

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE – FINAL ADOPTION**

**Text Amendment 2022-19  
Marijuana Zoning Ordinance Updates**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson; Clerk Guthrie; Treasurer Deschaine; Trustee Hendrickson,  
Sundland, Wilson & Wisinski

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Wilson and supported by Clerk Guthrie.

WHEREAS, the Township’s zoning ordinance currently allows only medical marijuana facilities in the Township; and

WHEREAS, these facilities are limited to specific areas of the Township, based on the overlay map that has been previously approved; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board directed the Planning Commission to review and amend the ordinance to allow for recreational marijuana alongside medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed draft ordinances from Staff on multiple occasions and recommended changes to the draft and the overlay map of permitted locations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the ordinance on December 15, 2022 and recommended approval of the ordinance to the Township Board on January 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the ordinance on multiple occasions and recommended that contactless and drive through services be permitted; and

WHEREAS, at the June 20, 2023, the Township Board directed Staff to publish a notice of intent to adopt the ordinance and Staff published the notice as directed, prior to the July 11, 2023 Township Board meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2022-19, entitled “Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Meridian to update marijuana standards.”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it was adopted.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Jackson; Clerk Guthrie; Treasurer Deschaine; Trustee

Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson & Wisinski

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

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COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.



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Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
MERIDIAN TO UPDATE MARIJUANA STANDARDS

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Section 86-2, Definitions, is hereby amended to add the following definitions:

**Marijuana Business**

One of the following:

- (1) A Marijuana Retailer, as defined by Initiated Law 1 of 2018;
- (2) A Provisioning Center, as defined Act 281 of 2016.

**Marijuana Retailer**

A location at which a licensee is licensed under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law 1 of 2018) to obtain marijuana from marijuana establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer marijuana to marijuana establishments and to individuals who are 21 years or age or older.

**Provisioning Center**

A location at which a licensee that is a commercial entity is licensed under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Act (Act 281 of 2016), to purchase marijuana from a grower or processor and sell at retail, supply, or provide marijuana to a registered qualifying medical marijuana patient or registered primary caregiver.

**Section 2.** Section 86-445 is hereby renamed Marijuana Business Overlay District and is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Applicability. The Marijuana Business Overlay District shall apply to all lots within the areas shown on Maps 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (the "overlay areas"). All lots included in the overlay district shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed in this section, in addition to the terms and conditions imposed by the zoning district where such lots may be located, any other applicable ordinance and the requirements of all Ordinances authorizing and permitting Marijuana Businesses.

(b) [UNCHANGED]

(c) Uses permitted by special use permit: all uses permitted by special use permit in the underlying zoning district and all types of marijuana businesses subject to the number of available permits allowed per all Ordinances authorizing and permitting Marijuana Businesses.

(d) Uses not permitted. Any use not permitted in the underlying zoning district is not permitted in the Marijuana Business Overlay District.

(e) Permitted locations.

(1) Provisioning Centers or Marijuana Retailers are permitted in any Overlay Area on property zoned C-1, C-2, or C-3 (Commercial) and RP (Research and Office Park).

(2) No marijuana business shall be located within 500 feet from any church, place of worship, religious facility, library, preschool, or childcare center, measured horizontally between the nearest property lines.

1 (3) No marijuana business shall be located within 1,000 feet from any public or private K-12  
2 school, measured horizontally between the nearest property lines.

3 (4) All activities related to marijuana businesses must occur indoors.

4 (f) Additional Regulations.

5 (1) The business' operation and design shall minimize any impact to adjacent uses,  
6 including the control of any odor, by maintaining and operating an air filtration system  
7 so that no odor is detectable outside the permitted premises.

8 (g) Application and departmental reviews.

9 (1) [UNCHANGED]

10 (2) Departmental reviews. The applicant's plan shall be reviewed by the Township  
11 Department of Community Planning and Development, the Township EMS/Fire  
12 Department, the Township Police Department, and the Township Public  
13 Works/Engineering Department, in order to ensure that public utilities, road, and other  
14 infrastructure systems are or will be adequate to support the proposed development.

15 (h) Review Process. [UNCHANGED]

16 (1) [UNCHANGED]

17 (2) [UNCHANGED]

18 (i) Amendments. [UNCHANGED]

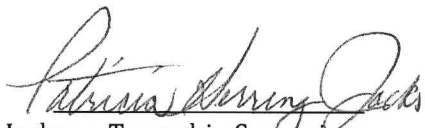
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20 **Section 3.** Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the  
21 invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity  
22 or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.


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24 **Section 4.** Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are  
25 hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and  
26 effect.

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28 **Section 5.** Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties  
29 that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

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31 **Section 6.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication  
32 or upon such later date as may be required under Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning  
33 Enabling Act (MCL 125.3402) after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a  
34 referendum.

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36 ADOPTED by the Charter Township of Meridian Board at its regular meeting this **11th** day of **July**,  
37 2023.

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42 Patricia Herring Jackson, Township Supervisor

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46 Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk