AN INITIATING RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HARRISONBURG PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HARRISONBURG ZONING ORDINANCE, AND ANY NECESSARY AND CORRELATING AMENDMENTS, TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE LOCAL ZONING AND LAND USE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES LICENSED BY THE VIRGINIA CANNABIS CONTROL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, in a special session the General Assembly enacted a biennium budget for the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as part of this budget, the General Assembly adopted and the Governor signed into law various new sections of the Code of Virginia that permit the cultivation, processing, possession, sale, distribution, handling, transportation, consumption, use, advertising, and dispensing of marijuana and marijuana products; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that the cultivation, processing, possession, sale, distribution, handling, transportation, consumption, use, advertising, and dispensing of marijuana and marijuana products occur under appropriate local zoning and land use requirements promotes public health, safety, and general welfare by minimizing negative impacts from these uses; and

WHEREAS, the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice require amendments to the Harrisonburg Zoning Ordinance be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Harrisonburg Virginia, that the Planning Commission is hereby requested to consider and make recommendations to City Council concerning proposed amendments to the Harrisonburg Zoning Ordinance, and any necessary and correlating amendments, to provide appropriate local zoning and land use requirements for businesses licensed by the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority

Adopted: October 13, 2026

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