CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN (Ingham County, Michigan)

RESOLUTION REJECTING BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING NUMBER OF ADULT-USE MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

At a duly scheduled meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, in said Township on the 15th day of August 2022, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski
ABSENT:
The following Resolution was offered by Treasurer Deschaine and supported by Clerk Guthrie.
WHEREAS, the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act ("MRTMA"), MCL 333.27956(1), provides that individuals may initiate an ordinance to provide for the number of marihuana establishments within a municipality at the next regular election, for approval or rejection; and
WHEREAS , the Township received a petition on July 29, 2022, seeking to initiate an ordinance to locate, regulate, and provide for at least five adult-use marihuana retailer establishments (the "Petition"); and
WHEREAS , the Petition must comply with Section 6 of the MRTMA and Sections 482 and 488 of the Michigan election law; and
WHEREAS , a petition that does not strictly conform to statutory requirements is defective under Michigan law; and
WHEREAS , perchance recognizing the imperfections on the face of the Petition, the primary petitioners have requested that the Petition be returned to them and be withdrawn.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
1. The Petition to initiate an ordinance to provide for adult-use marihuana establishments is withdrawn at the request of petitioners and is therefore rejected.
The Petition is further found to be facially defective under MCL 333.27956 and MCL 168.482 and therefore must be and hereby is rejected.
The Township Clerk shall retain the Petition and original petition sheets in her office pursuant to her statutory duty to file and keep all papers and records of the Township.
YEAS: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski
NAYS:

ABSENT:
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. August Mackson Patricia Herring Jackson, Township Supervisor Charter Township of Meridian
CERTIFICATION
STATE OF MICHIGAN)) ss COUNTY OF INGHAM)
I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk for the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian at a duly scheduled meeting or the 15th day of August 2022. Deborah Guthrie Township Clerk