

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-37**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL CODE OF ORDINANCES: AMENDING CHAPTER 14, "BUSINESSES", BY CREATING ARTICLE V. "MARIJUANA SALES", TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL CENTERS; AMENDING SECTION 38-6, TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA; AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY WILL ONLY APPROVE USES THAT ARE LEGAL UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes that changes to the adopted Code of Ordinances are periodically necessary in order to ensure that the City's regulations are current and consistent with the City's planning and regulatory needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 Florida Legislature approved Senate Bill 1030 providing for the growing, processing, and distributing of specific forms of low-THC (non-euphoric) cannabis to qualified patients and their caregivers for the treatment of listed medical conditions, which became effective on June 16, 2014 as Chapter 2014-157, Laws of Florida, and is codified at Section 381.986, Florida Statutes ("Senate Bill 1030"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Health is currently adopting a rule to implement Senate Bill 1030, which rule must be effective by January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the adoption of Senate Bill 1030, the activities it condones remain illegal under federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, although on November 4, 2014, the amendment to the Florida Constitution to allow for broader medical use of any kind of marijuana (including euphoric strains) within the State (the "Constitutional Amendment") was defeated by 57.58%, the proposed amendment is still applicable to Senate Bill 1030 approved in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ordinance is also applicable should the Florida Legislature make changes to the state law or a future Constitutional Amendment pass to allow broader medical use of marijuana that permits the use of additional alternative forms of marijuana (marijuana in all its forms including low-THC cannabis, together referred to as "marijuana") and alternative dispensing methods (including, but not limited to, smoking and food products); and

**WHEREAS**, significant safety and security issues exist for any establishment involved in the cultivation, processing or distribution of marijuana, because they maintain large

drug inventories and are forced to deal in cash because their activities have not yet been sanctioned by federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, such businesses are inherently attractive targets for criminals, and it is therefore essential that the City limit the permissible scope of such uses and regulate them to protect and advance the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, other attributes of land uses dealing with marijuana, such as odors, must be regulated to minimize their impact on surrounding properties and uses, and to prevent the creation of attractive nuisances; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1030 is silent on the topic of local government regulation and, consistent with Florida caselaw governing preemption, local governments are therefore not preempted from regulating marijuana uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizenry and general public to provide appropriate business regulations to ensure the compatibility of any business related to marijuana with the surrounding businesses, properties, and community, as well as the safety of the employees, neighbors, customers and area residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission conducted a first and second reading of this Ordinance at duly noticed public hearings, as required by law, and after having received input from and participation by interested members of the public and staff, the City Commission has determined that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City, its residents, and its visitors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** The Official Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as follows:

## **ARTICLE V. MARIJUANA SALES**

### **Sec. 14-160. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Applicant.* An individual or business entity desiring to operate a Medical Marijuana Retail Center within the City limits.

*Business Operating Name.* The legal or fictitious name under which a Medical Marijuana Retail Center conducts its business with the public.

*Employee.* A person authorized to act on behalf of the Medical Marijuana Retail Center, whether that person is an employee or a contractor, and regardless of whether that person receives compensation.

*Identification Tag.* A tamperproof card issued by the City to the persons involved with a Medical Marijuana Retail Center as evidence that they have passed the background checks and other requirements of this Article and are authorized to be present on the Premises.

*Marijuana.* Any strain of marijuana or cannabis, in any form, that is authorized by state and federal law to be dispensed or sold in the State of Florida. Also referred to as “Medical Marijuana.”

*Medical Marijuana Permit.* A permit issued by the City pursuant to this Article authorizing a business to sell Marijuana in the City. Also referred to as “Permit.”

*Medical Marijuana Retail Center.* A retail establishment, licensed by the Florida Department of Health as a “medical marijuana treatment facility,” “medical marijuana treatment center,” “dispensing organization,” “dispensing organization facility” or similar use, that sells and dispenses medical marijuana, but does not engage in any other activity related to preparation, wholesale storage, distribution, transfer, cultivation, or processing of any form of Marijuana or Marijuana product, and does not allow on-site consumption of Marijuana. A Medical Marijuana Treatment Center shall not be construed to be a Medical Marijuana Retail Center.

*Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.* Any facility licensed by the Florida Department of Health to acquire, cultivate, possess, process (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfer, transport, sell, distribute, dispense, store, or administer Marijuana, products containing Marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials, as authorized by state law. A Medical Marijuana Treatment Center may include retail sales or dispensing of Marijuana. A facility which provides only retail sales or dispensing of Marijuana shall not be classified as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center under this Article. Also may be referred to as a “Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility” or “dispensing organization” or other similar term recognized by state law.

*Owner.* Any person, including any individual or other legal entity, with a direct or indirect ownership interest of 5% or more in the Applicant, which interest includes the possession of stock, equity in capital, or any interest in the profits of the Applicant.

*Premises.* The building, within which a Medical Marijuana Retail Center is permitted to operate by the City, including the property on which the building is located, all parking areas on the property or that are utilized by the Medical Marijuana Retail Center and sidewalks and alleys within 100’ of the property on which the Medical Marijuana Retail Center is located.

*Qualified registered patient/Qualified patient.* A resident of the State of Florida who has been added to the State’s compassionate use registry by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes to receive Medical Marijuana from a dispensing organization or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or similar use as defined in Florida Statutes.

**Sec. 14-161. Zoning, permit and identification tag required.**

(a) No application for a Medical Marijuana Permit as provided in this Article shall be approved, unless the use is permitted under state and federal law. Specifically, the City will not allow any Medical Marijuana Permit to be issued if such use is unlawful in the opinion of the City Attorney under either state or federal law.

(b) No application for a Medical Marijuana Permit shall be approved until the appropriate provisions of the Zoning Code have been complied with and the required zoning approval obtained.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any business or person to operate a Medical Marijuana Retail Center, or to otherwise offer for sale or in any way participate in the conduct of any activities upon the Premises within the City without first obtaining a Medical Marijuana Permit issued by the City pursuant to this Article.

(d) Each person employed in the conduct of such activity shall be screened and individually approved pursuant to this Article before the Center opens for business or, for persons who become involved with the Center after it is open, before having any involvement in the Center's activities. Such Permit or individual approval shall not be transferable; each person must obtain a Medical Marijuana Permit or individual approval, as applicable, directly from the City.

**Sec. 14-162. Applications for permit; investigation and issuance; term.**

(a) *Application.* Applications for a Medical Marijuana Permit shall be made to the City during regular business hours upon such forms and with such accompanying information as may be established by the City. Such application shall be sworn to or affirmed. The application shall contain at least the following information and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(1) The Business Operating Name and all Applicant and Owner information. If the Applicant or Owner is:

a. An individual, his or her legal name, aliases, home address and business address, date of birth, a copy of a driver's license or a state or federally issued identification card;

b. A partnership, the full and complete name of the partners, home addresses and business addresses, dates of birth, copies of driver's licenses or state or federally issued identification cards of all partners, and all aliases used by all of the partners, whether the partnership is general or limited, a statement as to whether or not the partnership is authorized to do business in the State of Florida and, if in existence, a copy of the partnership agreement (if the general partner is a corporation, then the Applicant shall submit the required information for corporate applicant in addition to the information concerning the partnership); or

c. A corporation, the exact and complete corporate name, the date of its incorporation, evidence that the corporation is an active Florida corporation, the legal names, home addresses and business addresses, and dates of birth, copies of driver's

licenses or state or federally issued identification cards of all officers, and directors, and all aliases used, the capacity of all officers, and directors, and, if applicable, the name of the registered corporate agent, and the address of the registered office for service of process, and a statement as to whether or not each corporation is authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

d. The addresses required by this Section shall be physical locations, and not post office boxes.

(2) A complete copy of the business' application to the State of Florida and all related exhibits, appendices, and back up materials for approval and licensure as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.

