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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 743, MARIJUANA, OF TITLE ONE, BUSINESS REGULATION, OF PART SEVEN, BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ORANGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Issue 2 regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana passed at the November 7, 2023 election; and

WHEREAS, the state law expressly provides that local governments may prohibit commercial activities related to the cultivation, sale and/or use of recreational marijuana.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF ORANGE VILLAGE, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That existing Title One, Business Regulation, of Part Seven, Business Regulation and Taxation Code, is hereby amended by the enactment of new Chapter 743, Marijuana, which shall read and provide as follows:

“Chapter 743 Marijuana

743.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Marijuana", "medical marijuana", "cultivators", "processors" and "retail dispensaries" as used in this chapter shall have the same meanings as defined or described in chapter 3796 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (b) “Adult use cannabis” and “adult use cannabis operator” shall have the same meanings as defined or described in chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code.

743.02 PROHIBITION.

- (a) Cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of medical marijuana, including all cultivation, processing, and retail dispensing of medical marijuana, whether licensed under Chapter 3796 of the Ohio Revised Code or not, are prohibited within the corporate limits of the Orange Village, Ohio.
- (b) Adult use cannabis operators, whether licensed under Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code or not, are prohibited within the corporate limits of the Orange Village, Ohio.

743.99 PENALTY.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.”

SECTION 2. That any Ordinance or part thereof which conflicts with this Ordinance is repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3. That the actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements of the law.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Orange Village and, further, provides for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: MARCH 12, 2025



Council President

Submitted to the Mayor for

approval on this 12th day of MARCH, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this

12th day of MARCH, 2025

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council



Mayor