

TOWN OF TIVERTON

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A BALLOT QUESTION RELATED TO THE LICENSURE OF "CANNABIS RELATED LICENSES" WITHIN THE TOWN OF TIVERTON PURSUANT TO THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island recently enacted "The Rhode Island Cannabis Act" as found at R.I.G.L. §21-28.11-1 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Act regulates the licensure of non-medical cannabis establishments through a Cannabis Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Act defines "cannabis related licenses" inclusive of licenses for the cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing and/or retail sale; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Act permits municipalities to submit a ballot question to the voters within a town which, if approved by the voters, would prevent the Cannabis Control Commission from issuing "cannabis related licenses" within the community; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the Town of Tiverton will also not be eligible to receive any revenue from any taxes generated from the retail sale of marijuana as set forth in R.I.G.L § 21-28.11-11; and

WHEREAS, the Tiverton Town Council believes that the voters of Tiverton should decide whether the Cannabis Control Commission should be allowed to issue such licenses within the Town by way of referendum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION BE PLACED ON THE ELECTION BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022 AS SET FORTH IN R.I.G.L. § 21-28.11-15:

"Shall new cannabis related licenses for businesses involved in the cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing and for the retail sale of adult recreational use cannabis be issued in the Town?"

Introduced by Councilor Burk
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