ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02 TO AMEND SUBSECTION 1c OF SECTION III OF THE ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE MAXIMUM POTENTIAL NUMBER OF MARIHUANA RETAILERS THAT MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY.

THE CITY OF READING ORDAINS THAT:

Subsection 1c of SECTION III of Ordinance No. 2019-02, as amended, is hereby amended to state as follows:

c) Not more than a total of 5 (five) marihuana retailers may be authorized in the City, so long as the total combined number of single locations of marihuana retailers authorized under this ordinance and marihuana provisioning centers authorized under the City's Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance, as amended, does not exceed 5 (five) such authorized locations. By way of example, if 4 (four) marihuana provisioning centers under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance have been authorized at 4 (four) separate locations within the City, then only 1 (one) marihuana retailer may be authorized at a 5th (fifth) separate location under this ordinance. However, up to 4 (four) additional marihuana retailers could be authorized under this ordinance, so long as they were co-located with the existing marihuana provisioning centers already authorized. Similarly, if 5 (five) marihuana provisioning centers have already been authorized under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance, then no marihuana retailers may be authorized under this ordinance unless they are co-located with the existing medical marihuana provisioning centers.

This Ordinance shall take effect no sooner than ten (10) days after publication, as provided by City Charter.