

EXHIBIT A

Local Law # ____ of the year 2021

A LOCAL LAW OPTING OUT OF ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES IN THE TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CANNABIS LAW ARTICLE 4

Be it enacted by the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Board, County of Dutchess, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this local law to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries in the Town of Poughkeepsie that would otherwise be allowed under New York's Cannabis Law Article 4.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 which expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law requesting the Cannabis Control Board to prohibit the establishment of cannabis retail dispensary licenses within the jurisdiction of the Town, and it is subject to a permissive referendum, the procedures for which are governed by Municipal Home Rule Law §24.

Section 3. Local Opt-Out.

The Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie hereby opts out of allowing cannabis retail dispensary sites from being established and operated within the Town's jurisdiction.

Section 4. Permissive Referendum/Referendum on Petition.

This local law is subject to a referendum on petition in accordance with Cannabis Law § 131 and the procedures outlined in Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Section 5. Severability.

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section 6. Repeal.

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This law shall become effective upon filing with the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.