

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-053-22

**SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A FACILITY FOR
CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND CANNABIS MANUFACTURING
ON PREMISES OWNED BY VISCONTI BROTHERS PROPERTIES, L.L.C.
LOCATED AT 4801 LAKE ROAD [BLOCK 5501, LOT 31]**

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the Marijuana Legalization Amendment was approved by voters in New Jersey, which legalized the possession and use of cannabis for residents twenty-one years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (“CREAMM Act”), which established the personal-use cannabis program in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin supports the safe and appropriate siting of cannabis businesses where such facilities are permitted pursuant to Franklin Township Ordinance O-6-21, adopted on April 27, 2021, to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township Ordinance O-6-21 permits the operation of Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator and Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer licensees within the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township Ordinance O-6-21 does not limit the number of cannabis businesses that may be licensed to operate within the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, certain property exists within the Township consisting of 48.5 acres, which is suitable to be developed with facilities for the construction and operation of cannabis cultivation facilities, both indoor and greenhouse facilities; facilities for manufacturing, production, packaging, and transportation of cannabis products, including edibles, ointments, oils, concentrates and similar and comparable products; the sale of cannabis and cannabis products to other cannabis businesses and to retail cannabis stores, and to any other related or ancillary use, except for the dispensing of cannabis or sale to consumers, to take place at the property (to the extent permitted by state law); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Franklin Township hereby joins the CREAMM Act’s initiative, and supports and endorses Bango New Jersey Inc.’s application for state licensure by the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“CRC”) to operate a facility for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivation and Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturing on premises owned by Visconti Brothers Properties, L.L.C., located at 4801 Lake Road (Block 5501, Lot 31) within the Township of Franklin; and

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 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 CREAMM Act, N.J.S.A. § 24:6I-1 et seq.

2. As such, the Township of Franklin hereby supports the initiative taken by Bango New Jersey Inc. to operate a facility for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivation and Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturing (to the extent permitted by state law) within the Township’s boundaries, particularly at 4801 Lake Road (Block 5501, Lot 31), subject to, and in accordance with, all applicable ordinances.

3. The Township of Franklin has authorized the operation of Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator and Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer licensees within the Township, and the Township of Franklin does not limit the number of licensed cannabis businesses that may operate within the Township—and therefore, the issuance of a Class 1 and Class 2 license to Bango New Jersey Inc. will not exceed any limit imposed by the Township on the number of licensed cannabis businesses.

Adopted: March 8, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
T. Doyle						
D. Deegan						
M. Petsch-Wilson						
H. Flaim						
J. Bruno						

Attest:

Township of Franklin

Barbara Freijomil, 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 held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk