

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-154**

Commissioner Cochran moved, seconded by Commissioner James, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BALLOT PROPOSAL TO COMPLETELY PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BIG RAPIDS**

WHEREAS, MCL 333.27956(1) provides that “individuals may petition to initiate an ordinance... to completely prohibit marihuana establishments within a municipality, and such ordinance shall be submitted to the electors of the municipality at the next regular election when a petition is signed by qualified electors in the municipality in a number greater than 5% of the votes cast for governor by qualified electors in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election,” and

WHEREAS, a petition to initiate an ordinance to completely prohibit marihuana establishments in the City of Big Rapids was approved as to form by the City Attorney, circulated in the City, and submitted to the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk certified the petition as having sufficient signatures to be presented to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission declined to adopt a substantially similar ordinance on December 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the City Charter and MCL 333.27956(1) the City Commission shall submit the ordinance to the qualified electors of the City of Big Rapids at the next regular election,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission finds that the petition complies with the City Charter and applicable state law, and has sufficient signatures certified by the City Clerk, and

The ordinance shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Big Rapids at the next regular election in the following form as requested by the petition:

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF BALLOT PROPOSAL**

**The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to completely prohibit recreational marihuana business establishments within the City of Big Rapids while allowing medical marihuana business facilities to be licensed within the City of Big Rapids.**

**BALLOT PROPOSAL**

**Shall the initiated ordinance be adopted in the following form?**

**Marihuana establishments defined and authorized by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, are completely prohibited within the City of Big Rapids.**

**YES**

**NO**

The City Clerk shall deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mecosta County Clerk.

Yeas: Andrews, Cochran, Eppley, Hogenson, James

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: December 2, 2019