

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP
MILLE LACS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Resolution No. 2024-11

**RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO MILLE LACS COUNTY TO
REGISTER CERTAIN CANNABIS BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 342.22 (the “Act”) provides for the registration of certain cannabis businesses by a local unit of government before they are allowed to begin retail sales within the local unit of government;

WHEREAS, the cannabis businesses that are currently subject to local registration include cannabis microbusiness, cannabis mezzobusiness, cannabis retailers, medical cannabis combination business and lower-potency hemp edible retailers (collectively, “Cannabis Businesses”), as those terms are defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.01;

WHEREAS, the Act provides that a “county may issue a registration in cases where a city or town has provided consent for the county to issue the registration for the jurisdiction.”;

WHEREAS, the local unit of government that registers Cannabis Businesses may collect registration fees, are responsible for conducting compliance checks (including compliance with local ordinances established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 342.13), and may suspend a registration as provided in the Act;

WHEREAS, under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.13(i), if “a county has one active registration for every 12,500 residents, a city or town within the county is not obligated to register a cannabis business.”;

WHEREAS, the registration of Cannabis Businesses is separate from the authority provided local units of governments under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.13(c) to adopt “reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business”, which means the delegation of registration authority does not limit the authority of the Town Board to adopt zoning regulations affecting Cannabis Businesses if it so chooses; and

WHEREAS, since the Town does not have its own law enforcement officers or other resources that would be needed to carry out the inspection duties required under the Act, the Town Board determines it is in the best interests of the Town to delegate the authority to register Cannabis Businesses to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of Princeton Township as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby consents to having Mille Lacs County register Cannabis Businesses, conduct inspections, and to otherwise carry out the duties of a registering local unit of government under the Act within Princeton Township, and delegates to the County such authority as may be needed to perform those functions.

2. The Town Board requests, as part of this delegation of authority and consent, that the County refuse to register any Cannabis Businesses within the Town once the County reaches one active registration for every 12,500 residents within the County.

Adopted on the 19th day of November 2024.

BY THE TOWN BOARD



Gene Stoeckel, Town Chairperson

Attest: 
Tandra Langfeld, Town Clerk

