



ORDINANCE 2024-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, IN CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PLACING AND IMPLEMENTING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, APPROVAL AND/OR ISSUANCE OF ANY NEW APPROVALS, PERMITS OR LICENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, FOR ANY DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, BUSINESS, SHOP OR ESTABLISHMENT WHICH DEALS IN THE SALE, PURCHASE OR PROVISION OF VAPE OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS OR EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOR OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, FOR PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Alexandria (hereinafter the "CITY") are concerned about the health and welfare of its citizens, visitors, guests and businesses, and have an active duty to protect their health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, there has reportedly been an increase of applications and interest for approval of new developments, construction, businesses, shops and establishments to deal in the sale, purchase or provision of vape and cannabis products and equipment and accessories and alcoholic beverages, throughout Northern Kentucky, including Campbell County and the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the CITY believes that it in the best interest of the health and welfare of its citizens, visitors, guests and businesses to have appropriate ordinances and regulations for the proper location and operation of vape and cannabis products and equipment and accessories and alcoholic beverages businesses shops and establishments; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is currently in the process of evaluation of the laws, and its ordinances and regulations relative to the location and operation of vape and cannabis products and equipment and accessories and alcoholic beverages businesses, shops and establishments; and believes that it is in the best interest of the CITY and its citizens, visitors, guests and businesses to prohibit the approval of new developments, construction, businesses, shops and establishments to deal in the sale, purchase or provision of vape and cannabis products and equipment and accessories and alcoholic beverages in the CITY for a period of six (6) months after the adoption of this ordinance in order to allow for the proper evaluation of current laws, ordinances and regulations and to implement appropriate ordinances and regulations and/or revisions to those currently in existence.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, IN CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: There is hereby adopted and implemented a moratorium on the acceptance, processing, approval and/or issuance of any approvals, permits or licenses, including but not limited to Occupational Licenses and Zoning Permits, from any person, firm, organization, or corporation seeking to develop, construct or open a new development, business, shop or establishment to deal in the sale, purchase or provision of vape and cannabis products and equipment and accessories and alcoholic beverages in the CITY, for a period of six (6) months after the effective date of adoption of this Ordinance, or until the moratorium is extended or earlier terminated.

SECTION 2: Provided that any development, business, shop or establishment to deal in the sale, purchase or provision of vape and cannabis products and equipment and accessories and alcoholic beverages in the CITY which has had any plans, application or proposal approved, even if preliminary, on or before October 1, 2024, shall not be considered as new under this Ordinance and therefore not prohibited under the moratorium - and may proceed as planned and previously approved and may receive any further approvals and issuance of all necessary permits or licenses, including but not limited to Occupational Licenses and Zoning Permits, and may open for business when such is complete.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption, approval and publication according to law; this Ordinance may be published by Summary.

SECTION 4. Should any section, clause, line, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Council Member Kyle Sparks, was read, passed and adopted by Council of the City of Alexandria, Kentucky, meeting in **regular session on the 3rd day of October, 2024, and on the 7th day of November, 2024, with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions**, and was thereafter approved by the Mayor and ordered published in Summary according to law.

APPROVED:


MAYOR ANDY SCHABELL

ATTEST:


STEPHANIE TARTER CITY CLERK

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