CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. B-4

March 5, 2018

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON that the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to **Chapter 30 ZONING** as follows:

INSERT a new section 6.10.4 as follows:

6.10.4 Recreational Marijuana Establishments

- A. Recreational Marijuana Establishment shall mean a non-medical marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer, or any other type of marijuana-related business licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission.
- B. The City hereby adopts a temporary moratorium prohibiting the use of land, buildings or structures in any district for Recreational Marijuana Establishments. This moratorium shall be in effect through December 31, 2018, unless repealed earlier by the City Council. During this moratorium period, the City shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana establishments on the City, to consider the Cannabis Control Commission's regulations pertaining to recreational marijuana establishments and related uses, and to study and consider adoption of zoning amendments to regulate in what districts and under what conditions licensed marijuana establishments may be allowed.
- C. This moratorium shall not apply to prevent a medical marijuana dispensary operating in Newton that was licensed or registered not later than July 1, 2017 from converting to the retail sale of recreational marijuana under the provisions of MGL c. 94G and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

Approved as to legal form and character:

OUIDA C.M. YOUNG **Acting City Solicitor**

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Adopted 20 yeas 0 nays 4 absent (Councilors Ciccone, Danberg, Gentile, and Lipof)

> **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT** Approved:

Shawra Sullwan

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON

acting City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER

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Mayor