

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-38

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, ALABAMA, AUTHORIZING THE
OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS
DISPENSARY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF
THE CITY OF OXFORD, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, the Governor for the State of Alabama signed Darren Wesley 'Ato' Hall Compassion Act into law (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for the medical use of marijuana for patients with qualifying medical conditions and a valid medical cannabis card; and

WHEREAS, a dispensary may only be operated in a municipality if the municipality has passed an ordinance authorizing the operation of dispensaries within the municipality's corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes and requires the Medical Cannabis Commission to heavily regulate dispensary operation, (See §20-2A-50 - §20-2A-68, Code of Alabama), thus addressing any health, safety or welfare concerns for the citizens of the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the location of a dispensary within the corporate limits of the City of Oxford will bring the potential of new employment opportunities for the citizens of the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, a dispensary would be required to purchase a business license and pay sales tax to the City of Oxford, thus increasing revenue.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The Oxford City Council does hereby authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites, cultivators, processors, secure transporters, or integrated facilities licenses within the corporate limits of the City of Oxford.

SECTION TWO: The City Council shall have final approval of the issuance of any business license and location of medical cannabis dispensing sites, cultivators, processors, secure transporters, or integrated facilities licenses within the corporate limits of the City of Oxford.

SECTION THREE: Any business license and sales tax proceeds directly benefiting the

City of Oxford are dedicated to the Oxford Health Care Authority.

SECTION FOUR: The City Clerk or designee is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission.

SECTION FIVE: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the Council and publication as required by law.


APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2022.

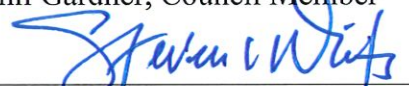
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


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APPROVED:


Alton Craft, Mayor

ATTEST:


Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance was duly adopted by the Oxford City Council in regular session assembled on the 8th day of November, 2022, and is recorded in

the official minutes of the Oxford City Council.



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk for the City of Oxford, Alabama, do hereby certify this Ordinance was posted in three public places within the City and at Oxford City Hall beginning on the 9th day of November, 2022, as in accordance with the provisions of Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 11-45-8.



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk