

**COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COUNTY CANNABIS RETAILERS'
OCCUPATION TAX IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the County of Union, a body politic and corporate of the state of Illinois (“Union County”) is a non-home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, § 8 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 101-0027, which is a comprehensive revision of State statutes regulating the adult use of cannabis in Illinois, was signed into law on June 25, 2019 with many of its provisions effective January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 101-0363 was subsequently signed into law increasing the rate of tax that may be imposed by counties upon persons engaged in the business of selling cannabis in a municipality located in that county; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois County Cannabis Retailers’ Occupation Tax Law (55 ILCS 5/5-1006.8) (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is intended to impose the tax authorized by the Act providing for a county cannabis retailers’ occupation tax which will be collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, ILLINOIS, THAT THIS ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COUNTY CANNABIS RETAILERS’ OCCUPATION TAX BE AND HEREBY IS ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Recitals.

The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance

SECTION II: Tax imposed; Rate.

(a) A tax is hereby imposed upon all persons engaged in the business of selling cannabis, other than cannabis purchased under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act, at retail locations in the County on the gross receipts from these sales at the following rates:

- (i) 3.75% of the gross receipts from these sales made in the course of that business in unincorporated areas of Union County; and
- (ii) 3.00% of the gross receipts of sales made in a municipality located in Union county; and

(b) The imposition of this tax is in accordance with the provisions of the County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law (55 ILCS 5/5-1006.8).

SECTION III: Collection of tax by retailers.

(a) The tax imposed by this Ordinance shall be remitted by such retailer to the Illinois Department of Revenue (the "Department"). Any tax required to be collected pursuant to or as authorized by this Ordinance and any such tax collected by such retailer and required to be remitted to the Department shall constitute a debt owed by the retailer to the State. Retailers may reimburse themselves for their seller's tax liability hereunder by separately stating that tax as an additional charge, which charge may be stated in combination, in a single amount, with any State tax that sellers are required to collect.

(b) The taxes hereby imposed, and all civil penalties that may be assessed as an incident thereto, shall be collected and enforced by the Department. The Department shall have full power to administer and enforce the provisions of this article.


SECTION IX: Severability. The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed separable and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION V: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law, provided, however, that the tax provided for herein shall take effect for all sales on or after the first day of January, 2020. Copies of this Ordinance shall be certified and sent to the Illinois Department of Revenue prior to September 30, 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 27th day of September, 2019.


Max Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk

Commissioners voting aye: Bobby Toler Jr., Kent Pitts + Max Miller

Commissioners voting nay: _____

Abstention(s): _____

Absent: Dale Foster + David Gault