

RESOLUTION

Oakland Township

Oakland, MICHIGAN

to prohibit the establishment or operation of marijuana establishments within the City as such facilities are defined in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act

Whereas, there is significant evidence demonstrating that non-medical or recreational use of marijuana has a profoundly negative impact on our youth, particularly teenagers; and

Whereas, *The National Institute on Drug Abuse* reports that one in six teens that use marijuana become addicted to its use; and

Whereas, *Monitoring the Future, 2017* reports that marijuana use increased to 24% among adolescents in 8th, 10th and 12th grades combined and one in ten 12th grade students vaped marijuana in the past year; and

Whereas, *Michigan Transportation Research Institute* reports that driving under the influence of marijuana is associated with an increased risk of car crashes, especially fatal crashes; marijuana driving related fatalities increased by 67% from 2007 to 2015. And from 2014 to 2015, it went up 20% in one year; and

Whereas, *MATFORCE, the Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition in Arizona* reports that drug related school expulsions spiked 45% in Colorado, a state which has legalized medical and recreational marijuana use, in the years after legalization; and

Whereas, *National Highway Traffic Association* reports that driving under the influence of marijuana is associated with an increased risk of car crashes, especially fatal crashes; and

Whereas, the University of Colorado, Denver reports that marijuana-impaired driver related fatalities have risen 114% in Colorado since that state legalized the use of marijuana; and

Whereas, *Join Together* reports that the active ingredient in marijuana, Tetrahydrocannabinol(THC), has increased significantly from an average of 1% in 1970 to 30% in 2013, making today's marijuana an alarmingly more potent drug; and

Whereas, general marijuana use and possession is not permitted by federal and state law; and

Whereas, it is not possible to foresee and mitigate all the associated risks and impact to our communities through the recreational use of marijuana; and

Whereas, Marijuana is now the number one reason kids enter treatment for substance abuse—more than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, meth, ecstasy, and other drugs combined¹; and

Whereas, increased consumption of Marijuana would likely lead to higher public health and financial costs for society. Addictive substances like alcohol and tobacco already result in much

higher social costs than the revenue they generate. The cost to society of alcohol alone is estimated to be more than 15 times the revenue gained by their taxationⁱⁱ; and

Whereas: Marijuana legalization would not eliminate the black market for the drug ^{iii, iv}; and

Whereas: emergency room admissions for Marijuana use now exceed those for heroin and are continuing to rise; the link between suicide and Marijuana is strong, as are car accidents, including fatal crashes^v; and

Wherefore Be It Resolved, Oakland township prohibits the establishment or operation of marihuana establishments within the City as such facilities are defined in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act. Pursuant to the Act, Section 6.1, the City prohibits the establishment or operation of any and all categories of marihuana establishments within its boundaries.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately due to the need to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

ⁱ Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Center for Administration, Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). Based on administrative data reported by States to TEDS through October 15, 2012.

ⁱⁱ Ellen E. Bouchery, Henrick J. Harwood, Jeffrey J. Sacks, Carol J. Simon, Robert D. Brewer. *Economic Costs of Excessive Alcohol Consumption in the U.S., 2006*. American Journal of Preventive Medicine - November 2011 (Vol. 41, Issue 5, Pages 516-524, DOI: 10.1016/j.amepre.2011.06.045)

ⁱⁱⁱ Kilmer, Beau, et al., *Reducing Drug Trafficking Revenues and Violence in Mexico: Would Legalizing Marijuana in California Help?* RAND Corporation. [2010].

^{iv} Kilmer, Beau, et al., *Altered States? Assessing How Marijuana Legalization in California Could Influence Marijuana Consumption and Public Budgets*. RAND Corporation. [2010]

^v SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. (2011). *Drug abuse warning network, 2008: National estimates of drug-related emergency department visits* (HHS Publication No. SMA 11-4618). Rockville, MD: Author.