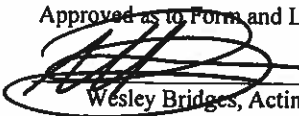


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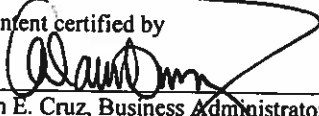
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Wesley Bridges, Acting Director of Law



Adam E. Cruz, Business Administrator

Councilman /woman _____

presents the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRENTON IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF A CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND MANUFACTURING FACILITY BY NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, NJ.

WHEREAS, both the medical and adult use of cannabis is authorized in the State of New Jersey ("State"), for medical sales under the Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1, et seq. ("Jake Honig Law"), as well as for adult use sales pursuant to the recent passage of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act ("CREAMMA") (the Jake Honig Law and CREAMMA collectively referred to as the "Cannabis Laws").

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes both the beneficial uses of medical cannabis as well as the intent of the people of New Jersey to adopt a new approach to cannabis policies by controlling and legalizing cannabis in a similar fashion to the regulation of alcohol for adults.

WHEREAS, there are currently twelve (12) licensed Alternative Treatment Centers ("ATC"), operating in the State licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health, Medical Marijuana Program ("DOH"), with an additional twenty-four (24) medical cannabis licenses of varying types preparing for final approval.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the need for additional cannabis licenses, both in the medical and adult use programs, both of which will collectively be regulated by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("CRC"), as the successor regulator to the DOH.

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton (the "City") recognizes that the ultimate decision to approve any new cannabis licensees is guided by the standards identified within the Cannabis Laws and vested to the discretion of the CRC.

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Laws nevertheless recognize the necessity of ensuring that any potential licensees/permittees have the support of the local community, as evidenced by a resolution adopted by said municipality's governing body indicating that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for the activities related to the cultivation and/or manufacturing of cannabis, cannabis products, and related supplies as will be conducted at the proposed facility.

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Laws also require, in addition to the resolution identifying support of the local community: (1) an indication that the proposed property is suitable or advantageous for the community in terms of the location specifically as well as the surrounding area; and (2) a letter or affidavit from appropriate officials of the municipality that the location will conform to local zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operation of the proposed lawful cannabis use.

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WHEREAS, the City supports cannabis businesses that might otherwise seek to operate within the Township, subject to the reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions imposed by the lawfully enacted Ordinance 21-383 (the "Ordinance"), which authorized cultivation and manufacturing cannabis uses within the City, subject to reasonable limitations associated with specified zoning districts for specific license types, and the conditions by which those applicants/licensees/permittees may operate within the City.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the ample benefits to its community associated with permitting a cannabis cultivation and/or manufacturing facility to be located within its borders, including, but not limited to, job creation, use of local vendors for build-out and ongoing operational needs, as well as anticipated dedicated tax revenues in the amount of two percent of the receipts from each sale at any cannabis dispensary located within the borders of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The City Council believes the City will benefit from the location of a manufacturing and cultivation facility within the City's boundaries, subject to compliance with the Ordinance.
2. The owners of Northeast Alternatives, NJ, LLC. ("NEA") seeks to hold a Tier IV cultivation license, at the facility known as 500 Bruenig Avenue (the "Property").
3. NEA has indicated to the City its desire to locate its manufacturing and cultivation facility at the same address as its cultivation facility at the Property, which is an area designated by the Ordinance for such uses.
4. The City recognizes not only the suitability of such an operation at the Property, but also the benefits that a company such as NEA would bring to our community as a whole in jobs and job training to help reverse the stains on the community by the war on drugs.
5. The Ordinance plainly identifies that the operation of a cultivation and/or manufacturing facility by NEA at the Property is consistent with the zoning rules identified therein. Specifically, the Ordinance identifies that Class 1 Cultivation and/or Class 2 Manufacturing Licenses are a permitted use in Industrial Zone District.
6. The issuing of a license to NEA by the Commission would not exceed the limit of licenses established by City of Trenton.
7. Based on the preceding, the City is satisfied not only that the Property NEA seeks to utilize is compliant with our zoning rules and requirements outlined by the Ordinance, but also that NEA will be a valuable addition to the group of cannabis license holders awarded by the CRC and that its business operations will have a positive impact on the Township and community at large.
8. In light of that, and in the event that the CRC issues NEA a license/permit to operate as a cultivator and/or manufacturer (under either the Jake Honig Law or CREAMMA), this Resolution should be viewed by the State as unequivocal support by the City of NEA's application, and an indication that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for the activities related to the cultivation and/or manufacturing of cannabis, cannabis products, and related supplies as will be conducted at the proposed facility.

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9. The City also authorizes our City Law Director and/or zoning officer to issue any required letter or affidavit identifying that the Property will conform to local zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operation of a cultivation and manufacturing facility, as outlined in the Ordinance, subject to the understanding and agreement with NEA that it will comply with any reasonable additional zoning requirements imposed by the City, which the City understands and agrees will not occur until after NEA obtains preliminary approval by the CRC.

10. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
BLAKELEY					MUSCHAL					MCBRIDE				
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This Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on _____

President of Council

City Clerk



**CITY OF TRENTON
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
MEMORANDUM**



DATE: December 13, 2021
TO: Adam E. Cruz, Business Administrator
FROM: Wes Bridges, Esq. – Director of Law *WJB*
RE: Resolution in Support of the Location and Operation of a Cannabis Cultivation and Manufacturing Facility by Northeast Alternatives, NJ

The City of Trenton adopted ordinance 21-017 August 20, 2021 which established its positions, powers and duties as well as endorsed the expansion of medical cannabis pursuant to the Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act, N.J.S.A. 24:61-2, *et seq.* (CUMMA”) which permits the authorized use of cannabis for many persons suffering from chronic and/or debilitation illnesses who may benefit therefrom.

The City of Trenton recognize that the Cannabis Laws requires that any potential licensees/permittees have the support of the local community, as evidenced by a resolution adopted by the municipality’s governing body.

The owners of Northeast Alternative, NJ, LLC seeks to hold a Tier IV cultivation license at the facility know as 500 Bruenig Avenue which is appropriately located and suitable for the activities related to the cultivation as required. The City is satisfied that the property is compliant with our zoning rules and requirements identified by the Ordinance.

The City recognizes this as an opportunity for such an operation to present stability at a property, bring whole jobs and training to our community as well as establish positive business operations in the Township and as a whole. It should be noted that the deadline to submit their final application is December 2021, thus this resolution of support must be approved at this meeting.