

ORDINANCE NO. 96

TOWNSHIP OF COVERT, COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

ADOPTED: April 9, 2019

EFFECTIVE: May 10, 2019

PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE

An ordinance to provide a title for the ordinance; to define words; to prohibit marihuana establishments within the boundaries of Covert Township pursuant to Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951 *et seq.*, as may be amended; to provide penalties for violation of this ordinance; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; and to provide an effective date.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF COVERT
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

ORDAINS:

SECTION I
TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the Covert Township Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance.

SECTION II
DEFINITIONS

Words used herein shall have the definitions as provided for in Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951 *et seq.*, as may be amended.

A marihuana establishment is defined as an establishment that distributes or sells marihuana, or a place where marihuana is exchanged, sold, smoked.

SECTION III
NO MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

Covert Township hereby prohibits all marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Township pursuant to Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951 *et seq.*, as may be amended.

SECTION IV
VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

1. Any person who disobeys neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this ordinance or who causes allows or consents to any of the same shall be deemed to be responsible for the violation of this ordinance. A violation of this ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se.
2. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fines shall not be less than \$100 nor more than \$500, in the discretion of the Court. The foregoing sanctions shall be in addition to the rights of the Township to proceed at law or equity with other appropriate and proper remedies. Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which the Township incurs in connection with the municipal civil infraction.
3. Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
4. In addition, the Township may seek injunctive relief against persons alleged to be in violation of this ordinance, and such other relief as may be provided by law.
5. This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer of the Township or by such other person (s) as designated by the Township Board from time to time.

SECTION V
SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VI
REPEAL

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VII
EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect May 10, 2019.

COVERT TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Daywi Cook, Clerk