(3) A statement as to whether the Applicant or any Owner or Employee has:

a. previously received a Medical Marijuana Permit, individual approval or Identification Tag from the City;

b. had a previous permit issued under this Code suspended or revoked, or by court order, been required to cease operation, including the name and location of the establishment for which the permit was suspended or revoked, as well as the date of the suspension or revocation.

(4) A statement as to whether the Applicant or any Owner or Employee:

a. has been a partner in a partnership or an officer or director of a corporation whose permit or license issued under this Code has previously been suspended or revoked, including the name and location of the establishment for which the permit or license was suspended or revoked, as well as the date of the suspension or revocation;

b. holds other permits or licenses under this Code and, if so, the names and locations of such other permitted or licensed establishments.

(5) A statement as to whether or not the Applicant or any Owner or Employee has been found guilty of or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a felony relating to:

a. any business in this State or in any other state or Federal court, regardless of whether a judgment of conviction has been entered by the court having jurisdiction of such cases;

b. a battery or a physical violence on any person in this State or in any other state or Federal court, regardless of whether a judgment of conviction has been entered by the court having jurisdiction of such cases.

(6) A statement as to whether or not the Applicant or any Owner has lost any privilege or had any permit or license to do business:



- a. revoked by any local, state or Federal government and, if so, the nature of such privilege, permit or license and the reason for such revocation;
- b. suspended by any local, state or Federal government and, if so, the nature of such privilege, permit or license and the reason for such suspension.

(7) Written documentation that the Applicant, every Owner, and each Employee has successfully completed Level-2 background screening within the year prior to the date of application.

(8) A passport photograph of the Applicant, every Owner, and each Employee.

(9) The location of the proposed Medical Marijuana Retail Center, including a legal description of the property site, and a legal street address.

(10) A copy of the application for the zoning certificate of use.

(11) A notarized, signed, and sworn statement that the information within the application is truthful, independently verifiable, and complete and that the photocopies of the attached driver's licenses or state or federally issued identification cards are true and correct copies of the originals.

(b) *Application Fee.* In addition to demonstrating compliance with this Article, each Permit application shall be accompanied by the appropriate application fee established by resolution of the City Commission, which shall be retained by the City to cover its administrative costs and expenses incurred in reviewing and administering the Permit program, irrespective of the issuance or denial of the application.

(c) *Rejection of Application.* In the event the City determines that the Applicant has not satisfied the application requirements for a proposed Medical Marijuana Retail Center, the Applicant shall be notified of such fact; and the application shall be denied.

#### **Sec. 14-163. Application review and issuance of permit.**

(a) *Investigation.* The City shall conduct and complete an investigation of the application and shall, within 30 days, either

- (1) Notify the Applicant that the Permit has been denied and the reason for such denial;  
or
- (2) Issue a Medical Marijuana Permit, with or without conditions.

(b) *Denial.* The City shall deny the application if:

- (1) The application violates or fails to meet the provisions of this Code, any building, fire or zoning code, statute, ordinance, or regulation;

(2) The application contains material false information, or information material to the decision was omitted; failure to list an individual required to be listed, and whose listing would result in a denial, is presumed to be material false information for purposes of denial of the application; the certification that the permittee owns, possesses, operates and exercises control over the proposed or existing Medical Marijuana Retail Center is a material representation for purposes of this Section;

(3) The Applicant or any Owner has a permit under this Code, or has had a permit under this Code, which has been suspended or revoked;

(4) The granting of the Medical Marijuana Permit would violate a statute or ordinance, or an order from a court of law that prohibits effectively the Applicant from obtaining a Medical Marijuana Permit;

(5) The Applicant, an Employee, or any Owner has been convicted of fraud or felony by any state or Federal court within the past five (5) years or less than five (5) years has elapsed since the date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, whichever is the later date, if the conviction is of a felony offense; or

(6) The Applicant, an Employee, or any Owner has obtained any governmental permit by fraud or deceit.

(7) The granting of the Medical Marijuana permit would violate either state or federal law in the opinion of the City Attorney.

