

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS, COLORADO,
REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S TWO RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE
LIMITATION AS DETERMINED BY ORDINANCE IN 2014 AND ENDORSED BY
A VOTE OF THE CITIZENS IN 2015**

WHEREAS, an interest has been expressed that Manitou Springs consider increasing the City's current two-store limitation on the number of retail marijuana stores permissible pursuant to Section 5.09.110(B) of the Manitou Springs Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, a review of the currently established retail marijuana store operations and their impact on the community has concluded that they do not have a significant impact on quality of life as borne out by no significant violations of the Manitou Springs Municipal Code pertaining to the health and safety;

WHEREAS, the City has continued to collaborate with and supplement the funding of the Manitou Springs School District with respect to youth drug awareness and education;

WHEREAS, a review of the currently established retail marijuana store operations and their impact on community finances has concluded that the stores have had a stabilizing effect on City revenue and have allowed the City to address shortfalls in general fund revenues and to provide infrastructure upgrades and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, after four months of dialogue with a representative of an initiative to expand the number of permissible stores and two months of receiving constituent feedback on such an expansion, the City Council desires to affirm the City's current regulations limiting the number of retail marijuana stores in the City to two.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1: The provisions of Ordinance No. 0114, enacted in 2014 as upheld by a vote of the Citizens in November 2015 and as amended in 2017, are hereby reaffirmed as being in the best interest of health, safety, welfare, and finances of the City of Manitou Springs.

Section 2: Having carefully considered and reviewed a marijuana industry initiative to expand the number of permissible retail marijuana stores and having listened to the will of a majority of City residents and business owners, no further expenditure of City Council and staff resources will be devoted to this issue except by vote of the City Council. There are other high priority City issues that need to be addressed.