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**ADAMS PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairmember David Rhinemiller, Member Sandra Moderski, Member Lisa Gazaille, and Member Michael Mach

MEMBERS ABSENT: Member David C. Krzeminski

OTHERS PRESENT: Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary; Eammon Coughlin, Town of Adams Staff; James Barrett, Abutter

CALL TO ORDER: Chairmember David Rhinemiller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested persons or parties with the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments to the Adams Zoning Bylaws, Article IV, Section 125-35 “Licensed Marijuana Establishments” to permit licensed Marijuana Courier and Delivery Operator businesses in the Industrial (I), Industrial Park (IP) and Business (B-2) districts in Adams, while minimizing potential adverse impacts of marijuana establishments and ensuring the general safety, welfare and quality of life of the Town’s neighborhoods and the broader community.

Chairmember Rhinemiller opened the floor to the public hearing.

Mr. Coughlin began by giving a presentation on the reason the board is looking at this amendment. Mr. Coughlin started the presentation explaining the current rules and regulations that the town enforces on Marijuana industry. Mr. Coughlin explained that there have been marijuana developers that were looking to have delivery or courier businesses in the community.

Mr. Coughlin explained the state regulations already in place for these businesses, including but not limited to, the need to have constant cameras, multiple people to one vehicle, and only being allowed to deliver to businesses.

Mr. Coughlin explained that the business model of Delivery Operators and Couriers were not regulated in the current Adams Bylaw because until this last year, the state regulations on the two business types were not properly set up yet.

Mr. Coughlin explained that because the town already allows commercial marijuana developments that if businesses following the Delivery or Courier state operating regulations set up in another town that those businesses would be allowed to deliver to our town, that this change to the bylaw would just put regulations on them and allow businesses to open in town.

Mr. Coughlin went over the proposed times that these services would be allowed to operate under the proposed bylaw, as well as other changes to the bylaw that would remove conflicting language if this proposed bylaw were to be accepted.

Chairmember Rhinemiller asked if anyone on the board had any questions.

Member Moderski asked if there were specific vehicles that were required for the delivery service.

Mr. Coughlin responded that the vehicles have certain requirements and that most businesses use a minivan like vehicle but that there are regulations that the vehicle must meet in order to be used.

Member Mach asked if the drivers carried any weapons while on delivery.

Mr. Coughlin responded that the regulations actually didn't allow the drivers to carry weapons.

Member Mach remarked that it seemed the businesses were pretty heavily regulated by the state.

Chairmember Rhinemiller asked if the town was able to collect taxes from a delivery business that was from another town.

Mr. Coughlin was unsure.

Chairmember Rhinemiller opened the floor to the audience.

Mr. Barrett spoke that he wanted to make sure the historic district was protected.

Chairmember Rhinemiller explained that the bylaw itself would not change the neighborhood.

Mr. Barrett asked if he could take a copy of the bylaw with him, which the board said he could so he did.

Mr. Coughlin read the entirety of the proposed bylaw changes.

Chairmember Rhinemiller closed the public hearing.

Member Mach motioned, seconded by Member Gazaille, to pass proposed amendments to the Adams Zoning Bylaws, Article IV, Section 125-35 "Licensed Marijuana Establishments" to permit licensed Marijuana Courier and Delivery Operator businesses in the Industrial (I), Industrial Park (IP) and Business (B-2) districts in Adams, while minimizing potential adverse impacts of marijuana establishments and ensuring the general safety, welfare and quality of life of the Town's neighborhoods and the broader community as proposed.

The motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MAIL REVIEW:

ADJOURN:

Member Mach, seconded by member Moderski, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Isaiah Moore", written over a horizontal line.

Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary

5/24/22

Date