(c) *Reapplication.* If a Person applies for a Medical Marijuana Permit at a particular location within a period of one year from the date of denial of a previous application for a Medical Marijuana Permit at the location, and there has not been an intervening change in the circumstances material to the decision regarding the former reason(s) for denial, the application shall not be accepted for consideration.

#### **Sec. 14-164. Permit form, term and renewal.**

(a) *Contents.* A Medical Marijuana Permit shall state on its face the name of the permittee, the business name and street address, local residential and legal domiciliary residential address of the permittee, a 24-hour working phone number, the date of issuance, and the date of expiration.

(b) *Term.* All Medical Marijuana Permits issued under this Article shall be annual permits that shall commence running on October 1, on which date they shall have been paid for, and shall expire on September 30 of the following year.

(c) *Renewal.* A Medical Marijuana Permit shall be entitled to renewal annually subject to the provisions of this Article. Before the October 1 expiration date, the annual Medical Marijuana Permit may be renewed by presenting the Medical Marijuana Permit for the previous year, and:

- (1) Paying the appropriate permit fee;
- (2) Updating the information supplied with the latest application or certifying that the information supplied previously remains unchanged; and
- (3) Providing proof of continued compliance with all State and City permits and licenses and operational and zoning requirements.

(d) *Expiration.* A Medical Marijuana Permit shall expire for failure to obtain a renewal pursuant to this Article by September 30.

(e) *Cancellation.* A Medical Marijuana Permit not renewed by November 30 shall be deemed expired and unavailable for renewal by the City unless such permit is involved in litigation. The Applicant may reapply for a Medical Marijuana Permit. Upon the payment of the application fee, satisfaction of the application requirements, and payment of the Permit fee, operation of the Medical Marijuana Retail Center may continue.

(f) *Annual Permit Fees.* The annual permit fees under this Article for a Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall be set by resolution of the Commission.

**Sec. 14-165. Medical Marijuana Permit transferability.**

(a) The Medical Marijuana Permit is specific to the Applicant and the location and shall not be transferred.

(b) An attempted transfer of a Medical Marijuana Permit either directly or indirectly in violation of this Section is hereby declared void, and in that event the Medical Marijuana Permit shall be deemed abandoned, and the Medical Marijuana Permit shall be forfeited.

**Sec. 14-166. Background checks, photograph and Identification Tag.**

In connection with the issuance of a Medical Marijuana Permit, the City may, upon verification of successful level 2 background screening, cause an Identification Tag to be issued to each approved Applicant for a Permit as well as for each Owner and each Employee. On the face of each Identification Tag or individual approval, there shall be placed the following:

- (a) A photograph of the Applicant/Owner/Employee;
- (b) The Permit number;
- (c) The Permit holder's name and address;
- (d) The name and address of the Medical Marijuana Retail Center that the Applicant/Owner/Employee represents or is employed by; and
- (e) The expiration date of the Permit.

**Sec. 14-167. Medical Marijuana Permit Revocation.**



(a) Any Medical Marijuana Permit issued under this Article shall be revoked if any one or more of the following occurs:

- (1) The Applicant provides false or misleading information to the City;
- (2) Anyone on the premises knowingly dispenses, delivers, or otherwise transfers any Marijuana or Marijuana product to an individual or entity not authorized by state law to receive such substance or product;
- (3) The Applicant, an Owner or a manager is convicted of a felony offense;
- (4) Any Applicant, Owner, manager or Employee is convicted of any drug-related crime under Florida Statutes;
- (5) The Applicant fails to correct any City violation or to otherwise provide an action plan to remedy the violation acceptable to the City Manager within 30 days of citation;
- (6) The Applicant fails to correct any state violation or address any warning in accordance with any corrective action plan required by the State within the timeframes and completion date the Applicant provided to the City;
- (7) The Applicant's State license or approval authorizing the dispensing of Medical Marijuana expires or is revoked; or
- (8) Any conditional use approval granted by the City for the use of a Medical Marijuana Retail Center at a particular location expires or is revoked.

