

CITY OF PATASKALA

RESOLUTION 2015-063

Passed October 19, 2015

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA IN OPPOSITION TO STATE BALLOT INITIATIVE ISSUE 3.

WHEREAS, State Issue 3 on the November 3, 2015 ballot seeks to legalize marijuana in Ohio and grants monopoly rights for the commercial growth and distribution of marijuana in Ohio to a small pre-determined group of landowners who will profit exclusively from that ownership; and

WHEREAS, use of Ohio's Constitution to create a marijuana monopoly violates Ohio's tradition of free and open commerce and competition and is opposed by numerous business groups including the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Licking County Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Ohio Manufacturers' Association; and

WHEREAS, Issue 3 restricts almost all local zoning control over the development, operations and retails sales of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Issue 3 allows sales of marijuana in forms like candy, brownies and cookies that post especially great temptation and danger to children and is thus opposed by medical groups such as Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ohio Children's Hospital Association, Ohio State Medical Association, Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Nurses Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS CONCURRING THAT:

<u>Section 1:</u> The City of Pataskala's City Council is declaring its opposition to State Issue 3 and urges its' residents and all residents throughout the State of Ohio to cast a NO vote.

Section 2: This Resolution shall become effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

ATTEST:

Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council

Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rufus B. Hurst, Law Director