Town of Brownfield
Marijuana Establishments Licensing Ordinance

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ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate and license Marijuana Establishments as defined in this Ordinance and by the State of Maine under the Marijuana Legalization Act, 28-B M.R.S.A. Chapter 1, and the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, 22 M.R.S.A. Chapter 558-C, as may be amended, and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Brownfield.

ARTICLE II: AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by 28-B M.R.S.A. §401, as may be amended, and 22 M.R.S.A. §2429-D, as may be amended.

ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS.

The following definitions shall apply to this Ordinance:

*Adult Use Marijuana* shall mean “adult use marijuana” as that term is defined in 28-B M.R.S.A. §102(1), as may be amended.

*Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility* shall mean a “cultivation facility” as that term is defined in 28-B M.R.S.A. §102(13), as may be amended.

*Adult Use Marijuana Product* shall mean “adult use marijuana product” as that term is defined in 28-B M.R.S.A. §102(2), as may be amended.

*Adult Use Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility* shall mean a “products manufacturing facility” as that term is defined in 28-B M.R.S.A. §102(43), as may be amended.

*Adult Use Marijuana Store* shall mean a “marijuana store” as that term is defined in 28-B M.R.S.A. §102(34), as may be amended.

*Adult Use Marijuana Testing Facility* shall mean a “testing facility” as that term is defined in 28-B M.R.S.A. §102(54), as may be amended.

*Applicant* shall mean a Person that has submitted an application for licensure as a Marijuana Establishment pursuant to this Ordinance.

*Cultivate* or *cultivation* shall mean the planting, propagation, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, trimming or other processing of marijuana for use or sale. It does not include manufacturing.
Licensed premises shall mean the premises specified in an application for a State or Local License pursuant to this Ordinance that are owned or in possession of the Licensee and within which the Licensee is authorized to cultivate, manufacture, distribute, sell, or test adult use marijuana, adult use marijuana products, medical marijuana or medical marijuana products in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the requirements of State law and regulations.

Licensee shall mean a Person licensed pursuant to this Ordinance.

Local License shall mean any license required by and issued under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Local Licensing Authority shall mean the Town, as further specified in the provisions of this Ordinance.

Manufacture or manufacturing shall mean the production, blending, infusing, compounding or other preparation of marijuana products, including, but not limited to, marijuana extraction or preparation by means of chemical synthesis. It does not include cultivation.

Marijuana shall mean Adult Use Marijuana, Adult Use Marijuana Products, Medical Marijuana, and Medical Marijuana Products.

Marijuana Concentrate shall mean the resin extracted from any part of a marijuana plant and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation from such resin, including, but not limited to, hashish. In determining the weight of marijuana concentrate in a marijuana product, the weight of any other ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare a marijuana product may not be included.

Marijuana Establishment shall mean an Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility, an Adult Use Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility, an Adult Use Marijuana Testing Facility, a Medical Marijuana Testing Facility, a Medical Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility, and a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility.

Medical Marijuana shall mean the medical use of marijuana, with the term “medical use” as defined in 22 M.R.S §2422(5), as amended.

Medical Marijuana Caregiver shall mean a “caregiver” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2422(8-A), as may be amended.

Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Store shall mean “caregiver retail store” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2422(1-F) as may be amended.

Medical Marijuana Cultivation Area shall mean a “cultivation area” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2422(3), as may be amended.
Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility shall mean a medical marijuana cultivation area used or occupied by one or more medical marijuana registered caregivers and a facility licensed under this ordinance to cultivate, prepare and package medical marijuana at a location that is not the residence of the Medical Marijuana Registered Caregiver or Qualifying Patient.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall mean a “registered dispensary” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2422(6), as may be amended.

Medical Marijuana Product shall mean a “marijuana product” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2442(4-L), as may be amended.

Medical Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility shall mean a “manufacturing facility” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2422(4-R), as may be amended.