(b) *Violation of regulations.* In the event of a Code violation, violation of the conditions of the Medical Marijuana Permit or Conditional Use Approval, or other violation of the laws applicable to the Medical Marijuana Retail Center, the City shall issue a warning notice and the Applicant shall, no later than twenty (20) business days after receipt of the notice, provide a copy of a corrective action plan and timeframes and completion date to address the identified issues to the City.

(c) *Illegal transfer.* If a Medical Marijuana Permit is transferred contrary to this Article, the City shall suspend the Medical Marijuana Permit and notify the permittee of the suspension. The suspension shall remain in effect until all of the requirements of this Article have been satisfied and a new Medical Marijuana Permit has been issued by the City.

(d) *Revocation.* In the event the City determines there are grounds for revocation as provided in this Article, the City shall notify the permittee of the intent to revoke the Medical Marijuana Permit and the grounds upon which such revocation is proposed. The permittee shall have ten business days in which to provide evidence of compliance with this Article. If the permittee fails to show compliance with this Article within ten business days, the City shall schedule a hearing before the Special Magistrate. If the Special Magistrate determines that a permitted Medical Marijuana Retail Center is not in compliance with this Article the City shall revoke the Medical Marijuana Permit and shall notify the permittee of the revocation. Nothing in this Article shall

take away other enforcement powers of the Special Magistrate or any other agency provided by the Code or statute.

(e) *Effect of revocation.* If a Medical Marijuana Permit is revoked, the permittee shall not be allowed to obtain another Medical Marijuana Permit for a period of two years.

(f) *Effective date.* The revocation shall take effect 15 days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after the date the City mails the notice of revocation to the permittee or on the date the permittee surrenders his or her Medical Marijuana Permit to the City , whichever occurs first.

**Sec. 14-168. General requirements.**

Each Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall observe the following general requirements:

(a) Conform to all applicable building statutes, codes, ordinances, and regulations, whether federal, State, or local;

(b) Conform to all applicable fire statutes, codes, ordinances, and regulations, whether federal, State, or local;

(c) Conform to all applicable health statutes, codes, ordinances, and regulations, whether federal, State, or local;

(d) Conform to all applicable zoning regulations and land use Laws, whether State or local, including but not limited to the City Zoning Code; and

(e) Keep the original of the Medical Marijuana Permit posted in a conspicuous place at the Premises at all times, which Permit shall be available for inspection upon request at all times by the public.

**Sec. 14-169. Permit operation requirements.**

Any business operating under a Medical Marijuana Permit shall comply with the following operational guidelines.

(a) *Hours of operation.*

(1) Operation is permitted only between the hours of 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Monday through Saturday.

(2) No operation is permitted on Sundays or state or federal holidays.

(b) *On-Site consumption of Marijuana.* No Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall allow any Marijuana to be smoked, ingested or otherwise consumed on the Premises. The Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall take all necessary and immediate steps to ensure compliance with this paragraph. No person shall smoke, ingest or otherwise consume Marijuana on the Premises.

