

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX "A" THE MARGATE ZONING CODE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XLI, TO BE ENTITLED "MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND FINDINGS; PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER DISPENSING FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF MARGATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Art. X, § 29, Fla. Const., entitled, "Medical Marijuana production, possession and use," was passed by the electors of Florida in November 2016, and amended the Florida Constitution to allow the use of marijuana in certain medical applications; and,

**WHEREAS**, during the recent 2017 Special Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 8-A, relating to the Medical Use of Marijuana ("SB-8A"), which implements the provisions of Art. X, § 29, Fla. Const.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Art. X, § 29, Fla. Const. defines Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers ("MMTCs") to mean an entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their caregivers and is registered by the Department (of Health); and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Scott signed Senate Bill 8-A into law on June 23, 2017, now known as Chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, which substantially amends Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, and which provides that "a county or municipality may, by ordinance, ban medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facilities from being located within the boundaries of that county or municipality," and,

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the permissibility of the use and distribution of marijuana for medical treatment purposes in the

1 State of Florida, the use and distribution still remains  
2 prohibited by the Federal law, the Controlled Substances Act (21  
3 U.S.C. § 811), thereby creating confusion regarding the legality  
4 of use and distribution of marijuana;  
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6 **WHEREAS**, given the rapidly evolving landscape of medical  
7 marijuana in the State of Florida and given that the legislature  
8 has allowed local jurisdictions only two options: 1) to allow  
9 medical marijuana treatment center dispensaries within their  
10 jurisdictional boundaries and regulate same no more stringently  
11 than they would regulate pharmacies or 2) to ban medical  
12 marijuana treatment center dispensaries within their  
13 jurisdictional boundaries altogether, the City Council of the  
14 City of Margate finds it to be in the best interest of the  
15 health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and  
16 visitors of the City of Margate to prohibit medical marijuana  
17 treatment center dispensaries within the jurisdictional  
18 boundaries of the City at this time; and  
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20 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission, pursuant to the authority  
21 provided to the City in Section 381.986(11), Florida Statutes,  
22 desires to prohibit MMTCs from establishing dispensaries within  
23 the municipal limits of the City of Margate.  
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**  
26 **CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, THAT:**  
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28 **Section 1:** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby  
29 ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and incorporated  
30 herein by this reference.  
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32 **Section 2:** Appendix "A" of the City of Margate Code of  
33 Ordinances entitled "Margate Zoning Code" is amended to add a  
34 new Article XLI to be entitled "Medical Marijuana Dispensing  
35 Facilities Prohibited" to read as follows<sup>1</sup>:  
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37 Article XLI - Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Dispensing  
38 Facilities Prohibited.  
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40 Section 41.1 Purpose, findings, and prohibition  
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45 <sup>1</sup> CODING: Words in ~~struck-through~~ text are deletions from  
46 existing text; words in underscored text are additions to  
47 existing text, and **shaded** text reflect changes between  
48 First and Second Readings.

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2       (A) Purpose. It is the purpose of this ordinance to  
3 prohibit Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers created  
4 pursuant to Art. X, § 29 of the Florida Constitution  
5 and Chapter 2017-232 Laws of Florida (Codified in  
6 Chapter 381, Florida Statutes) from establishing  
7 Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Dispensing  
8 Facilities within the municipal limits of the City of  
9 Margate.

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11       (B) Findings. Based on authority granted to  
12 municipalities in Section 381.986(11) Florida  
13 Statutes, the City Commission finds that a ban on the  
14 establishment of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center  
15 Dispensaries within the City of Margate is in the best  
16 interest of the City.

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19       (C) Prohibition. Medical Marijuana Treatment Center  
20 Dispensing Facilities are prohibited within the  
21 boundaries of the City of Margate. No variance,  
22 special exception or other procedural or regulatory  
23 exemption to this City-wide ban may be processed by or  
24 granted by the City.

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27       Section 3: Conflict. All Ordinances or parts of  
28 Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict  
29 herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of  
30 such conflict.

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32       Section 4: Severability. If any clause, section, or  
33 other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held by any  
34 court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or  
35 invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or application  
36 shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the  
37 validity of the remaining portions or applications remaining in  
38 full force and effect.

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40       Section 5: Codification. It is the intention of the  
41 City Commission of the City of Margate that the provisions of  
42 this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of  
43 Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, that the Sections of  
44 this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered, and the word  
45 "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article" or such other  
46 word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