Medical Marijuana Qualifying Patient shall mean a “qualifying patient” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2422(9), as may be amended.

Medical Marijuana Registered Caregiver shall mean a “registered caregiver” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2422(11), as may be amended.

Medical Marijuana Testing Facility shall mean a “marijuana testing facility” as that term is defined in 22 M.R.S.A. §2422(5-C), as may be amended.

Plant Canopy shall mean “plant canopy” as that term is defined in 28-B M.R.S.A. §102(41), as may be amended.

Owner shall mean a Person whose beneficial interest in a Marijuana Establishment is such that the Person bears risk of loss other than as an insurer, has an opportunity to gain profit from the operation or sale of a Marijuana Establishment and/or has a controlling interest in a Marijuana Establishment.

Person shall mean a natural person, partnership, association, company, corporation, limited liability company or organization or a manager, agent, owner, director, servant, officer or employee thereof. “Person” does not include any governmental organization.

State License shall mean any license, registration or certification issued by the State Licensing Authority.

State Licensing Application shall mean the application form and supporting materials required by the State for the purpose of a person obtaining a State license, registration or certification for the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing and sale of adult use marijuana, adult use marijuana products, medical marijuana and/or medical marijuana products in this State.

State Licensing Authority shall mean the authority (or authorities) created by the State for the purpose of regulating and controlling the licensing of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution,
testing and sale of adult use marijuana, adult use marijuana products, medical marijuana and/or medical marijuana products in this State.

*Tier 1 Cultivation Facility:* A facility that may cultivate not more than 30 mature marijuana plants and an unlimited number of immature marijuana plants and seedlings; or has not more than 500 square feet of Plant Canopy.

*Tier 2 Cultivation Facility:* A facility that may cultivate not more than 2,000 square feet of Plant Canopy.

*Tier 3 Cultivation Facility:* A facility that may cultivate not more than 7,000 square feet of Plant Canopy.

*Town* shall mean the Town of Brownfield unless otherwise named.

ARTICLE IV: GENERAL

Section 1. License Required.

It shall be unlawful for any medical or adult use marijuana cultivation, products manufacturing, or testing facility to operate within the Town of Brownfield without obtaining a separate Local License for each type of marijuana facility (i.e., cultivation/products manufacturing/testing) and all other applicable state and local approvals. Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Stores, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, and Adult Use Marijuana Stores are prohibited in the Town of Brownfield. Marijuana Establishments are neither “Agricultural Uses” nor “Home Occupations” under the Town of Brownfield Land Use Ordinance.

Persons or entities wishing to establish a Marijuana Establishment within the Town of Brownfield shall first obtain licenses and business permits from the Town of Brownfield Planning Board and all applicable State Licenses from the State Licensing Authority, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

The maximum number of Local Licenses allowed at one time for Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facilities shall be as follows:

- Tier 1- ten (10) licenses
- Tier 2- five (5) licenses
- Tier 3- two (2) licenses

Licenses will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis, based upon the date of submission of a completed application, and existing licensees will be given priority in a situation where there are multiple applicants and only one license slot available.
Section 2. License Application.

An application for a Local License must be made on a form provided by the Town. All applicants must be qualified according to the provisions of this Ordinance and must obtain all required state approvals or conditional approvals prior to submitting a complete application. Applicants shall provide sufficient information to demonstrate that they meet all qualifications and standards established in this Ordinance.

The application for a Marijuana Establishment license shall contain the following information:

A. Name of Applicant.

1. If the applicant is an individual: The individual shall state their legal name and any aliases and submit proof that they are at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

2. If the applicant is a partnership: The partnership shall state its complete name, the names of all partners, whether the partnership is general or limited, submit a copy of the partnership agreement, if any, and submit proof that all partners are at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

3. If the applicant is a corporation: The corporation shall state its complete name, the date of its incorporation, evidence that the corporation is in good standing under State law, the names and capacity of all officers, directors and principal stockholders, the name of the registered corporate agent, the address of the registered office for service of process, and submit proof that all officers, directors and principal stockholders are at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

4. If the applicant is a limited liability company (LLC): The LLC shall state its complete name, the date of its establishment, evidence that the LLC is in good standing under State law, the names and capacity of all members, a copy of its operating agreement, if any, the address of its registered office for service of process, and submit proof that all members are at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

5. If the applicant intends to operate the Marijuana Establishment under a name other than that of the applicant, they must state the Marijuana Establishment’s name and submit the required registration documents.

B. The name, mailing address and phone number of the applicant; and the name, mailing address, and phone number of the property owners of the property to be used, if other than the applicant.

C. Current passport-style photograph(s) of the applicant(s), driver’s license or valid State ID.
D. A copy of the appropriate Town Tax Map(s) depicting the property lines of the proposed Marijuana Establishment, including a legal description of the property, street address, and telephone number. The applicant must also demonstrate that the property meets the Land Use requirements for the proposed use.

E. If the applicant has had a previous license under this Ordinance or other similar Marijuana Establishment license applications in another town in Maine, in the Town, or in another state denied, suspended or revoked, they must list the name and location of the Marijuana Establishment for which the license was denied, suspended or revoked, as well as the date of the denial, suspension or revocation, and they must list whether the applicant has been a partner in a partnership or an officer, director, or principal stockholder of a corporation that is permitted/licensed under this Ordinance, whose license has previously been denied, suspended or revoked, listing the name and location of the Marijuana Establishment for which the permit was denied, suspended, or revoked as well as the date of denial, suspension or revocation.

F. If the applicant holds any other permits/licenses under this Ordinance or other similar Marijuana Establishment license from another town, the Town, or State the applicant shall provide the names and locations of such other permitted/licensed businesses, including the current status of the license or permit and whether the license or permit has been revoked.

G. The type of Marijuana Establishment for which the applicant is seeking a license and a general description of the business including hours of operation.

H. Sufficient documentation demonstrating possession or entitlement to possession of the proposed licensed premises of the Marijuana Establishment pursuant to a lease, rental agreement, purchase and sale agreement or other arrangement for possession of the premises or by virtue of ownership of the premises. If the property is leased the applicant must provide a signed and notarized letter from the lessor stating they are aware of the proposed use for the property.

I. A statement by the applicant that the proposed use will not be located within 1,000 feet of the property line of any preexisting schools or other uses outlined in Article V, Section 1(B) of this Ordinance.

J. Evidence of all required state authorizations, including evidence of a caregiver registration in good standing, a conditional license pursuant to Title 28-B, food license, and any other required state authorizations.

K. A copy of the security plan as required by Article V §A(6) of this Ordinance.

L. A copy of the odor and ventilation mitigation plan as required by Article V §A(7) of this Ordinance.

M. A copy of the operations plan as required by Article V §A(8) of this Ordinance.

N. Consent for the right to access the property as required by Article V §B of this Ordinance.
O. Evidence of insurance as required by Article V §C(1) of this Ordinance.

P. Medical marijuana registered caregivers and other applicants submitting applications and supporting information that is confidential under 22 M.R.S.A. §2425-A(12), as may be amended, and the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S.A. §402(3)(F), shall mark such information as confidential.

Section 3. Application and License Fees

A. Application Fee. An applicant must pay an application fee upon submission. The application fee is set by the Select Board.

B. Review Escrow Fee. A Review Escrow Fee, to be determined by the Planning Board upon initial review of the application and an estimate of reasonable costs of further review, will be established to defray the Town’s costs for application review by staff and/or third-party consultants, to be paid by the applicant. Any balance in the account remaining after a final decision on the application by the Planning Board and satisfaction of any approval conditions shall be returned to the applicant unless there is an appeal or other legal action pending with respect to the Planning Board’s approval. All interest from the Review Escrow Account shall accrue to the account and shall be applied toward the Town’s cost in reviewing the application.

