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RESOLUTION 2024-192
APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CONSUMPTION AREA RULES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”), established pursuant to P.L.2019, c.153, known and cited as the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act,” is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has a stated mission to apply the values of public safety and equity in establishing and regulating a responsible medicinal and personal-use cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(a) requires the Commission to adopt initial rules and regulations which are necessary and proper to enable the Commission to carry out its duties, functions, and powers with respect to overseeing the development, regulation, and enforcement of activities associated with the personal use of cannabis pursuant to P.L.2021, c. 16; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21 and -42 provide that a medical cannabis dispensary or a cannabis retailer may, after receiving an endorsement from the Commission and the municipality, operate a cannabis consumption area where a person may consume cannabis items obtained from the retailer or brought by the person to the consumption area; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21 provides that applications for an endorsement shall be made to the Commission in a form and manner prescribed by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that additional regulations are necessary to define the requirements and qualifications to operate a cannabis consumption area, as well as to protect the health and safety of medicinal cannabis patients, consumers, employees of the medical cannabis dispensary or cannabis retailer, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Commission proposed new rules on cannabis consumption areas, consistent with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21, which was published in the New Jersey Register on January 17, 2023, at 55 N.J.R. 100(a); and

WHEREAS, the Commission received timely comments from 229 public commenters on the proposed rules on cannabis consumption areas during the 60-day public comment period,

which ended on March 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C 1:30-6.1, the Commission prepared its notice of adoption, which includes a summary of the public comments received and its reasons for either amending or not amending the proposed adoption on cannabis consumption areas in response to the public comments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the attached notice of adoption of the consumption area rules is hereby approved for filing with the Office of Administrative Law.

Submitted by:



Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 17th day of January 2024.



Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker	X		X			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso		X	X			
Commissioner Delgado						X
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash			X			