

## **CITY OF FREEMAN ORDINANCE No. 2021-09**

### **A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES.**

WHEREAS, a local government may enact an ordinance not in conflict with SDCL Chapter 34-20G, governing the time, place, manner, and number of medical cannabis establishments in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance governing the time, place, and manner of a medical cannabis establishment that may operate in the locality. A local government may require a medical cannabis establishment to obtain a local license, zoning permit, or registration to operate, and may charge a reasonable fee for the local license, zoning permit, or registration.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Freeman, SD (“Municipality”), makes a preliminary finding that the Municipality’s current regulations and controls may not adequately address the unique needs and impacts of medical cannabis establishments as defined in SDCL 34-20G-1;

WHEREAS, medical cannabis state laws under SDCL 34-20G are effective July 1, 2021. The South Dakota Department of Health shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 not later than October 29, 2021, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-72. During the time between July 1, 2021 and potentially as late as October 29, 2021, local units of government will not yet know standards for medical cannabis and will not be able to adequately assess the local zoning and licensing requirements necessary to approve local permits and to better ensure applicants have a more predictable permitting process and avoid stranded investments.

WHEREAS, the Municipality makes a preliminary finding that the Municipality needs further study of the relationship of medical cannabis establishments to the Freeman Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The public interest requires that the Municipality study, analyze, and evaluate the impacts of medical cannabis establishments and to fully explore the impacts of any proposed regulations regarding medical cannabis establishments;

WHEREAS, the Municipality makes a preliminary finding that it would be inappropriate for the Municipality to issue a local permit or license to a medical cannabis establishment prior to the South Dakota Department of Health’s promulgation of regulations governing the same;

WHEREAS, the Municipality hereby exercises its authority under SDCL 11-4-3.1 and/or SDCL 9-19-13 to establish a temporary ordinance regarding the issuance of any local permits/licenses for medical cannabis establishments within the Municipality;

WHEREAS, a temporary ordinance will ensure that more comprehensive zoning ordinance and building permit changes, licensing permits, and any proposed amendments to the Municipality’s Comprehensive Plan can be completely examined with adequate public input from citizens, business interests, and medical cannabis industry representatives;

WHEREAS, the Municipality finds that a temporary ordinance is reasonable to preserve the status quo and prevent significant investment pending the outcome of the above study and any proposed regulations emanating therefrom;

WHEREAS, the Municipality finds that the following ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FREEMAN, SD:

*Section 1. Temporary Ordinance – Application for Local Permit/License*

A medical cannabis establishment desiring to operate in the Municipality shall be required to apply for a permit and/or license from the Municipality. Applications for a local permit and/or license to operate a medical cannabis establishment, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-1, shall not be accepted until the South Dakota Department of Health has promulgated regulations as required by SDCL 30-20G-72. Any application received prior to such regulations being promulgated shall be denied.

*Section 2. Immediate Effect.*

This ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace, and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions pursuant to SDCL 11-4-3.1 and SDCL 9-19-13.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021.

First Reading: June 3, 2021  
Second Reading and Adoption: June 15, 2021

Ayes: \_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_

Publication: June 24, 2021  
Effective Date: July 14, 2021

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Walter - Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Finance Officer

(SEAL)

CITY OF FREEMAN  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR COMMUNITIES WITH PLANNING COMMISSION  
\_\_\_\_\_CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND \_\_\_\_\_ CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

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The Freeman City Planning Commission and the Freeman City Council will hold a joint public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., at \_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_, Freeman, South Dakota. All interested persons are encouraged to attend in person and comment on Ordinance No. 2021-\_\_\_\_\_, a temporary ordinance regarding the issuance of local medical cannabis establishment permits and/or licenses. After the public hearing, the Planning Commission may pass a resolution recommending approval of Ordinance No. 2021-\_\_\_\_\_, with or without amendment, to the City Council. The City Council may have first reading Ordinance No. 2021-\_\_\_\_\_ by title and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading date.

The proposed Ordinance No. 2021-\_\_\_\_\_ will be made available for public inspection at the City Finance Office, located at \_\_\_\_\_, Freeman, SD, and online at \_\_\_\_\_, pursuant to SDCL Section 11-4 and amendments thereto.

Written comments may be filed by e-mailing the Finance Officer at \_\_\_\_\_, or by mailing them to the Finance Office at \_\_\_\_\_, Freeman, SD, 57029m in ir before noon on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.