

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinance 2026-18 entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDS THE TOWNSHIP CODE GOVERNING CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield (“Township”) Township Committee wishes to implement recent changes under New Jersey law permitting municipalities to collect transfer and use taxes on the sale of certain hemp beverages from qualifying businesses within the Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Springfield are amended and supplemented as set forth below:

SECTION I

Chapter 4 (General Licensing), Section 4-33 (CANNABIS BUSINESSES), Subsections 4-33.15 and Section 4-33.16 as follows:

§ 4-33 CANNABIS BUSINESSES

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§ 4-33.15 Recordkeeping.

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e. Any establishment located within the Township that sells intoxicating hemp beverages shall comply with all municipal cannabis tax reporting and remittance requirements to the extent such products are subject to the municipal cannabis transfer tax and /or user tax set forth in § 4-33.16, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48I-1 or any successor statute.

§ 4-33.16 Local Taxes.

- a. A transfer tax, payable to the Township, shall be imposed on the sale of cannabis, medical cannabis, and cannabis items **(as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 24:6I-33)** by a cannabis business located within the Township, regardless of whether such sales are made to other cannabis businesses, retailer consumers, or any combination thereof. The tax authorized by this paragraph shall be imposed at the following rates:
 1. Two percent (2%) of the receipts from each sale by a cannabis cultivator.
 2. Two percent (2%) of the receipts from each sale by a cannabis manufacturer.
 3. Two percent (2%) of the receipts from each sale by a cannabis retailer.
 4. Two percent (2%) of the receipts from each sale by an alternative treatment center.

5. One percent (1%) of the receipts from each sale by a cannabis wholesaler.

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f. For purposes of the municipal cannabis transfer tax and user tax imposed under this chapter, cannabis items shall also include intoxicating hemp beverages, as defined and regulated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48I-1 and P.L.2025, c.215 (S4509) or any successor statute.

~~g~~f—The Township shall enforce the payment of delinquent taxes under this subsection in the same manner as provided for municipal property taxes.

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SECTION II – RATIFICATION

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - SEVERABILITY

In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION IV - REPEAL

This Ordinance is not meant to repeal any provisions of the Code other than those designated herein, and all ordinances or portions of ordinances which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

was introduced and passed on First Reading at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey held on **August 18, 2026 at 7 p.m.** This Ordinance will be further considered for Final Passage, after public hearing, at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee to be held in the Kenneth Faigenbaum Committee Chamber at the Township Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ, on **September 8, 2026, at 7 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter, as said matter can be reached. At which time and place, all persons who are interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard and as questions concerning the same.

During the week prior to and up to the time of Public Hearing, copies of said Ordinance will be available at no cost in the Township Clerk's office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ, and to members of the general public who shall request the same.

**Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk**