:

**Uses**

1. **Cannabis Dispensaries:** A maximum of **one (1)** adult use cannabis dispensary shall be permitted within Sycamore Township, subject to all licensing requirements.
2. **Cannabis Processors:** No cannabis processors shall be permitted at this time.
3. **Cannabis Cultivators:** No cannabis cultivators shall be permitted at this time.

**Zoning:**

- 1. Operators shall be required to obtain a zoning permit in a district that permits retail or commercial sales.

**Development Agreement**

- 1. Operators must negotiate an Exclusive Development Agreement (also referred to as a Community Benefits Agreement) with the board of Trustees to outline community benefits and commitments. No cannabis dispensary may operate in the Township without a signed Development Agreement.

**Odor Management**

- 1. Operators shall be required to provide a \$10,000 bond, cash escrow, or letter of credit to manage odors and other potential issues associated with cannabis facilities.

**SECTION 3:** That this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 4:** This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, pursuant to R.C. 504.11, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Sycamore Township.

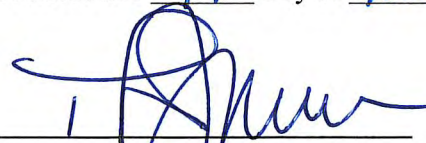
**SECTION 5:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately, or upon the earliest date as otherwise allowed by law.

**SECTION 6:** The Trustees of Sycamore Township, upon at least a majority vote, do hereby dispense with any requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorized the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.


**VOTE RECORD:**

Ms. Schwegmann Aye Mr. Weidman Aye Mr. Kellums Aye

PASSED at the meeting of the Board of Trustees this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2024.

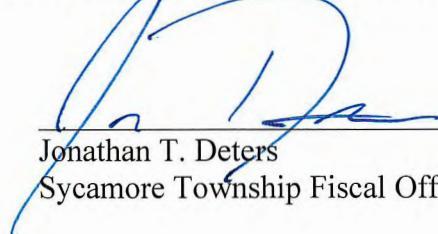
  
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Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman

  
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Tracy Schwegmann, Vice-Chairman

  
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Tracy Kellums, Trustee

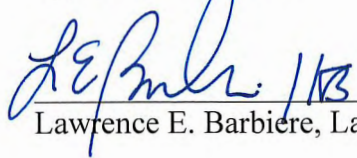
**AUTHENTICATION**

This is to certify that this Resolution was duly passed, and filed with the Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.



Jonathan T. Deters  
Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer

Approved as to form:



Lawrence E. Barbieri, Law Director