

**RESOLUTION R-37-16**

**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DAYS ON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMIT ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR PROCESSORS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITH THE VILLAGE OF COVINGTON , OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS, the Village of Covington, Ohio desires to coordinate regulations regarding the location and operation of businesses within the Village.**

**WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution, "retail dispensaries", "cultivators", and "processors" are defined in newly enacted Chapter 3796 of the Ohio Revised Code; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Ohio recently enacted laws concerning medical marijuana; and**

**WHEREAS, House Bill 523 becomes effective on September 8, 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, Revised Code Section 3796.29 allows villages to prohibit and/or limit the location of retail dispensaries, cultivators, and processors of medical marijuana within corporate limits; and**

**WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Village Administration review and make recommendations on this issue to conform to the village's goals of providing adequate regulations and to ensure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and**

**WHEREAS, a moratorium on the granting of permits within the Village of Covington will allow the village time to accomplish these goals.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Village of Covington Commission, a majority of its members concurring that:**

**SEC 1: The Village of Covington seeks a moratorium on permits for the establishment of retail dispensaries, cultivators, and processors of medical marijuana to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Covington, Ohio.**

**SEC. 2: The Village of Covington seeks to limit the duration of the moratorium and to request the immediate investigation and review of proposed comprehensive**

regulations for the establishment of retail dispensaries, cultivators, and processors of medical marijuana within the one-hundred and eighty day period of the moratorium.

SEC 3: The Village of Covington hereby imposes a moratorium on permits for the establishment of retail dispensaries, cultivators, and processors of medical marijuana for a period of one hundred and eighty 180 days from the effective date of this resolution and directs that no permits shall be issued for these facilities during the 180 days.

SEC. 4: The Village of Covington further finds that a moratorium for one hundred and eighty days is reasonable and will allow a study for comprehensive regulations.

SEC. 5: This Resolution shall be deemed an emergency resolution and shall take effect at the earliest period allowable by law, but no later than September 8, 2016.

APPROVED September 6, 2016:

  
Edward L. McCord, Mayor

  
R. Scott Tobias, President of Council

  
Brenda Carroll, Clerk/Fiscal Officer