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**RESOLUTION 2021-10**  
**APPROVAL OF INITIAL RULES CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PERSONAL-  
USE CANNABIS**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”) is established pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (“the Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has a stated mission to apply the values of public safety and equity in establishing and regulating a responsible medicinal and personal-use cannabis industry; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(a) requires the Commission to adopt initial rules and regulations which are necessary and proper to enable the Commission to carry out its duties, functions, and powers with respect to overseeing the development, regulation, and enforcement of activities associated with the personal use of cannabis pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(a) requires that the initial rules and regulations be adopted by the later of 180 days after the effective date of the law, or 45 days following appointment of all five members of the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the effective date of P.L.2021, c.16 is February 22, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, August 21, 2021, is the 180<sup>th</sup> day after the effective date of the law and is the later date established under the law for adoption of the initial rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(a), the Commission has consulted with the Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Health, and the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance in drafting the proposed initial rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has executed a public outreach effort that resulted in the receipt and consideration of over 400 public comments during the Commission’s five public meetings, which were attended by over 2,750 people, in addition to Commission members and staff meeting directly with more than 30 individuals, groups, and coalitions regarding the adoption of initial rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(a) authorizes the Commission to adopt rules and regulations immediately upon filing proper notice with the Office of Administrative Law,

notwithstanding the provisions of “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L. 1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the contrary; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(b), the initial rules and regulations adopted shall be in effect for a period of not more than one year after the date of filing with the Office of Administrative Law; and

**WHEREAS**, following adoption of the initial rules and regulations, the Commission shall adopt, amend, or re-adopt these and any subsequent rules and regulations in accordance with the requirements of the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L. 1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the attached initial rules reflect ideas and recommendations proposed by members of the public, lawmakers, local government officials, current and prospective business owners, community leaders, regulators from other jurisdictions, and other stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, these initial rules and regulations are necessary and proper to enable the Commission to carry out its duties and are designed to help address the problems caused by the unregulated manufacturing, distribution, and use of illegal cannabis within New Jersey.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the attached proposed initial rules and regulations are hereby approved for filing with the Office of Administrative Law, with said initial rules and regulations to be adopted immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(a).

Submitted by:

  
Danna Houenou, Chair

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2021.

  
Erin Hogan, Executive Assistant

| Vote on the Approval of This Resolution | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Commissioner Barker                     | X      |        | X   |    |         |        |
| Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso              |        |        | X   |    |         |        |
| Commissioner Delgado                    |        |        | X   |    |         |        |
| Chairwoman Houenou                      |        |        | X   |    |         |        |
| Commissioner Nash                       |        | X      | X   |    |         |        |