

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 87

**A RESOLUTION PLACING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM, NOT TO EXCEED SIX (6) MONTHS, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA (STATE ISSUE 2) 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**, 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 Resolution, regarding related cultivation, sale, and use of marijuana products; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1: That this Council hereby approves a temporary moratorium, not to exceed six (6) months, on issuing permits related to recreational marijuana within the City of Parma Heights.

Section 2: This moratorium shall be in effect for a period not to exceed six (6) months or until Council enacts an Ordinance or Resolution revoking this moratorium, whichever shall occur sooner.

Section 3: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4: This Council declares this Resolution to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, and safety of this municipality, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the recent passage of the Act to Control and Regulate Adult-Use Cannabis; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED: December 11, 2023

Thomas Rounds  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara Oliver  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

December 11, 2023  
APPROVED

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: December 11, 2023

Marie Gallo  
MAYOR MARIE GALLO