

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-151-20

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION
OF A FACILITY FOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND
MANUFACTURING ON PREMISES OWNED BY VISCONTI BROTHERS
PROPERTIES, L.L.C. LOCATED AT 4801 LAKE ROAD PURSUANT TO
NEW JERSEY'S COMPASSIONATE USE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT,
N.J.S.A. 24:61-1 ET. SEQ. AND ANY SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION
LEGALIZING THE RECREATIONAL ADULT USE OF CANNABIS AND
CANNIBIS PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2010, New Jersey's State Legislature (the "State") enacted New Jersey's Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:61-1 et seq. (The "Compassionate Use Act"); and

WHEREAS, the State has declared that modern medical research has discovered a beneficial use for Marijuana in treating or alleviating the pain or other symptoms associated with certain debilitating medical conditions, as found by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine in March 1999; and

WHEREAS, the State has joined this health and welfare initiative for its citizens along with thirty-three (33) other jurisdictions to permit the use of Medical Marijuana. The list includes Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Washington D.C., Guam and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the overarching purpose of the Compassionate Use Act is to protect those patients who use Marijuana to alleviate suffering from debilitating medical conditions, as well as their physicians, primary care givers, and those who are authorized to produce marijuana for medical purposes; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of recreational adult use of cannabis and cannabis products constitute the subject matter of the referendum to be considered, and decided, by the eligible voters of the State of New Jersey on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Franklin Township hereby joins the Compassionate Use Act's initiative, and, if approved by referendum by the voters of the State of New Jersey on November 3, 2020, any accepts legislation adopted pursuant to such referendum, and, supports and endorses any application for State licensure to operate aa facility for the cannabis cultivation and manufacturing on premises owned by Visconti Brothers Properties, L.L.C., located at 4801 Lake Road within the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Franklin Township will begin all necessary actions, if any, within thirty (30) days of the award of a licensure by the State of New Jersey Department of Health to HillView Med, maintaining its principal office at 30 Hillview Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035, or to such other qualified and licensed party designated by Visconti Brothers Properties, L.L.C., to establish and operate a facility for cannabis cultivation and manufacturing on the Visconti property located at 4801 Lake Road within the Township of Franklin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township recognizes the salutary effects associated with the medical use of cannabis.

2. The Township finds that it is important to provide for and protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester and the State of New Jersey, consistent with the purpose associated New Jersey’s Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act., N.J.S.A. 24:51-1et. seq.

3. The Township likewise finds that it is not adverse to the best interests of the citizens of the Township to recognize the outcome of the referendum placed before the eligible voters of the State of New Jersey on November 3, 2020 and, should the recreational adult use of cannabis be approved by the voters in respect to the referendum, to accordingly recognize and accept the legalization of such recreational adult use of cannabis.

4. As such, the Township hereby supports the initiative taken by Visconti Brothers Properties, L.L.C. to designate a licensee, for State licensure, to operate a facility for cannabis cultivation and manufacturing within the Township’s boundaries, particularly at 4801 Lake Road, subject to, and in accordance with, all applicable ordinances.

5. The Township will begin all necessary actions (if any) within thirty (30) days of the award of licensure, as being required by the State of New Jersey, to HillView Med or to such other qualified and licensed party designated by Visconti Brothers Properties, L.L.C. to establish and operate such a facility for the cultivation and manufacturing of cannabis on property owned by Visconti Brothers Properties, L.L.C. at 4801 Lake Road.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk

John Bruno, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on October 13, 2020.

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk