

**ORDINANCE NO. O-18-7**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF  
THE BOROUGH OF WEST LONG BRANCH TO PROHIBIT  
SALES OF MARIJUANA AND ASSOCIATED PARAPHERNALIA**

WHEREAS, the State is considering legalizing marijuana and allowing the distribution and consumption of same within the limits of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America currently outlaws recreational cannabis pursuant to the Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC Section 811; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey utilizes Drug Recognition Experts (called “DRE”) to determine whether someone is under the influence of a drug, including marijuana, when operating a motor vehicle, and there is no current objective standard for operating under the influence of drugs, as there is with operating while under the influence of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, such as marijuana, is very difficult; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of West Long Branch continues to strive to support the local law enforcement efforts, and recognizes that the resources of law enforcement are already strained;

WHEREAS, the Borough, for security purposes, is concerned about the possible legalization of marijuana, and wishes to ban the sale of same within the Borough boundaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of West Long Branch as follows:

**SECTION 1**

The sale of marijuana and paraphernalia associated with marijuana use is hereby prohibited within the Borough of West Long Branch. Ordinance 18-6.5e1(a) is amended accordingly.

**SECTION 2**

Ordinance 18-6.5e1(a) is further amended to prohibit marijuana related facilities or properties where marijuana is grown, processed or produced.

**SECTION 3**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.