

**ORDINANCE K-11-17-2**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW CONCORD IMPOSING A MORATORIUM OF ONE YEAR ON THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF ANY PERMITS ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR PROCESSORS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW CONCORD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, Substitute House Bill 523, which is the Bill legalizing the cultivating, processing, and dispensing of medical marijuana in the State of Ohio, and became effective September 8, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 3796.29 authorizes a municipality to limit the number of, or entirely prohibit, cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries licensed under Ohio Revised Code Section 3796.29 in the Village of New Concord; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village of New Concord seeks additional time to study whether to limit or entirely prohibit the cultivation, processing and/or retail dispensing of medical marijuana; or, alternatively, to develop and implement regulations regarding the possible location and operation of medical marijuana-related businesses within the Village of New Concord, including medical marijuana-related businesses for retail dispensaries, cultivators, and processors; and

**WHEREAS**, Village staff will require additional time to review and make recommendations on zoning, prohibition and/or limitations of medical marijuana so that any necessary regulations conform to goals of the Village of New Concord and help ensure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

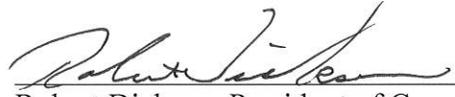
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of New Concord, State of Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1:** The Village of New Concord hereby imposes a moratorium of one year on the issuance and processing of permits for cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of medical marijuana. The purpose of this moratorium is so that Village staff may study the new law and the related issues, and then determine whether to limit or entirely prohibit cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries within the Village of New Concord and to prepare any necessary, related zoning regulations.

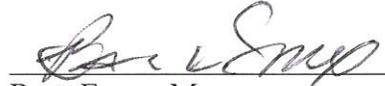
**SECTION 2:** The Village of New Concord hereby directs and orders that no permits for cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries of medical marijuana shall be issued or processed by the Village of New Concord during the one-year moratorium effective with the passage this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** For the reason stated above, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village and shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: November 13, 2017

  
Robert Dickson, President of Council

APPROVED: November 13, 2017

  
Brett Essex, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Lynn Marlatt, Fiscal Officer

I hereby certify that the above legislation was posted per Ordinance No. L-1-84-1

  
Lynn Marlatt, Fiscal Officer