

ORDINANCE NO. 188-23

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**

AN ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM, NOT TO EXCEED SIX (6) MONTHS, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA (STATE ISSUE 2) WHICH PASSED ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, UNTIL OHIO LEGISLATORS SET UP THE MECHANISM FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ohio voters passed a statutory initiative that will legalize the purchase and use of recreational marijuana for adults 21 and older, becoming the 24th state to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis goes into effect on December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to issue a moratorium, for a temporary period of time, not to exceed six (6) months from the date of passage of this Ordinance, regarding related cultivation, sale, and use of marijuana products; and

WHEREAS, this Council will be able to enact reasonable regulations to protect the health, safety, welfare, peace, and comfort for the citizens of the City of Parma more effectively if a moratorium is in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Council hereby approves a temporary moratorium, not to exceed six (6) months on the effective date of December 7, 2023, on issuing permits related to recreational marijuana within the City of Parma.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the approaching December 7 effective date, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO