BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE #2024-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "CANNABIS"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: Chapter 53 of the Code of the Borough of Wrightstown is hereby amended as set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION TWO: A new paragraph E is hereby added to Chapter 53, §53-8, Taxation as follows:

"E. Each cannabis business shall be required to cooperate with the Borough with respect to any request to audit the cannabis business' books and records for the purpose of verifying compliance with this section, including, but not limited to, a verification of the amount of taxes required to be paid during any period. Subject to any restrictions under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPPA") regulations, each cannabis business shall allow Borough of Wrightstown officials to have access to the business' books, records, accounts, together with any other data or documents relevant to its permitted cannabis activities, for the purpose of conducting an audit or examination. Books, records, accounts, and any and all relevant data or documents will be produced no later than two (2) business days after receipt of the Borough's request, unless otherwise stipulated by the Borough."

SECTION THREE: All other Sections of Chapter 53 unaffected by this Ordinance, including all subsections of §53-8, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR: SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Borough Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Borough to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- B. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

NOTICE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown, held on June 26, 2024. It will be further considered for final passage after a Public Hearing at the regular meeting to be held on July 24, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the Borough Hall, 21 Saylors Pond Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey.

FREDA H. GORMAN, RMC Municipal Clerk

Introduction/First Reading June 26, 2024

Motion: Mrs. Carroll **Second:** Mrs. Knapp

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Bird, Mr. Bushnell, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. Lownds

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Second Reading/Public Hearing July 24, 2024

Motion: Mrs. Carroll **Second:** Mr. Bird

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Bird, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. Lownds

Navs: None

Absent: Mr. Bushnell

Abstain: None

DONALD COTTRELL Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance that was introduced after first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown on June 26, 2024, and adopted after a public hearing at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown held on July 24, 2024.

FREDA H. GORMAN, RMC Municipal Clerk

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