

The Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, County of Warren, Ohio, met at a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on July 17, 2024, at Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, with the following Trustees present:

Darryl Cordrey – Trustee, *Chair*
Joseph Rozzi – Trustee, *Vice Chair*
Mark Sousa – Trustee

Mr. Cordrey introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY OHIO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-0717A**

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING BY SIX MONTHS A MORATORIUM ON THE
PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS ALLOWING ADULT USE
CANNABIS OPERATORS WITHIN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY,
OHIO**

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 “Adult Use Cannabis Control” of the Ohio Revised Code, which legalizes adult use marijuana usage, cultivation, processing, and sales in the State of Ohio, was adopted by the voters of Ohio on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code took effect December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution, “adult use cannabis operators” are given the same definition as found in Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3780.25 authorizes a township to limit the number of, or entirely prohibit, adult use cannabis operators; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees seeks time to study whether it should entirely prohibit adult use cannabis operators within the Township or, alternatively, develop and implement regulations concerning adult use cannabis operators operating in the Township; and

WHEREAS, Township staff will require time to review and make recommendations on potential zoning regulations, prohibition, or limitations of adult use cannabis operators so that any necessary regulations conform to goals of Hamilton Township and help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2024, the Board adopted Resolution 24-0117A placing a moratorium of six months on the issuance and processing of permits allowing adult use cannabis operators within Hamilton Township will allow the Board of Trustees time to accomplish the Township’s goals and help ensure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of its citizens

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has not yet released regulations for cannabis operators, thus preventing the Board and staff from studying the requirements nor to assess community impacts from such establishments; and

WHEARAS, it is necessary to have time to analyze impacts and develop thoughtful policies that reflect the best interests of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees hereby imposes a moratorium of six months on the issuance and processing of permits for adult use cannabis operators within Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio. The purpose of this moratorium is to allow Township staff and the Board of Trustees to study the law and the related issues and then determine whether to limit or entirely prohibit adult use cannabis operators within the Township and to prepare any necessary regulations.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees seeks to limit the duration of the moratorium and to instruct the Township staff to immediately undertake a review of the law and related issues. Staff will then make recommendations to the Board regarding whether to permit adult use cannabis operators within the Township, and how to regulate accordingly.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Mr. Rozzi seconded the Resolution and the following being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

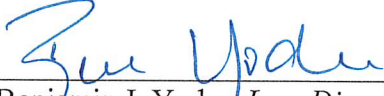
Joseph Rozzi –	Aye <u>✓</u>	Nay _____
Mark Sousa –	Aye _____	Nay <u>✓</u>
Darryl Cordrey –	Aye <u>✓</u>	Nay _____

Resolution adopted this 17th day of July 2024.

Attest:

Leah Elliott
Leah M. Elliott, *Fiscal Officer*

Approved as to form:



Benjamin J. Yoder, *Law Director*

I, Leah M. Elliott, Fiscal Officer of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, County of Warren, Ohio, at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 17, 2024.

Date: 7/17/24_____



Leah M. Elliott, *Fiscal Officer*