

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP, GEAUGA COUNTY OHIO

Resolution # 23- (4~~00~~)

A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT ADULT-USE CANNABIS OPERATORS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS, AND RETAIL DISPENSERIES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP, GEAUGA COUNTY

The Board of Township Trustees of Chester Township, Geauga County met on during a regular meeting on Thursday / November 14th, 2023, with the following members present:

Mr. Criag Richter
Mr. Joseph Mazzurco
Mr. Ken Radtke

Trustee Craig Richter, moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, voters in Ohio approved State Issue 2, which enacts new Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code, effective thirty days from the date of the election; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 authorizes and regulates recreational adult-use cannabis in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3780.25 authorizes townships to prohibit or limit the number of adult-use cannabis operators (as defined in R.C. 3780.01) within the unincorporated area of the township; and

WHEREAS, Medical marijuana is regulated in Ohio by Chapter 3796 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3796.29 similarly authorizes townships to prohibit or limit the number of marijuana cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries licensed under Chapter 3796 within the unincorporated area of the township; and

WHEREAS, the board of Trustees finds it to be in the best interest of the township to prohibit adult-use cannabis operators licensed under Chapter 3780, as well as cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries licensed under Chapter 3796, within the unincorporated area of the township;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1) All terms used in this resolution shall be defined in the same manner as R.C. Chapter 3780, as it pertains to adult-use cannabis. All terms used in this resolution but not defined in those chapters shall be construed, for purposes of this resolution, in a manner consistent with the use of such terms in both chapters.
- 2) Adult-use cannabis operators, as well as cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of medical marijuana are hereby prohibited from operating within the unincorporated are of Chester Township, Geauga County, Ohio
- 3) It is the intent of the Board of Trustees to limit operations described in Section 2 above to the maximum extent permitted by R.C. 3780.25, and RC 3796.29, any other applicable provisions of state law. This resolution shall be construed in a manner that gives maximum effect to that intent.

Trustee Joseph Mazzurco seconded the motion, and the Roll Call vote proceeded as follows:

Mr. Richter Yes

Mr. Mazzurco Yes

Mr. Radtke Yes

Adopted the 14th day of December, 2023.



Fiscal Officer Patricia Jarrett

Chester Township, Geauga County, Ohio

The State of Ohio, Geauga County, ss.

I, PATRICIA JARRETT, Fiscal Officer of CHESTER TOWNSHIP, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of the Proceedings of said Chester Township___; that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 14th day of December, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script that is difficult to decipher but appears to be a name.

Fiscal Officer