- (c) *Alcohol prohibited.* No Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall allow the sale, service, or consumption of any type of alcoholic beverages on the Premises including in the surrounding rights-of-way. The Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall take all necessary and immediate steps to ensure compliance with this paragraph. No person shall consume an alcoholic beverage on the Premises.
- (d) *Outdoor activity.* There shall be no outdoor displays, sales, promotions, or activities of any kind permitted on the Premises, including the surrounding rights-of-way. All activities and business shall be conducted within the confines of the permanent building containing the Medical Marijuana Retail Center.
- (e) *On-site storage.* There shall be no on-site storage of any form of Marijuana or Marijuana product, except as reasonably necessary for the conduct of the Medical Marijuana Retail Center's on-site business.
- (f) *Live plant materials.* No living Marijuana plants are permitted on the site of a Medical Marijuana Retail Center.
- (g) *Maintenance of Premises.* A Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall actively remove litter at least twice each day of operation on the Premises, from the Premises, the area in front of the Premises, from any parking lot used by its patrons, and, if necessary, from public sidewalks or rights-of-way within one hundred (100) feet of the outer edge of the Premises used by its patrons.
- (h) *Garbage.* Marijuana refuse or waste products containing any amount, type or by-product of Marijuana shall be destroyed on-site at least once every 24 hours.
- (i) *Security.* With the application, the Applicant shall submit a security plan demonstrating compliance with Section 381.986, Florida Statutes and all other applicable statutes and State administrative rules.
  - (1) In addition to proving compliance with all State requirements, the security plan shall, at a minimum, provide the following:
    - a. Fully operational lighting and alarms reasonably designed to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the Premises from theft, both in the Premises and in the surrounding rights-of-way, including:
      - 1. a silent security alarm that notifies the Police Department or a private security agency that a crime is taking place;
      - 2. a vault, drop safe or cash management device that provides minimum access to the cash receipts; and

3. a security camera system capable of recording and retrieving an image which shall be operational at all times during and after business hours; The security cameras shall be located:

- i. at every ingress and egress to the dispensary, including doors and windows;
- ii. on the interior where any monetary transaction shall occur; and
- iii. at the ingress and egress to any area where Medical Marijuana is stored;

- b. Traffic management and loitering controls;
- c. Cash and inventory controls for all stages of operation on the Premises, and during transitions and delivery; and
- d. On-site security 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

(2) The Chief of Police shall review the Applicant's operational and security plan using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. The Chief may impose site and operational revisions as are deemed reasonably necessary to ensure the safety of the Applicant, Owner(s), Employees, customers, adjacent property owners and residents, which may include items such as methods and security of display and storage of Marijuana and cash, limitations on window and glass door signage, illumination standards, revisions to landscaping, and any other requirement designed to enhance the safety and security of the Premises.

(3) Any instance of breaking and entering at a Medical Marijuana Retail Center, regardless of whether Marijuana or Marijuana-based products are stolen, shall constitute a violation of this Article if the security alarm shall fail to activate simultaneous with the breaking and entering.

(j) *Odor and air quality.* A complete air filtration and odor elimination filter and scrubber system shall be provided ensuring the use will not cause or result in dissemination of dust, smoke, or odors beyond the confines of the building, or in the case of a tenant in a multi-tenant building, beyond the confines of the occupied space. A double door system shall be provided at all entrances to mitigate odor intrusion into the air outside the Medical Marijuana Retail Center.

(k) *Signage.* Notwithstanding other provisions of this Code and the City Zoning Code, signage for a Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall be limited as follows:

- (1) One (1) Wall Sign, not to exceed 18 square feet;
- (2) No other signage, except as required by this subsection, shall be allowed;

- (3) Graphics, symbols and logos are prohibited;
- (4) Neon shall be prohibited;
- (5) Signs shall not be internally illuminated;
- (6) Signs may be externally illuminated only during hours of operation;
- (7) A Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall post, at each entrance to the Medical Marijuana Retail Center the following language:

ONLY INDIVIDUALS WITH LEGALLY RECOGNIZED MARIJUANA OR CANNABIS QUALIFYING PATIENT OR CAREGIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR A QUALIFYING PATIENT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN MAY OBTAIN MARIJUANA FROM A MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL CENTER.

The required text shall be a minimum one-half inch in height.

(l) *On-site community relations contact.* The Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall provide the City Manager, and all property owners and occupants of property located within five hundred (500) feet of the entrance to its building, with the name, phone number, and e-mail or facsimile number of an on-site community relations staff person to whom they can provide notice during and after business hours to report operating problems. The Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall make every good faith effort to encourage neighbors to call this person to try to solve operating problems, if any, before any calls or complaints are made to the Police Department or other City officials.

(m) *Employment restrictions.* It shall be unlawful for any Medical Marijuana Retail Center to employ any person who:

- (1) is not at least 21 years of age; and
- (2) has not passed a level 2 background screening.

