

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05**

#### **A RESOLUTION URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO IMPLEMENT A LOCAL MARIJUANA TAX**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dover is one of the few municipalities voluntarily permitting cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, testing, and retail in compliance with the Delaware Marijuana Control Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the burden of the community costs of the Delaware Marijuana Control Act are borne by the local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no local revenue sharing to give any incentive to local governments to participate in creating a legal marijuana market; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility to establish and enforce regulations for marijuana businesses, including licensing, zoning, and health and safety standards can be administratively costly and complex; and

**WHEREAS**, local communities are suffering from the costs of other illegal drugs, and the intention of the Delaware Marijuana Control Act is to provide a better alternative for individuals, communities and the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the opioid epidemic has overburdened EMS, treatment and police resources; and

**WHEREAS**, community resistance to marijuana business could be alleviated by providing societal benefits supported by tax revenue generated from said businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits and not just the costs of marijuana legalization should be seen in the local communities, and having a share of the benefits to fund local law enforcement and community development would strengthen support for the act in the long term.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER** respectfully and strongly request that the Delaware General Assembly enact a standardized local tax applicable to all counties and municipalities that permit marijuana operations.

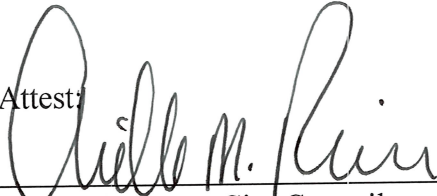
ADOPTED: May 12, 2025



City Clerk

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

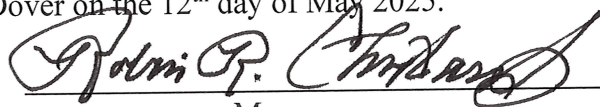
CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE

Attest:  
  
Clerk, Dover City Council



President, Dover City Council

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Dover on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



Mayor