C. License Fee. The Local License fee schedule shall be set by the Select Board and shall be paid by the licensee annually:

1. Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility:
   (a) Tier 1: 0 to 500 SF of Plant Canopy
   (b) Tier 2: 501-2,000 SF of Plant Canopy
   (c) Tier 3: 2,001-7,000 SF of Plant Canopy

2. Adult Use or Medical Marijuana Testing Facility

3. Adult Use or Medical Marijuana Products Manufacturing Facility

4. Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility

Section 4. Licensing Authority and Procedure.

A. The initial application for a license shall be received by the Town Clerk, processed, reviewed and approved by the Town Planning Board.

B. Complete application. In the event that the Town Planning Board determines that a submitted application is not complete, the Town Planning Board shall notify the Applicant within ten (10) business days that the application is not complete and shall inform the Applicant of the additional information required to process the application.
C. Public hearing.

1. A public hearing by the Town Planning Board on an application for a license shall be scheduled after receipt of a completed application. The Town Clerk shall publish public notice of the hearing not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing in a local newspaper.

2. When an application is determined to be complete, the Town Clerk shall, at the applicant's expense, give written notification to all abutting property owners within five-hundred (500) feet of the parcel on which the proposed license is sought of the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the application will be considered. Notification shall be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the first meeting at which the complete application is to be reviewed. Failure of any property owner to receive the notification shall not necessitate another hearing or invalidate any action of the Board. For purposes of this section, the owners of the abutting properties shall be considered to be the parties listed by the tax assessor for the Town.

3. A renewal application shall be subject to the same application and review standards as applied to the initial issuance of the license. As part of the renewal process, the Town Clerk shall consider compliance from prior years, and based upon that review, may recommend conditions to any future license to correct, abate, or limit past problems to forward to the Code Enforcement Officer for action.

D. Responsibilities and review authority.

1. The Town Clerk shall be responsible for the initial investigation of the application to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance. The Town Clerk shall consult with other Town Departments and any appropriate State Licensing Authority as part of this investigation.

2. No Local License shall be granted by the Town until the Fire Chief and the Code Enforcement Officer have all made the determination that the Applicant complies with this and all other local ordinance and state laws and provides a written recommendation to the Town Clerk. When an agent of the Town determines that it is necessary for the Town to consult with a third-party expert, the Town shall give reasonable notice to the applicant of its determination of need, including the basis for the determination; the third-party that the Town proposes to engage; and then the estimated fee for the third-party consultation. The applicant shall have the opportunity to respond for up to (10) business days from receipt of the Town's notice before the Town engages the third-party. Whenever inspections of the premises used for or in connection with the operation of a licensed business are provided for or required by ordinance or State law, or are reasonably necessary to secure compliance with any ordinance provision or State law, it shall be the duty of the Applicant or licensee, or the person in charge of the premises to be inspected, to admit any officer, official, or
employee of the Town authorized to make the inspection at any reasonable time that admission is requested.

3. The Town shall have the authority to approve license and renewal applications, and impose any conditions on a license that may be necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance or to address concerns about operations that may be resolved through the conditions. The failure to comply with such conditions shall be considered a violation of the license.

Section 5. License Expiration and Renewal.

A. Each Local License issued shall be effective for one year from the date of issuance.

B. Renewal applications must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the date of expiration of the annual Local License. An application for the renewal of an expired license shall be treated as a new license application.

C. Licenses issued under this Ordinance are not transferable to a new owner. Any change in ownership or change in the officers of an owner shall require a new license. Licenses are limited to the location for which they are issued and shall not be transferable to a different location. A Licensee who seeks to operate in a new location shall acquire a new Local License for that location.

Section 6. Denial, Suspension or Revocation of License.

A. A Local License under this Ordinance shall be denied to the following persons:

1. A Person who fails to meet the requirements of this Ordinance. Where an Applicant is an entity rather than a natural person, all natural persons with an ownership interest shall meet these requirements.

