

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Resolution directing the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals to conduct a public hearing on proposed text amendments to Chapter 151 of the Lake County, Illinois, Code of Ordinances relating to the regulation of unincorporated adult-use cannabis businesses.

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board adopted the Unified Development Ordinance of Lake County, Illinois on April 11, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board incorporated the Lake County Unified Development Ordinance into the Lake County, Illinois Code of Ordinances as Chapter 151 of the Lake County, Illinois Code of Ordinances on February 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Code requires periodic review to maintain relevancy and address changing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act has allowed for the establishment of adult-use cannabis businesses in Illinois and permits sale and consumption of adult-use cannabis products within the State since January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes local governments (including counties) to enact “reasonable zoning regulations” to mitigate any impacts from adult-use cannabis businesses; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the Act on June 25, 2019, the Planning, Building and Development Department convened a multi-jurisdictional adult-use cannabis model zoning ordinance task force to develop a series of model tools (including model regulations to ban or permit adult-use cannabis businesses within a local government’s jurisdiction) in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Planning, Building and Development Department has prepared draft ordinance text amendments, adapted from the task force’s model regulations, which would permit adult-use cannabis businesses in the unincorporated area subject to restrictions, and recommends that the ZBA conduct a public hearing to obtain public input and evaluate the proposed amendments for potential adoption; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate such public engagement and policy evaluation, the Public Works, Planning and Transportation Committee is of the opinion that necessary steps should be taken by the Lake County Board to initiate the public hearing process; and

WHEREAS, the state law requires a public hearing to amend the text of the Lake County Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake County Board that the ZBA is hereby directed to conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments identified in Exhibit A and such other amendments that are directly related thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby directed to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals of this action and keep a record of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the County Board shall keep a record of this action.

DATED AT WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, this 9th day of February, 2021.