

Number: 24-07-040

Committee: Health, Safety, & Welfare

A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF ANY PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ALLOWING THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING OR RETAIL DISPENSING OF MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF VAN WERT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio has authorized the use of marijuana for medical purposes through Chapter 3780 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Act included the adoption of Ohio Revised Code Section 3780.25, which authorized the Van Wert City Council to adopt by Resolution a prohibition of cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries within said city; and

Now, therefore, be it **ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio, with three-fourths of all current members elected thereto concurring, to wit:

Section 1. . Marijuana cultivators, dispensaries, and processors, as authorized by Chapter 3780 and any rules promulgated thereunder, are hereby prohibited within the City of Van Wert, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Van Wert.

Section 2. The Van Wert City Council finds and determines that all formal actions of the Van Wert City Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in open meetings of the Van Wert City Council and that deliberations of this Van Wert City Council and any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an Emergency Measure, that this measure is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and as an Emergency Measure this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage by the City Council and approval by the mayor.

Passed this 8th day of July, 2024.

Thad R. Eikenbary, Council President

Attest: _____
Stephanie Phillips, Clerk of Council

Kenneth J. Markward, Mayor