

**RECREATIONAL / ADULT USE/  
MEDICAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE**

TOWN OF

ANSON

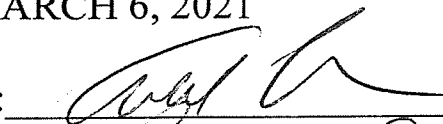
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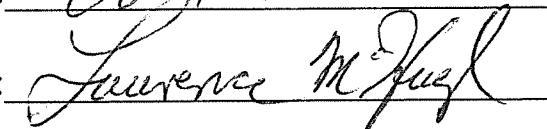
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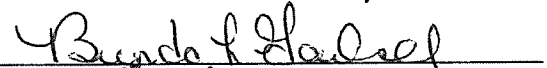
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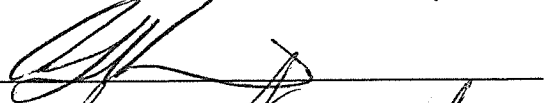
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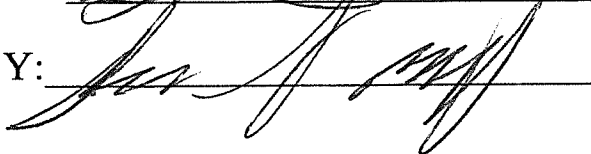
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I. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

- A. To regulate the location, licensing and operation of retail marijuana Establishments authorized by Title 7 M.R.S.A, Chapter 417, Marijuana Legalization Act, within the Town. The Town also reserves the right for additional siting and licensing requirements pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Authority and Title 30--A M.R.S.A. s. 3001.
- B. To regulate the location, licensing, and operation of laboratories designed for the purpose of processing marijuana extracts to assure compliance with federal and state ISO requirements.
- C. The licensing of retail marijuana social clubs in the Town is prohibited.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Retail Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana Establishment:** For purposes of this ordinance, retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana store, retail marijuana cultivation facility, retail marijuana manufacturing facility, or retail marijuana testing facility and all other definitions relevant to this Ordinance are defined as set forth in Title 7, M.R.S.A., Section 2442 and as said section may be amended.
- B. **Laboratory:** Means any facility designed for the purpose of manufacturing products of marijuana concentrate and constructed in accordance with federal, state, and local standards.
- C. **License:** Means a document issued by the Town officially authorizing an applicant to operate a retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment.
- D. **Loitering:** Means to stand or wait around idly or without apparent purpose.
- E. **Resident:** Means an individual 21 years of age or older who has been domiciled in the State of Maine for a minimum of thirty (30) days and possesses or has made application for a motor vehicle operator's license or identification card issued by the State of Maine.

F. Town: Means Town of ANSON

111. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

- A. Any **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** facility shall petition the Board of Selectmen for site and business approval. A petition for approval shall be submitted for initial approval, annual renewal, change of use, and any change of ownership.
- B. Certificate of occupancy  
Each facility shall meet the minimum state standards. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be granted for any retail marijuana establishment within one thousand (1000) feet of the boundary of any public or private school.
- C. Municipal and State Codes  
No Certificate of Occupancy shall be granted for any retail marijuana establishment unless the premise concerned is in complete compliance with all Municipal and State Codes and Regulations.
- D. Signage  
All signage shall meet the requirements of the State of Maine, Sign Ordinance of the Town of Anson and shall not be excessively attractive to children. Projected signage shall be submitted with each application to the Board of Selectmen.
- E. Security
1. Security requirements for retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishments, excluding outdoor growing facilities, shall include:
    - a. Lockable doors and windows to include intrusion alarms with audible and police notification components sending notification directly to or through a second party to the Somerset Sherriff's Department.
    - b. Video surveillance capable of covering the exterior of the facility, interior and all plants cultivated within the facility. The video surveillance system shall be operated with continuous recording twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week and such records of

surveillance shall be retained for a minimum duration of thirty {30} days. Such records shall be made available to law enforcement agencies when investigating a criminal complaint.

- c. Exterior spot lights with motion sensors covering the full perimeter of the facility.
2. Security requirements for outdoor growing facilities, such as a greenhouse, that rely on natural light shall meet the State requirements for fencing and security.

