

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2017

Enacting Section 737.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City to Prohibit the Business of Cultivation, Processing and Retail Dispensing of Medical Marijuana in the City.

WHEREAS, Substitute HB No. 523, passed by the 131st Ohio General Assembly and thereupon signed by Governor Kasich on June 9, 2016, authorized the use of marijuana for medical purposes and established the medical marijuana control program; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation included the adoption of Ohio Revised Code §3796.29, which authorizes municipal corporations to adopt an ordinance prohibiting cultivators, processors or retail dispensaries within their respective municipal corporations; and,

WHEREAS, this Council has determined it to be in the best interest of the community health, safety and welfare to prohibit any cultivation, processing or retail dispensing of marijuana for medical purposes in any form within the City.

NOW THEREFORE; BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 737.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City be enacted to read as follows:

**737.06 CULTIVATION, PROCESSING AND DISPENSING
MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROHIBITED.**

(a) For purposes of this section, “medical marijuana” means marihuana, as defined in Ohio Revised Code §3719.01, that is cultivated, processed, dispensed, tested, possessed, or used for a medical purpose.

(b) The cultivation, processing or retail dispensing of medical marijuana is prohibited within the municipal limits of the City.

SECTION 2. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington Ohio.

Passed April 3, 2017

/s/ W. Scott Myers
President Pro-Tem of Council

Attest:

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

Introduced March 20, 2017
P.H. April 3, 2017
Effective April 26, 2017