

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-27

**AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY  
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LOXLEY**

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, the Governor for the State of Alabama signed Darren Wesley 'Ato' Hall Compassion Act into law (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for the medical use of marijuana for patients with a qualifying medical condition and a valid medical cannabis card; and

WHEREAS, a dispensary may only be operated in a municipality if the municipality has passed an ordinance authorizing the operation of dispensaries within the municipality's corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes and requires the Medical Cannabis Commission to heavily regulate dispensary operation, (See, §§20-2A-50 - 20-2A-68, Code of Alabama), thus addressing any health, safety or welfare concerns for the citizens of the City of Loxley; and

WHEREAS, the location of a dispensary within the corporate limits of the City of Loxley will bring the potential of new agricultural development to the community and provide many employment opportunities for the citizens of the City of Loxley; and


WHEREAS, a dispensary would be required to purchase a business license and pay sales tax to the City of Loxley, thus increasing revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOXLEY, ALABAMA, that it authorizes the operation of dispensing sites within the corporate limits of the City of Loxley subject to any applicable zoning restrictions the City of Loxley may adopt pursuant to §20-2A-51(c)(3).

**ADOPTED this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.**

  
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Richard Teal  
Mayor


ATTEST:

  
Melissa Lawrence  
City Clerk/Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I, Melissa Lawrence, Clerk of the City of Loxley, Alabama, hereby certify that above-noted ordinance was published by posting copies thereof in the Loxley Post Office, the Town Hall, the Loxley Public Library, and the Loxley Police Station beginning August 31, 2022, and took effect five days thereafter.



  
Melissa Lawrence  
City Clerk/Treasurer