2. A Person who has had a license for a Marijuana Establishment revoked by the Town or by the State.

3. An Applicant who has not acquired all necessary State approvals and other required local approvals prior to the issuance of a Local License.

B. The Town may suspend or revoke a license for any violation of this Ordinance or any other applicable building and life safety code requirements. The Town shall suspend or revoke a license if the licensee has a State License for a Marijuana Establishment suspended or revoked by the State. The Licensee shall be entitled to notice and a hearing prior to any suspension or revocation, except where the reason for suspension or revocation could reasonably threaten health, safety, or welfare, as long as notice and a hearing is provided as soon as practicable.
ARTICLE V: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR LICENSE

Section 1. General.

A. All Marijuana Establishments shall comply with applicable state and local laws and regulations.

B. Marijuana Establishments may not be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of any preexisting (prior to the date the application submission) schools (public or private), public athletic complexes, libraries, churches, and public parks. For the purposes of this Ordinance, "school" includes a public school, private school, or public preschool program all as defined in 20-A M.R.S.A. §1, or any other educational facility that serves children from prekindergarten to grade 12, as well as any preschool or daycare facility licensed by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

C. Required setbacks shall be measured as the most direct, level, shortest, without regard to the intervening structures or objects, straight-line distance between the school property line and the property line of the parcel of land on which the Marijuana Establishment is located. Presence of a town, county, or other political subdivision boundary shall be irrelevant for purposes of calculating and applying the distance requirements of this Section.

D. The Planning Board approved operating plan which demonstrates the proposed size and layout of the marijuana operation; plans for wastewater and waste disposal; plans for providing electricity, water and other utilities necessary for the normal operation of the facility; plans for securing the proposed facility; hours of operation and plans for compliance with applicable building code and federal and state environmental requirements. An operating plan for a cultivation facility must include the proposed size and layout of the cultivation areas and must depict the total square footage of plant canopy area.

E. Pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §2429-D(3), Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Stores, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, Medical Marijuana Testing Facilities, Medical Marijuana Manufacturing Facilities and Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities that were operating with Town approval prior to December 13, 2018, in their current location and current use provided, may continue to operate, however, that said Marijuana Establishments shall apply for and obtain a renewal license annually. If any non-conforming use of land ceases for any reason for a period of more than one year, any subsequent use of such land shall conform to the current regulations specified by the Town.

F. Security measures at all Marijuana Establishment premises shall include, at a minimum, the following:

   1. Marijuana Establishments (where applicable) shall have lockable doors and windows to include intrusion alarms with the audible and police notification components
sending notification directly to or through a second party to the Oxford County Sheriff Department.

2. Outdoor cultivation operations shall be enclosed with secure, locked fencing as required under Title 28-B and/or Title 22, Chapter 558-C, as applicable.

3. Marijuana Establishments shall have video surveillance capable of covering the exterior and interior of the operation. The video shall be operated with continuous recording twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, and such recordings shall be retained for a minimum duration of thirty (30) days and be made available to law enforcement agencies when investigating a criminal complaint.

4. All useable Marijuana and cash must be stored in a safe or cabinet that is securely attached to the structure or is incorporated as part of the structure. For Marijuana that must be kept refrigerated or frozen, these products may be stored in a locked refrigerator or freezer container provided the container is affixed to the building structure.

G. Odor and Ventilation. Indoor Marijuana Establishments shall be ventilated so that the odor from the marijuana cannot be detected by a person with a normal sense of smell from any adjoining use or property.

H. Operating Plan. Marijuana Establishments which cultivate, test, and/or manufacture are required to submit an operation plan that at a minimum addresses wastewater and waste disposal. No marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana plants, or other marijuana waste may be stored outside, other than in secured, locked containers. Any wastewater shall be treated such that it will not create excessive odors, contamination, or pollution.

