

ORDINANCE NO. 2055

INTRODUCED BY: AMADOR, BENSON, BULLOCK, CARSON, DOUGLAS, ELLIOTT, FORD, MCELDFOWNEY

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2011 WHICH EXTENDED THE MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES AND RELATED INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City imposed a temporary moratorium on the establishment of recreational marijuana businesses and related industry in 2013, which moratorium was extended in 2014 through the adoption of Ordinance 2011; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium was enacted to provide the City with time to consider the State of Colorado's licensing program, the federal government's response to Amendment 64 to the Colorado Constitution, and the impact on the community related to the licensing and regulating of such businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City has had an opportunity to review the State's regulations and the federal government has indicated that it will not challenge the validity of Amendment 64; and

WHEREAS, the City, through observing activities occurring in other municipalities, has developed a better understanding of how the licensing of recreational marijuana businesses may affect the citizens of Commerce City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Commerce City has recently adopted a regulatory scheme intended to protect the public from the negative impacts that can be associated with marijuana businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Ordinance 2011, which extended the City's moratorium on the establishment of recreational marijuana businesses to September 25, 2015, is hereby repealed.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura J. Bauer, CMC, City Clerk