

ORDINANCE NO. 2224

A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES.

WHEREAS, a local government may enact an ordinance not in conflict with SDCL Chapter 34-20G, governing the time, place, manner, and number of medical cannabis establishments in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance governing the time, place, and manner of a medical cannabis establishment that may operate in the locality. A local government may require a medical cannabis establishment to obtain a local license, zoning permit, or registration to operate, and may charge a reasonable fee for the local license, zoning permit, or registration.

WHEREAS, the City of Huron, South Dakota, makes a preliminary finding that the City's current regulations and controls may not adequately address the unique needs and impacts of medical cannabis establishments as defined in SDCL 34-20G-1;

WHEREAS, medical cannabis state laws under SDCL 34-20G are effective July 1, 2021. The South Dakota Department of Health shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 not later than October 29, 2021, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-72. During the time between July 1, 2021 and potentially as late as October 29, 2021, local units of government will not yet know standards for medical cannabis and will not be able to adequately assess the local zoning and licensing requirements necessary to approve local permits and to better ensure applicants have a more predictable permitting process and avoid stranded investments.

WHEREAS, the City of Huron makes a preliminary finding that the Municipality needs further study of the relationship of medical cannabis establishments to the City of Huron Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The public interest requires that the City study, analyze, and evaluate the impacts of medical cannabis establishments and to fully explore the impacts of any proposed regulations regarding medical cannabis establishments;

WHEREAS, the City of Huron makes a preliminary finding that it would be inappropriate for the City to issue a local permit or license to a medical cannabis establishment prior to the South Dakota Department of Health's promulgation of regulations governing the same;

WHEREAS, the City of Huron hereby exercises its authority under SDCL 9-19-13 to establish a temporary ordinance regarding the issuance of any local permits/licenses for medical cannabis establishments within the City;

WHEREAS, a temporary ordinance will ensure that more comprehensive zoning ordinance and building permit changes, licensing permits, and any proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan can be completely examined with adequate public input from citizens, business interests, and medical cannabis industry representatives;

WHEREAS, the City finds that a temporary ordinance is reasonable to preserve the status quo and prevent significant investment pending the outcome of the above study and any proposed regulations emanating therefrom;

WHEREAS, the Municipality finds that the following ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. Temporary Ordinance – Application for Local Permit/License

A medical cannabis establishment desiring to operate in the City of Huron shall be required to apply for a permit and/or license from the Municipality. Applications for a local permit and/or license to operate a medical cannabis establishment, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-1, shall not be accepted until the South Dakota Department of Health has promulgated regulations as required by SDCL 34-20G-72. Any application received prior to such regulations being promulgated shall be denied.

Section 2. Immediate Effect.

This ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace, and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions pursuant to SDCL 9-19-13 and shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Moved by Drew Weinreis, seconded by Bryan Smith to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2224 this 21st day of June, 2021. FOR: Bryan Smith, Drew Weinreis, Rich Bragg, and Gary Harrington. ABSENT: Mark Robish. CARRIED.

Date adopted: June 21, 2021

Gary Harrington, Mayor

ATTEST: Paullyn Carey, City Finance Director

1st Reading: June 14, 2021

2nd Reading: June 21, 2021