

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
Township of Ewing, County of Mercer

The Township of Ewing (the “Township”) has endorsed the expansion of medical and adult use cannabis in the State of New Jersey and supports safe and appropriate siting of cannabis related and supporting businesses within the Township, including medical and adult use cannabis businesses.

The New Jersey Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-2, *et seq.*, and accompanying regulations, N.J.A.C. 17:30A-1, *et seq.*, authorize medical use and possession of cannabis, and related operations, and the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement, Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31, *et seq.*, and accompanying regulations, N.J.A.C. 17:30-1, *et seq.*, authorize the adult use and possession of cannabis, and related operations (collectively the “Cannabis Laws”).

Under the Cannabis Laws, an applicant for an annual cannabis business license must submit to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (the “CRC”), among other requirements, proof of local support in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.10(b)(9). A municipality may demonstrate proof of local support for the suitability of a cannabis business’s proposed location by indicating that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business with the adoption of a resolution by the governing body. *See* N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1(g).

Accordingly, the Township is accepting applications for Local Endorsement for Licensing of Cannabis Cultivators, Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Distributors, Delivery Services and Dispensaries under a “Fair and Open” procurement process compliant with the rules and restrictions set forth by the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, *et seq.*

The Township is seeking to endorse **two (2) applicants** for a **Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License** in accordance with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-42, **one (1)** of which qualifies as a **Microbusiness** in accordance with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-36. The Township is also seeking to endorse applicants for a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator License, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-37, a Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer License, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-39. While there is **no limit** on the number of endorsements for Cannabis Cultivators, or Manufacturers the Township will not endorse any additional applicants in 2022 past this RFA deadline.

Application packages may be obtained by **email** at the Township of Ewing Clerk’s Office by calling 609-538-7609, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or on the Township’s website at <https://ewingnj.org/cannabis>.

For those applicants seeking Local Endorsement for Licensing as **Cannabis Dispensaries, Cannabis Cultivators, or Cannabis Manufacturers** sealed applications, clearly marked with the title, name and address of the party making the same, will be received by the Township Clerk on or before **February 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** by mail, or hand delivery, at the Ewing Township Municipal Building, 2 Jake Garzio Drive, Ewing, NJ 08628. No applications received after that time will be considered.

Local Endorsements will be awarded by a majority vote of the Township Council of the Township of Ewing. THE TOWNSHIP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS, OR TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL DEFECTS AND/OR INFORMALITIES IN ANY APPLICATION, SHOULD IT DEEM THE SAME TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING.

By order of the Township Council of the Township of Ewing.

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