

**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION**

R2018-073: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS SUPPORTING GOVERNOR MURPHY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6 (2018)

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act (the "Act"), N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1 et seq., permits the authorized medical use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the legislative findings of the Act recognize that modern medical research has discovered a beneficial use for marijuana in treating and alleviating the pain and other symptoms associated with certain debilitating medical conditions and that compassion dictates that a distinction be made between medical and non-medical uses of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 6 (2018) ("EO 6") directing the New Jersey Department of Health (the "Department") to undertake a review of all aspects of New Jersey's Medical Marijuana Program with a focus on ways to expand access to marijuana for medical purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Department released its report in response to EO 6 on March 23, 2018 and included the following action items and recommendations to improve and expand access to marijuana for medical purposes:

- Approving additional qualifying conditions for obtaining a medical cannabis recommendation;
- Expansion in the number of qualifying doctors permitted to issue recommendations for patients;
- Permitting current license holders to add satellite locations;
- Developing a process for expedited issuance of new licenses;
- Permitting new applicants for licenses to participate in only one aspect of the vertical chain, i.e., solely cultivation and harvesting, manufacturing and processing, and/or dispensing (currently, all license holders are vertically integrated, meaning they control every aspect of this chain);
- Permitting the manufacture, processing and sale of edible cannabis products; and
- Permitting new license applicants to operate on either a nonprofit or for profit basis; and

WHEREAS, some of the above-referenced action items and recommendations take immediate effect, others, such as the Department providing an expedited process for licensing, will require further regulatory implementation and/or statutory authorization; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Act, EO 6, and modern medical research, the Township Council recognizes that the medical use of marijuana, under the supervision of a licensed medical professional, can be a safe and effective treatment option for wide range of symptoms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, EO 6 recognizes the need to increase supply of, and access to, medical marijuana for qualifying patients; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes a need for an Alternative Treatment Center (ATC), as that term is defined by the Act, to serve the residents of Parsippany-Troy Hills and the surrounding area and to allow qualifying patients greater access to medical marijuana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, in the County of Morris, and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

- (1) The Township Council supports the action items and recommendation set forth in EO 6 to improve and expand access to marijuana for medical purposes.
- (2) The Township Council further supports the location of ATCs in appropriate locations to serve the residents of Parsippany-Troy Hills and the surrounding area and to allow qualifying patients greater access to medical marijuana.
- (3) The Township Council will review its zoning ordinances to consider appropriate locations for ATCs within the Township that will not conflict with certain protected uses including but not limited to schools, churches, parks, etc. as well as any other applicable ordinances in order to regulate ATCs in a manner that will promote and protect the public health safety and welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Township officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND LAWFUL COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AT ITS MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2018.

KHALED MADIN
TOWNSHIP CLERK

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PAUL CARIFI, JR.