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**RESOLUTION MC-23: 8985**

*On Motion Of: Sheila Davis*

*APPROVED: May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023*

**RESOLUTION INSTITUTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL CANNABIS LICENSURE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AMENDMENTS TO THE CANNABIS ORDINANCE CAN BE REVIEWED, CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Camden, after discussion among members of Council as well as during the public comment portion of recent Council meetings concerning cannabis businesses coming into the City, has led the City Council of the City of Camden to determine that there is a need for the City of Camden and its Officials to review the recreational cannabis ordinance and consider whether there should be changes to this ordinance which may include community participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Camden believes it is the City's best interests to institute a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications for recreational cannabis licensure while such changes to the above-referenced ordinance are under consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Camden believes that this temporary moratorium would allow the City of Camden to examine the zones established in the cannabis ordinance, MC-5371, adopted on February 8, 2022, establishing and controlling recreational cannabis licenses in the City of Camden which was amended by MC-5414, adopted on October 11, 2022, further amended by MC- 5426, adopted on November 10, 2022, and then further amended by MC-5427, adopted on December 13, 2022 and determine whether these zones should be modified in any way; and

**WHEREAS**, this temporary moratorium only covers future recreational cannabis applications and has no bearing on cannabis applications that have already been received by City of Camden Officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Camden, on motion made on the record on May 16, 2023, adopted this resolution to now institute a moratorium which prohibits the City and its Officials from accepting any future applications for any recreational cannabis licenses until such time as amendments to the cannabis ordinance can be reviewed, considered and acted upon; and

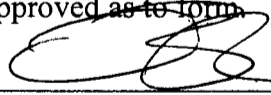
**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Camden has also determined that this temporary moratorium in accepting future applications for recreational cannabis licenses shall be in effect until August 1, 2023; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Camden, that the City of Camden and its Officials are hereby prohibited from accepting any future applications for any recreational cannabis licenses until such time as amendments to the cannabis ordinance can be reviewed, considered and acted upon but in no event shall this temporary moratorium remain in effect on or after August 1, 2023.

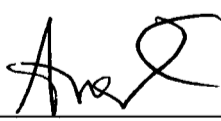
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to approve or veto this Resolution. All notices of approval and/or veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Date: May 16, 2023

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.



DANIEL S. BLACKBURN  
City Attorney



ANGEL FUENTES  
President, City Council

ATTEST:



LUIS PASTORIZA  
Municipal Clerk