

Resolution

Date: November 17, 2021

Moved by Councillor Damerla
 Seconded by Councillor Saito

WHEREAS the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products is now permitted under Canadian law
AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has seen an explosion in the number of cannabis retail stores
AND WHEREAS cannabis stores are clustering, threatening the diversity of local neighbourhoods
AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario have no power or processes with which to regulate the location or volume of cannabis retail stores
AND WHEREAS local residents deserve a greater say in the amount of cannabis stores that reside in their neighbourhood
AND WHEREAS a reasonable distance between cannabis stores will ensure a healthy industry without oversaturation
AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga has held off on allowing cannabis retail stores in Mississauga, until the City has greater control over where the stores are located
AND WHEREAS Bill 29 sets out to provide greater control to municipalities when it comes to the siting of Cannabis stores by amending Cannabis License Act such that, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the Registrar shall consider a resolution of the council of the municipality, in which are located the premises for which a person makes an application for a retail store authorization, as proof of the needs and wishes of the residents of the municipality for the purposes of paragraph 5 of subsection 4 (6) of the Act
AND WHEREAS Bill 29 has passed first reading
AND WHEREAS the Government's Bill 13, the Supporting People and Businesses Act, currently contains a proposed amendment to the Cannabis License Act

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The City of Mississauga Council express its strong support of Bill 29, Cannabis Licence Amendment Act and call on the Ontario Legislature to pass it as a private members bill, or that it's content be added to Bill 13, the Supporting People and Businesses Act

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the following:

Premier Doug Ford
 Hon. Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier
 Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
 Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. Victor Fideli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
 Hon. Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services
 Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
 Marit Stiles, MPP for Davenport

