

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADAPTIVE AND BENEFICIAL REUSE OF EXISTING
AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND FACILITIES ON TOWNSHIP BLOCK 5, LOT 7.03**

RESOLUTION 2018-30

WHEREAS the Township has a long history of dedicating itself to helping protect, preserve, sustain, and expand agricultural uses, by not only preserving the Township's agricultural landscape, but by making efforts to continue the viability, growth, and success of our agricultural enterprises; and

WHEREAS the State of New Jersey has been moving towards the expanded medical use of cannabis, with existing demand being satisfied primarily through the adaptive reuse of former industrial buildings and other urban properties, rather than the use of traditional agricultural lands and techniques for which the Township of Lafayette is a recognized leader; and

WHEREAS the anticipated expansion of medical cannabis use, or the legalization of recreational cannabis use, will require an expansion of cannabis cultivation facilities throughout the State of New Jersey, which demand can be satisfied through cannabis cultivation using existing agricultural lands and facilities long associated with the Township; and

WHEREAS, The MedRoom, which is beginning the anticipated process required to seek State licensure for the purposes of cultivating cannabis and undertaking related processing activities, has appeared before the Economic Development Committee seeking the Township Committee's formal endorsement of its proposed adaptive reuse of an existing commercial greenhouse located on an approximately 20-acre farm located at 152 Hampton House Road, Block 5, Lot 7.03 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, having considered the proposal, as well as the recent trends in legislative activity that are anticipated to result in the expansion of cannabis cultivation, believes that such an adaptive reuse of certain existing agricultural lands and facilities in the Township would be in furtherance of the Township's long standing support for agriculture, be in the public interest, and provide a beneficial use for the community and the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The use of the Property for cannabis cultivation and processing, subject to State licensure and consistency with future zoning amendments, is hereby endorsed.
2. This endorsement is provided in anticipation that The MedRoom provides to both the Township Committee's satisfaction, as well as the Township Land Use Board, that the layout, design, and other features of the Property as depicted by The MedRoom can be developed and operated in a safe and secure manner, consistent with all applicable local, county and state laws and regulations.

CERTIFICATION

I certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette at a meeting held on July 3, 2018.

AnnaRose Fedish, RMC
Municipal Clerk