

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS,  
COUNTY OF MECOSTA, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 94.00**

**FIRST READING: JUNE 4, 2019**

**ADDOPTION: JULY 2, 2019**

**EFFECTIVE: JULY 22, 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 Big Rapids Charter 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 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS,  
MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I  
TITLE**

This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the Big Rapids Charter 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.

**SECTION III  
NO MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS**

Big Rapids Charter 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 July 22, 2019.

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