I. Signs. Signage must comply with the requirements in 22 M.R.S.A. §2429-B and 28-B M.R.S.A. §702.

J. Consumption: There may be no on-site consumption of Marijuana at Marijuana Establishments.

K. Town Parks/Property: There may be no consumption of Marijuana at Town Parks or on Town Property.

Section 2. Right of Access/Inspection

A. Every Marijuana Establishment shall allow the Brownfield Code Enforcement Officer ("CEO") and the Chief of the Brownfield Fire Department (BFD) to enter the premises at reasonable times for the purpose of checking compliance with all applicable State laws and this Ordinance.

B. All Marijuana Establishments shall agree to be inspected annually by the Chief of the Brownfield Fire Department or designee and have a Knox Box installed at the structure's exterior entrance for emergency access. Knox Boxes shall be obtained and installed in coordination with the Brownfield Fire Department.
Section 3. Insurance and Indemnification.

A. Each marijuana establishment shall procure and maintain commercial general liability coverage in the minimum amount of $1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, death, and property damage.

B. By accepting a license issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the licensee knowingly and voluntarily waives and releases the Town, its officers, elected officials, employees, attorneys, and agents from any liability for injuries, damages, or liabilities of any kind that result from any arrest or prosecution of any Marijuana Establishment owners, operators, employees, clients, or customers for a violation of local, State or federal laws, rules, or regulations.

C. By accepting a license issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the permittee/licensee agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town, its officers, elected officials, employees, attorneys, agents, and insurers against all liability, claims, and demands on account of any injury, loss or damage, including without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any manner connected with the operation of a licensed Marijuana Establishment.

Section 4. State Law.

In the event the State of Maine adopts any additional or stricter law or regulation governing the sale, cultivation, manufacture, distribution, or testing of Marijuana or Marijuana products, the additional or stricter regulation shall control the establishment or operation of any Marijuana Establishment in the Town.

Compliance with all applicable State laws and regulations shall be deemed an additional requirement for issuance or denial of any license under this Ordinance, and noncompliance with State laws or regulations shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of any license issued hereunder.

ARTICLE VI: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer and her/his designees, who may institute any and all actions to be brought in the name of the Town.

A. Any violation of this Ordinance, including the operation of a Marijuana Establishment without a valid Local License and failure to comply with any condition, shall be subject to civil penalties in the minimum amount of $100 and the maximum amount of $2,500 for each violation. Every day a violation exists constitutes a separate violation. Any such fine may be in addition to any license suspension or revocation imposed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. In any court action, the Town may seek injunctive relief in addition to penalties, and shall be entitled to recover its costs of enforcement, including attorney’s fees.
B. In addition to any other remedies provided by this Ordinance, the Town may take all necessary steps to immediately shut down any marijuana business and post the business and the space that it occupies against occupancy for the following violations: operating a marijuana business without a Local License or State License; failure to allow entrance and inspection to any Town official on official business after a reasonable request; and any other violation that the Town determines as the potential to threaten the health and/or safety of the public, including significant fire and life safety violations.

ARTICLE VII: APPEALS.

A. Any appeal of a decision of the Town to issue, issue with conditions, deny, or revoke a license shall be to the Superior Court in accordance with the requirements of Rule 80B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

B. Any order, requirement, decision or determination made, or failure to act, in the enforcement of this ordinance is not appealable to the Town’s Board of Appeals, and shall be appealed to the Superior Court in accordance with the requirements of Rule 80B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

ARTICLE VIII: SEVERABILITY AND OTHER LAWS.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provision shall be declared to be invalid or void, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, this Ordinance incorporates the requirements and procedures set forth in the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, 22 M.R.S.A. Chapter 558-C, as may be amended and the Marijuana Legalization Act, 28-B M.R.S.A. Chapter 1, as may be amended. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of the above laws or any other applicable State or local law or regulation, the more restrictive provision shall control.

ARTICLE IX: EFFECTIVE DATE.

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be thirty (30) days following adoption by the Town.

Adopted: November 3, 2020 Referendum Election

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