

CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 15-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE TO REQUEST
CLARIFICATION FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA ON BALLOT MEASURE 2, THE
LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA**

WHEREAS, in the primary election, registered Alaskan voters voted in favor of Ballot Measure 2, *An Act to tax and regulate the production, sale, and use of marijuana*; and

WHEREAS, some clarification is needed to properly evaluate the regulations to put in place; and

WHEREAS, clarification is needed regarding the powers granted to borough's and the cities within those boroughs; and

WHEREAS, clarification is needed on the "one-ounce" for personal and recreational use and if it will include the liquid concentrate; and

WHEREAS, international transport and shipping is illegal, the State must consider prohibiting non-Alaskan produced marijuana to curb the black market sales and support Alaskan agriculture and business; and

WHEREAS, it is not clear if the per person rules are for each adult over the age of 21, or if that the maximum limit is per household;

WHEREAS, we also request to restrict certain packaging that is enticing to minors; and

WHEREAS, a large number of people were concerned about access to medicinal cannabis, there is currently no differentiation between recreational marijuana high in Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), medicinal cannabis high in Cannabinoids (CBD), and Industrial hemp or the State should consider differentiation by both definition and distinct regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no control of contaminants or potency in marijuana products, minimum standards need to be established and appropriate labeling required to include both THC and CBD levels; and

WHEREAS, please clarify by law whether a passenger vehicle is considered a non-public place and whether "public" for purposes of the prohibition on consumption of marijuana in "public" include things such as private baseball fields, smoking clubs or standing on the edge of your private property; and

WHEREAS, will there be an agricultural farm use tax exemption for locally produced marijuana; and

WHEREAS, it is suggested that a percentage of the marijuana initiative authorized taxation be put toward prevention, treatment, testing, enforcement, and security;

WHEREAS, one possibility for the control of marijuana has been using the Alcohol Control Board we recommend, based on corroborating testimony, the State should set up a separate board for the regulation of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, unanswered questions have arisen pertaining to marijuana production, processing and sales outside municipalities in the unorganized borough and the State should address these issues; and

WHEREAS, other states have found infused edible products to be problematic and their regulation should be addressed very clearly in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, licensing for commercial production, processing, and sales should not disallow or limit the number of small (which needs to be defined) local, vertically integrated operations that are suitable for many other of Alaska's agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, licensing and regulation for commercial production and processing should be consistent throughout the state and should be regulated at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the sale of marijuana products can be regulated at a local level, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska landlord/tenant act needs to be clear on what rights both the landlord and tenant have, with respect to personal marijuana use, production and the right to evict; and

WHEREAS, whether any public advertising for marijuana and related products should be regulated and

WHEREAS, the State should consider allowing permits for cultivation facilities three to four months before retail sales and consider how people would obtain seeds and original cuttings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Pole City Council asks the Alaska legislature to consider the aforementioned issues in regards to the marijuana ballot initiative.

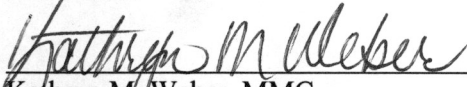
NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Alaska and all Alaska State Legislators.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 2nd day of February, 2015.




Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk

PASSED/FAILED

Yes: 7 – McGhee, Welch, Holm, Hunter, Smith, McCarthy, Ward

No: -0

Absent: -0