

Amendment (“Amendment”) to the New Hartford Zoning Regulations (“Regulations”) Re: Moratorium - Cannabis Establishments and any Related Uses.

Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments.

1. **Statement of Purpose.** This Amendment is to adopt a temporary and limited moratorium (“Moratorium”) concerning cannabis establishments and any related uses, in order to provide the Commission with the time necessary to consider adoption of certain changes to the Regulations, pursuant to Section 8-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Connecticut General Assembly has recently passed legislation legalizing the use of recreational cannabis in the State of Connecticut by adults over the age of twenty-one. Said legislation; Senate Bill No. 1201, June Special Session, Public Act No. 21-1 (as amended from time to time; the “Act”) contains provisions allowing municipalities to prohibit or place reasonable restrictions on “Establishments” for palliative medical use (as previously authorized by the General Assembly) and/or recreational use of “Cannabis”; both as are hereinafter defined. In addition, the Commission needs time to determine how best to integrate Establishments (if ultimately permitted) into the Regulations, in a manner consistent with existing permitted uses.

For the above reasons, this Moratorium is adopted to provide the Town of New Hartford with the time necessary to develop Regulations for Establishments that meet all statutory requirements and to promote the public’s general health, safety and welfare; or to consider a ban on Establishments and any related uses.

2. **Definitions.**

a. “Cannabis” means “Marijuana” as defined in Section 21a-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

b. “Establishment” means any one or more of the following for palliative medical and/or adult recreational use of Cannabis: producer, dispensary facility, cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery service or transporter; as defined in Section 1 of the Act.

3. **Applicability.** This Moratorium applies to: (i) the acceptance, review and/or approval of applications seeking to establish the use of land, and/or any buildings or other structures for any Establishment; and (ii) any other uses related to the palliative medical or adult recreational use of Cannabis.

4. **Effective Date/Term.** This Moratorium shall become effective on September 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect for twelve months; i.e., until September 1, 2023.