

**TOWN OF MANCHESTER ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM
ON RETAIL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS**

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2018, the Town of Manchester at Town Meeting adopted a 180 day moratorium on the acceptance, processing or acting upon any application for any approval, including but not limited to a building permit, certificate of occupancy, site plan review, conditional use, or any other approval, for retail recreational marijuana establishments and to develop appropriate land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town is currently in the process of revising and developing appropriate land use regulations concerning retail recreational marijuana establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Moratorium will expire on December 11, 2018;

WHEREAS, State law requires a moratorium to be of a definite term of not more than 180 days, which may be extended for additional 180 day periods by the Board of Selectmen, upon a finding that:

- A. The problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium still exists; and
- B. Reasonable progress is being made to alleviate the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium;

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen finds that the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium still exists; and

WHEREAS, during the term of the moratorium the Town has made reasonable progress to alleviate the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium but requires an additional amount to develop regulations governing the location and operation of retail recreational marijuana establishments; and

WHEREAS during the period of this extension of the Moratorium, the Town will continue to diligently work to develop and adopt appropriate land use regulations concerning retail recreational marijuana establishments; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted to it by 30-A M.R.S. § 4356, be it hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Manchester, Maine as follows:

The Moratorium on Retail Recreational Marijuana Establishments adopted by Town Meeting on June 14, 2018 is hereby extended for an additional 180 days beyond December 11, 2018, unless earlier extended, repealed or modified by the Board of Selectmen.