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MACOMB TOWNSHIP ADOPTS MARIJUANA ORDINANCE TO PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS

Macomb Township, MI — On April 14, 2021 the Macomb Township Board of Trustees unanimously adopted an ordinance that prohibits growing marijuana in any residentially zoned property except for personal or medical use, which is capped at 12 plants.

Those wanting to grow more than 12 plants under the caregiver provisions of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMMA) would need to secure space in a commercial or industrial zoned area of the Township.

“This is the right step to shield residents from the unintended consequences of the poorly constructed MMMA,” Macomb Township Supervisor Frank Viviano stated. “We respect the Michigan electorate’s choice to pass the MMMA, but we also have a responsibility to protect the rights of homeowners to live safely and nuisance free in their homes. The Board’s action tonight gives us the tools we need to fulfill that obligation.”

Anyone wishing to grow marijuana under the MMMA in Macomb Township, whether patients or caregivers, must register with the township and be permitted under this ordinance. Applications will be available on the Township website before the May 24, 2021 effective date of the ordinance. Failure to register growing activities under the MMMA will result in fines and other penalties. It should be noted that Macomb Township opted out of recreational marijuana years ago and those activities remain prohibited today.

“We have plans to aggressively enforce our zoning ordinance” said Supervisor Viviano. “And soon we will be implementing a strategy to curb grow activities that pose a health and safety risk to the neighborhoods. Grow operations in residential buildings have a history of burning out electrical meters, overloading transformers, and creating mold and other unsafe conditions in the homes in which they are located.”

“Ultimately, I hope the Michigan legislature will take notice of what we are struggling with here at the local level and work toward a resolution to the inconsistencies and oversights in the three marijuana related ballot initiatives,” Viviano continued. “Until then, Macomb Township is prepared to keep our community safe with the means we have at our disposal.”

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