

**CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE 2024-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTON, KENTUCKY,  
PROHIBITING ALL CANNABIS BUSINESSES OPERATIONS IN  
THE CITY AS PERMITTED BY KRS 218B.130 and 218B.090.**

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly adopted House Bill 829, signed into law by the Governor on April 17, 2024, amending KRS Chapter 218B, the Kentucky Medical Cannabis chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, KRS Sections 218B.090 and 218B.130 authorize local governments to prohibit cannabis business operations within their territory through the passage of an ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Walton do not believe that it would be in the best interests of the City and its citizens, property owners, visitors and businesses to allow cannabis business operations within the City, and that such would be an additional burden on the City's water distribution and wastewater treatment systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Walton wish to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS Sections 218B.090 and 218B.130 to prohibit cannabis business operations within its city limits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, BE IT ORDAINED** as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The definitions within KRS §218B.010 are hereby adopted as if set out herein and as relevant to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** All cannabis businesses are hereby prohibited from operating within the City limits of the City of Walton, Kentucky.

**SECTION 3:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** Should any section, clause, line, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance or the attached Agreement, as applicable

**SECTION 5:** This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication.

**SECTION 6:** This ordinance may be read and published in summary form.

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PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING BY 4 OF 4 MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING BY 5 OF 5 MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

APPROVED:

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TERRI COURTNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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GEVANA HICKS, CITY CLERK

DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 15, 2024