(n) *Persons allowed to enter the Premises.*

(1) *Underage entry.* It shall be unlawful for any Medical Marijuana Retail Center to allow any person who is not at least 18 years of age on the Premises during hours of operation, unless that person is authorized by State and federal law to purchase Medical Marijuana, whether as a qualified patient with a valid identification card or primary caregiver or legal guardian of a qualified patient with a valid identification card.

(2) *Entry by persons authorized by State law.* It shall be unlawful for any Medical Marijuana Retail Center to allow any person on the Premises during the hours of operation if that person is not authorized by State and federal law to be there. Authorized persons, such as Owners, managers, Employees and qualified registered patients, their legal guardians, qualified registered caregivers must wear an identifying badge, and authorized



inspectors and authorized visitors must wear a visitor identifying badge and be escorted and monitored at all times by a Medical Marijuana Retail Center Employee wearing his or her identifying badge.

(o) *Product visibility.* No Marijuana or product of any kind may be visible from any window or exterior glass door.

(p) *Delivery Vehicle Identification.* For security purposes, no vehicle used in the operation of or for the business purposes of a Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall be marked in such a manner as to permit identification with the Medical Marijuana Retail Center.

(q) *Sole business.* The Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall be the only use permitted on the property if the Center is located in a freestanding building, or within the Medical Marijuana Retail Center tenant space if the Center is part of a multi-tenant structure.

(r) *Loitering.*

(1) A Medical Marijuana Retail Centers shall provide adequate indoor seating for its customers, clients, patients and business invitees.

(2) Customers, clients, patients or business invitees shall not be directed, encouraged or allowed to stand, sit (including in a parked car for any period of time longer than reasonably required for a person's passenger to conduct their official business and depart), or gather or loiter outside of the building where the Center is operating, including in any parking areas, sidewalks, rights-of-way, or neighboring properties.

(3) Pedestrian queuing or loitering at any time, including prior to business hours, outside of the Center's building is prohibited.

(s) *Queuing of Vehicles.* All Medical Marijuana Retail Centers shall ensure that there is no queuing of vehicles in the adjacent rights-of-way, drive aisles of the property's parking lot or on any adjacent properties.

(t) *No Drive-Through or Outdoor Service.* Drive-through, drive-in or drive-up services or related service aisles are prohibited. All business transactions including payment and receipt of merchandise shall occur inside the building or tenant space.

(u) *Compliance with federal and state regulations and licensure requirements.* A Medical Marijuana Retail Center must comply with all federal and state laws, licensing and regulatory requirements.

(1) A Medical Marijuana Retail Center shall notify the City within two (2) business days of receipt of any notice of violation or warning from the State or of any changes to its State licensing approvals.

(2) If a Medical Marijuana Retail Center receives a notice of violation or warning from the State, it shall, no later than twenty (20) business days after receipt of the notice, provide a copy of the corrective action plan and timeframes and completion date to address the identified issues to the City.

**SECTION 3.** The Official Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 38-6. - Public consumption of marijuana.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke, ingest or consume marijuana, medical marijuana, cannabis, or Low-THC cannabis as defined in Section 14-160 of this Code or Florida Statutes, in any form in any public building, public right-of-way, or public space within the City.

**SECTION 4.** The City Commission hereby affirms the policy that the City shall approve only those uses, businesses and activities which are legal and permitted under state and federal law. No use, business or activity which is illegal under state or federal law shall be tolerated, supported, or approved within the City. Specifically, the City will not allow any Medical Marijuana Retail Center or other type of marijuana related business until the City Attorney opines it is legal.

**SECTION 5.** If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION 6.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

**SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, which provisions may be renumbered or re-lettered and that the word ordinance be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate word to accomplish such intention.

**SECTION 8.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

2014.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D.,

(Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Keon)  
(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Quesada, Cason)  
(Majority: (4-0) Vote)  
(Absent: Kerdyk)  
((Agenda Item: E-7)

APPROVED:

  
JIM CASON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

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CRAIG E. LEEN  
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