

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-62

AN RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF GREEN GROUP GROWS NJ, LLC FOR A CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR MICROBUSINESS LICENSEE

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, section 31a of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to adopt regulations governing the number of cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as “a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer”), cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services allowed to operate within their boundaries, as well as the location manner and times operation of such establishments, distributors or delivery services, and establishing civil penalties for the violation of any such regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River conducted a Special Meeting held on Monday, April 12, 2021 via zoom, for all interested or concerned Township residents. The overwhelming majority of the participants were in favor of allowing some type of cannabis business within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River has created licensing requirements for Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 licensed businesses that protect the health, safety and general welfare the community under Ordinance No. 2021-07.

WHEREAS, Green Group Grows NJ, LLC has met with Township officials seeking a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator Microbusiness license; and

WHEREAS, Bass River Township has authorized the issuance of Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator Microbusiness license and has not set a limit on the number of Class 1 licenses to be issued within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, The Township engineer has approved Green Group Grows NJ, LLCs zoning permit as compliant with all municipal zoning requirements; and

WHEREAS, Green Group Grows NJ, LLC proposed location for operation is not in violation of operating within close proximity to a place of religious worship, a park, daycare facility or school grounds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that Green Group Grows NJ, LLC has approval to operate a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator Microbusiness license at the designated location and such operation is in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.

MOTION TO ADOPT BY _____ SECONDED BY _____

VOTE:

Capriglione _____ Bourguignon _____ Cope _____

CERTIFICATION

I, JENNY GLEGHORN, Clerk of the Township of Bass River, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Township of Bass River on this ____ day of _____, 2022.

JENNY GLEGHORN, Township Clerk