

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE ADULT USE CANNABIS  
DISPENSING ORGANIZATION PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Village of Arlington Heights is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2019, pursuant to the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, Public Act 101-0027, the Village President and Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance 19-045, amending Chapter 7 of the Municipal Code of Arlington Heights, Illinois, 1995, as amended ("*Village Code*") to prohibit adult-use cannabis business establishments in the Village; and

WHEREAS, in May 2020, PharmaCann Inc. d/b/a/ Verilife ("*Verilife*") requested that the Village create a pilot program permitting Verilife to temporarily operate as an Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization ("*Adult-Use Dispensary*") at the existing medical cannabis dispensary located at 1816 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois ("*Property*"); and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020, the President and Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance 2020-027 ("*Pilot Program Ordinance*"), approving a pilot program to permit the temporary operation by Verilife of an Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization at the Property, subject to certain conditions ("*Pilot Program*"); and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2021, the President and Village Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance No. 2021-053, extending the term of the Pilot Program to allow for further study ("*Extension Ordinance*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pilot Program Ordinance and the Extension Ordinance, no Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization may be operated in the Village after March 31, 2022, unless, on or before March 31, 2022, the Board of Trustees approves a continuance of the Pilot Program or appropriate Village Code amendments to permanently authorize adult-use cannabis business establishments in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees desire to grant a limited extension to the Pilot Program in order to permit Verilife to operate an Adult-Use Dispensary at the Property through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that it will serve and be in the best interests of the Village to extend the Pilot Program, in the manner set forth in this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM. The Board of Trustees hereby approves the extension of the Pilot Program, and the operation by Verilife of an Adult-Use Dispensary at the Property, through June 30, 2022, subject to the conditions set forth in the Pilot Program Ordinance. On and after 12:00 a.m. on July 1, 2022, Verilife may not operate an Adult-Use Dispensary at the Property,

unless the Board of Trustees adopts either a resolution further extending the Pilot Program or appropriate amendments to the Village Code permitting the operation of Adult-Use Dispensaries within the Village.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st day of March, 2022.

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Village President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk