



BOROUGH OF MATAWAN
OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

September 18, 2024

**Re: Land Use Application for Cannabis Business in your Neighborhood
833 State Highway 34, Matawan, New Jersey 07747**

Dear Matawan Resident:

As you may be aware, there is a pending land use application for a cannabis business to be located at 833 State Highway 34, Matawan, New Jersey 07747, which is technically located in the Highway Commercial Zone, but is essentially a part of your residential neighborhood.

I write to provide you with important information about this cannabis business application.

Most importantly, for a cannabis business to legally open within the Borough under new state laws, the proposed cannabis business must obtain **both** a Resolution of Approval from the Borough's land use board **and** a Resolution of Support from the Matawan Borough Council.

Typically, a proposed cannabis business first seeks the Resolution of Support from the Borough Council, and thereafter, applies to the land use board for the Resolution of Approval.

In this case, the applicant has, for unknown reasons, reversed those procedures and applied to the Borough's land use board first. Although not necessarily advisable for the applicant, the Borough cannot force the applicant to follow any particular route for these procedures.

That being said, the proposed cannabis business at 833 State Highway 34 has not received a Resolution of Support from the Borough Council. Moreover, the Borough Council has informed the applicant that it will not grant a Resolution of Support for this mostly residential location.

At this time, it is unclear why the applicant has proceeded in this fashion, or its intentions going forward. However, I write to provide you with the information in the Borough's possession to date.

Furthermore, the Borough Council intends to deny a Resolution of Support to this proposed cannabis business location, regardless of the outcome of its pending land use application. That is, regardless of whether the applicant obtains a Resolution of Approval from the land use board, the Borough Council will deny any Resolution of Support for a cannabis business in this mostly residential location.

I hope this helps shed light on developments in your neighborhood and the Borough's position on what is happening. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ryan L. Michelson, MPA
Matawan Borough Administrator

cc: Matawan Borough Mayor & Council