City of Buchanan

TO DEVELOP A BUCHANAN CITY ORDINANCE and ZONING ORDINANCE ON MICHIGAN’S MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES ACT

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017 the City of Buchanan held a public workshop in which the City Commission, Planning Commission and the Public were invited to attend in an effort to educate and inform the City and its Citizens on Michigan’s Medical Marihuana laws,

WHEREAS, on that date, the City Attorney spent an hour reviewing the details and intricacies of:
Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act – PA 281 of 216;
Grower’s License
Class A License (up to 500 plants);
Class B License (up to 1000 plants);
Class C License (up to 1500 plants);
Processor’s License (edibles, topical treatments, beverages);
Provisioning Center (aka Dispensaries);
Secure Transporter’s License;
Safety Compliance Facility License.
Medical Marihuana Tracking Act – PA 282-2016;
Medical Marihuana Act Amendment – PA 283 of 206;

WHEREAS, during this public workshop those attending had an opportunity to ask questions of the City Attorney and also a representative from State Representative David Pagel’s office as it related to Michigan’s Medical Marihuana laws;

WHEREAS, during this public workshop, it was announced that there would be two public hearings to be scheduled on February 16th and February 20th;

WHEREAS, the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act requires a City such as Buchanan to affirmatively “opt in” by developing an ordinance and zoning ordinance before facility licensed through the Act would be allowed to operate within the City limits;

WHEREAS, if the City chose not to act, those licensed through the Act would not be allowed to operate within the City limits;

WHEREAS, the City of Buchanan has a legitimate purpose in addressing the appropriateness of “opting in” to the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act;

WHEREAS, public forums were held on February 16th and February 20th for the purpose of giving residents and non-residents of the City of Buchanan an opportunity to speak both in favor of and against “opting in” to Michigan’s Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission have been advised regarding numerous
concerns and issues regarding development of an Ordinance(s) and Zoning Ordinance(s) “opting in” to the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission have been advised regarding the numerous benefits regarding development of an ordinance(s) and zoning ordinance(s) “opting in” to the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act;

WHEREAS, it has become evident to the City Commissioners that the Citizens of Buchanan have strong opinions both for and against the City’s “opting in” to the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act;

WHEREAS, being duly informed and advised, the City Commission has decided it shall “opt-in” and adopt ordinance(s) and zoning ordinance(s) that will authorize a yet to be determined location(s), facility type(s) and number of facilities within the City of Buchanan as provided by the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Buchanan City Commissioners approve to move forward in the development of a Buchanan City Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance allowing for a yet to be determined number, type of licensed facility and location(s) within the City under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act.