F. Ventilation.

Any indoor operation of **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** facility shall meet the minimum state requirements for ventilation.

G. Permanent Location

Each retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment shall be operated from a permanent location. No retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment shall be permitted to operate from a movable, mobile or transitory location.

IV. LICENSE APPLICATION

A person seeking a license or renewal of a license issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall submit an application to the Town Clerk on approved forms provided by the Town.

- A. The applicant shall present one(1) of the following forms of identification upon submission of an application to operate a retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment:
  1. A valid State of Maine motor vehicle operator's license
  2. A current State of Maine Identification Card
  3. A United States Military Identification Card
  4. A valid passport
- B. The Applicant shall have a 10% financial interest or more in the retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment.
- C. The applicant shall:
  1. Provide full name, address and date of birth.

2. Acknowledge and consent that the Town will conduct a background investigation, including a criminal history check.
3. Furnish proof of lawful residence. Proof of lawful residence may be made by providing two of the following documents:
  - a. A valid State of Maine motor vehicle operator's license
  - b. A valid State of Maine motor vehicle registration certificate
  - c. A valid State of Maine fishing or hunting license
  - d. Voter registration
  - e. A current invoice from a utility company
4. The name and complete physical address of the proposed retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment.

V. LICENSE REQUIREMENT

Any person operating a retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** within the Town must obtain a license which shall be granted on the same criteria and regulations as set forth in Title 7 M.R.S.A., Chapter 417, including all regulations or amendments thereto.

- A The Town license shall be granted contingent upon the applicant obtaining any required State license.
- B. License classification
  1. Growing/Cultivating
  2. Retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** store
  3. Retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** products manufacturing
  4. Retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** testing facility
- C. Total licenses for the two Villages not to exceed: 3 Retail Stores, 5 Manufacturing facilities, 2 Test Facilities and 4 Growing/Cultivating sites.
- D. Licenses are valid for one(1) year.
- E. Licenses shall be kept current at all times.
- F. Applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- G. Applicant must be a resident of the State of Maine on the date of the application and for the four years immediately preceding the date of the application.
- H. License shall be posted in a conspicuous location at a retail marijuana establishment.
- I. Licenses are not transferable.
- J. Upon receipt of an application for a new license or renewal, the Town shall schedule a public hearing on the application to be held not less than forty-five (45) days after the receipt of the completed application.
- K. Incomplete, false or misleading applications will not be processed.

#### D. Required Notices

There shall be posted in a conspicuous location inside each retail marijuana store, at least one legible sign containing the following information:

1. Use of or allowing on-site consumption of marijuana is illegal.
2. Open and public consumption of **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** in the State of Maine is illegal.
3. The use of marijuana or marijuana products may impair a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle or operate machinery.
4. No one under the age of twenty-one (21) allowed.
5. Loitering prohibited.

#### VI. RIGHT OF ACCESS

Every retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment shall allow State or local enforcement officers with jurisdiction over the Town, including but not limited to law enforcement, code enforcement, and fire marshals, to enter the premises at reasonable times for the purpose of investigating compliance with this Ordinance and Title 7 M.S.R.A., Chapter 417.

#### VII. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. By accepting a license issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the licensee waives and releases the Town, its officers, elected officials, employees, attorneys and agents from any liability for injuries, damages or liabilities of any kind that result from any arrest or prosecution of any retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment owners, operators, employees, clients or customers for a violation of local, state or federal law.
- B. By accepting a license issued pursuant to this Ordinance, all licenses, jointly and severally if more than one (1), agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town, its officers, elected officials, employees, attorneys, agents and insurers against all liability claims and demands on account of any injury, loss or damage, including without limitation, claims arising from

bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any manner connected with the operation of a licensed retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment.

**Application and Permit/License Fees:**

All applications must be submitted with a \$250 fee. The following permit/license fees must be paid before the Town will issue a permit/license.

1. **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana Store:**  
Permit/License Fee: \$1,250
2. **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana Manufacturing Facility:** Permit/License Fee: \$1,250
3. **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana**

Testing Facility: Permit/License Fee: \$500 Marijuana Cultivation:

Tier 1: Up to thirty (30) mature plants (and an unlimited number of immature plants and seedlings) or up to 500 SF of plants canopy:

By plant count: Permit/License Fee: \$5/mature plant for an outdoor cultivation and \$10/mature plant for an indoor or indoor/outdoor cultivation.

By canopy, 0-500 SF: Permit/Licensing Fee: \$250/indoor or indoor/outdoor, \$125/outdoor.

Tier 2: 501-2,000 SF of mature plant canopy: Permit/License Fee: \$1,500/indoor or indoor/outdoor cultivation, \$750 outdoor cultivation.

Tier 3: 2,001-7,000 SF of mature plant canopy: Permit/License Fee: \$5,000/indoor or indoor/outdoor cultivation, \$2,500/outdoor cultivation.

Tier 4: 7,001-20,000 SF of mature plant canopy: Permit/License Fee: \$15,000/indoor or indoor/outdoor, \$7,500/outdoor. For each approved increase of 7,000 SF, the additional fee is: \$2,500 for outdoor cultivation, and \$5,000 for indoor or indoor/outdoor cultivation.

**VI11. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION**

A. The Select Board may, after notice and public hearing, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license for a retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment for failing to comply with this Ordinance and Title 7, M.R.S.A., Chapter 417.

B. In suspending, revoking or refusing to renew a license for a retail

**Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment, the Select Board may take into consideration:

1. Number and types of complaints law enforcement received and investigated.
2. Failing to correct or abate any violation that the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to enforce.

## IX. REGULATIONS

A. Types of Facilities: Each facility must be approved individually and shall be separately sited. These facilities include those with the primary purposes of:

1. Retail sales;
2. Commercial of **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** growing facility;
3. Commercial of **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** manufacturing plant (to include processing for marijuana extracts);
4. Independent marijuana testing facility.

B. A principal officer of a retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishment shall not have been convicted of any state or federal controlled substance law. The principal officer shall maintain an ongoing obligation and duty to report any ensuring drug convictions to the Town within two (2) working days of the conviction.

C. Background history. Any applicant for a license to operate any retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** facility, including laboratories and growing facilities, must meet the minimum standards established by state law, shall fully disclose accurate information as requested as part of the application process.



## XI. STATE LAW

In the event the State of Maine adopts any additional or stricter law or regulation governing the sale, distribution or testing of retail marijuana or retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** products, the additional or stricter regulation shall control the establishment *or* operation of any retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** store, retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** products manufacturing *or* retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** testing facility in the Town. Compliance with any applicable State law or regulation shall be deemed an additional requirement for issuance *or* denial of any license under this Ordinance, and non-compliance with any applicable State law *or* regulation shall be grounds for revocation *or* suspension of any license issued hereunder.

## XII. RETAIL SALES TAX OPTION

All retail **Recreational / Adult Use / Medical Marijuana** establishments shall be subject to the maximum sales tax authorized by the State and/or Town.

## XIII. AMENDMENTS

- A. This Ordinance may be amended by the legislative body of the Town of *Anson* Amendments may be initiated as follows:
1. Recommended by a majority vote by the Board of Selectmen *or*;
  2. On petition of at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election in town.
- B. A public hearing shall be held by the Board of Selectmen prior to the adoption of any amendment. Notice of the hearing shall be provided as established by MRSA, Title 30-A, §4352.9.

## XIV. PENALTIES

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the municipal officers or their designee. Violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of Title 30-A M.R.S.A Section 4452. Any violation shall be submitted to the Town Code Enforcement Officer for review and subsequent submission to the Town municipal board.

## XV. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Ordinance is determined invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not render invalid the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

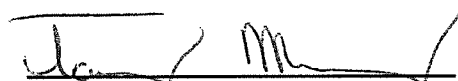
**XVI. APPEALS**

An aggrieved party may appeal any decision of the Code Enforcement Officer under this Ordinance to the Board of Selectmen, within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision by the Code Enforcement Officer.

An aggrieved party may appeal any decision of the Board of Selectmen under this Ordinance to the Board of Appeals, within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision by the Board of Selectmen.

**XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be: MARCH 7, 2020

  
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Tammy Murray- CLERK

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Date

Date amended : MARCH 6, 2021