

RESOLUTION R:95-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF A CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAIL FACILITY BY BLUE VIOLET, LLC

WHEREAS, both the medical and adult use of cannabis is authorized in the State of New Jersey (“State”) under the Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1, et seq. (“Jake Honig Law”), as well as for adult use sales pursuant to the recent passage of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (“CREAMMA”) (the Jake Honig Law and CREAMMA collectively referred to as the “New Jersey Cannabis Laws”); and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes both the beneficial uses of medical cannabis as well as the intent of the people of New Jersey to adopt a new approach to cannabis policies by controlling and legalizing adult-use cannabis in a similar fashion to the regulation of alcohol for adults; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the need for additional cannabis licenses, under the regulation of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“CRC”); and

WHEREAS, Monroe Township (the “Township”) recognizes that the ultimate decision to approve any new cannabis licensees is guided by the standards identified within the New Jersey Cannabis Laws and vested to the discretion of the CRC; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Laws nevertheless recognize the necessity of ensuring that any potential licensees have the support of the local community, as evidenced by a resolution adopted by said municipality’s governing body indicating that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for the activities related to the cultivation, manufacturing, or retail sales of cannabis, cannabis products, and related supplies as will be conducted at the proposed facility; and

WHEREAS, the Township supports cannabis businesses that might otherwise seek to operate within the Township, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions imposed by any lawfully adopted ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township has in fact adopted Ordinance No. 21-2022 (the “Ordinance”) allowing for the operation of a Class 5 Retailer license within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes ample benefits to its community associated with permitting a cannabis retail facility to be located within its borders, including, but not limited to, job creation, use of local vendors for build-out and ongoing operational needs, as well as anticipated dedicated tax revenues associated with hosting a cannabis business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The governing body believes that the Township will benefit from the location of a cannabis retail facility within the Township’s boundaries, subject to compliance with all applicable ordinances, permits, and approvals.

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2. The owners of Blue Violet, LLC (“Blue Violet”) have appeared before this body to provide education as to the New Jersey Cannabis Laws generally, and, more recently, identifying the proposed location and operations of its proposed facility, and the jobs and revenue that a business such as Blue Violet can bring to our local community.

3. Specifically, Blue Violet has identified that it intends to locate its proposed Class 5 Retail License at 1424-1434 South Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, Township of Monroe, NJ, Block 3601, Lot 23 (the “Property”), which is located in a zone where such uses are permitted subject to the conditions identified under the Ordinance.

4. The Township recognizes not only the suitability of the operation of a retail facility at the Property, but also as to the benefits that a company such as Blue Violet would bring to the community as a whole.

5. Based on the preceding, the Township is satisfied that not only would Blue Violet be a valuable addition to the group of cannabis retail license holders awarded by the CRC, but more so, would ensure that its business operations have a positive impact on the Township and community at large.

6. In light of that, and in the event that the CRC issues Blue Violet a license to operate as a Class 5 Retail facility, this Resolution should be viewed by the State as unequivocal support of Blue Violet’s application, and an indication that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for the activities related to the retail sale of cannabis, cannabis products, and related supplies as will be conducted at the proposed facility.

7. Blue Violet recognizes that the issuance of this Resolution nevertheless obligates it to comply with the conditions identified under the Ordinance, with the Township recognizing that the issuance of this Resolution permits Blue Violet to submit its application for licensure to the CRC, while simultaneously pursuing any and all local approvals required to become operational.

8. The governing body also directs Zoning to issue Blue Violet any required letter necessary for submission to the CRC identifying that the location will conform to local zoning requirements allowing for a Class 5 Retail License.

9. The Township also hereby confirms that the ultimate issuance of a license to Blue Violet by the CRC would not exceed any limit on retailers identified by the Ordinance.

10. Blue Violet understands and acknowledges that this Resolution of Support does not guarantee Blue Violet an award of the ability for Blue Violet to operate such a business within the Township.

11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe on March 13, 2023.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES. CAROLANN FOX

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of March 2023 in the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				