CITY OF BELMONT, MISSISSIPPI

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION, SALE OR OFFERING FOR SALE OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS AND OTHER SYNTHETIC PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the City of Belmont, Mississippi, have determined that certain substances are being sold within the municipal boundaries of the City of Belmont, Mississippi, that, when ingested, produce intoxicating effects similar to THCA, marijuana, Methcathinone, opioids and/or prescription pain relieving medication; and

WHEREAS, not all of the substances described below are yet categorized as illegal controlled substances under Mississippi or the laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the substances described below are often used as an alternative to marijuana, opioids and other controlled substances and are dangerous to the health, safety and welfare of individuals who ingest such substances and dangerous as well to the general welfare of their families and the citizens of this City and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find these substances and their derivatives pose a significant health risk to the populace of the City; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the effects of these substances are a health concern to the citizens of the City of Belmont, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Belmont, Mississippi, have determined the need to establish an ordinance preventing the use, possession, purchase, distribution, sale or attempt to use, possess, purchase, distribute or sell or publicly display for sale any one or more of the following chemicals or substances within the boundaries of the City of Belmont, Mississippi; and therefore adopt the following ordinance and penalties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-13-1 et. seq. of Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972 as may be amended from time to time, this Ordinance Prohibiting The Use, Purchase, Possession, Distribution, Sale Or Offering For Sale Of Synthetic Cannabinoids Or Other Synthetic Products is for the immediate and temporary preservation of the public peace, health and safety and welfare and for other good causes described herein, pursuant to Section 21-13-11, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its unanimous adoption, prior to being recorded and published, as being in the best interests of the public to become immediately effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FOUND, RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Belmont, Mississippi, that the following be added and made a part of the minutes of the City of Belmont, Mississippi, and the ordinances thereof, To-Wit:

1. No person shall use, possess, purchase, distribute, sell or attempt to use, possess, purchase, distribute or sell or publicly display for sale any one or more of the following chemicals within the city limits of the City of Belmont, Mississippi:

- Salviadivinorum or salvinorum A: all parts of the plant presently classified botanically as salvia divinorum, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof an extract from any part of such plant, and every compound, manufacture salts derivative, mixture or preparation of such plant, its seeds or extracts;

- (6aR, 10aR)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6, 6dimethyl-3-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)-6a7, 10. 10a-tetrahydrobenzo [c] chromen-1-o1. Some trade or other names, including, but not limited to: HU-210;
- 1 –Pentyl-3-(1 –naphthoyl) indole. Some trade or other names, including, but not limited to: JWH-018/ spice;
- 1- Butyl-3- (1-naphthoyl) indole. Some trade or other names, including, but not limited to: JWH-073;
- 1 –(3-[trifluoromethylphenyl] piperazine. Some trade or other names, including, but not limited to: TFMIP;
- 4-methoxymethcathionw and Ethylcathinone;
- Mitragyna speciosa korth, Mitragyna speciosa leaf extract, Mitragyna speciosa extract, and M. speciosa alkaloids, including ajmalicine, mitraphylline, rhynchophylline and mitragynine pseudoindoxyl (MGPI), MGM-15 (dihydro-7-hydroxymitragynine), MGM-16 (9-fluoro-dihydro-7-hydroxymitragynine), 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), raubasine, pausinystalia johimbe and corynantheidine, 7-acetoxymitragynine, Corynoxein, Corinoxin, 3-Dehydromitragynin, (-)-Epicatechin, 3-Isocorynantheidin, 3-Isopaynanthein, Isomitraphyllin, Isospeciofolin, Isospecionoxein, Mitraciliatin, Mitrafolin, Mitragynalin, Mitraphylin, Mitraspecin, Mitraversin, Paynanthein, Speciociliatin, Speciofolin, Speciogynin, Specionoxein, Speciogynin, Speciofolin, Stipulatin. Some trade or other names, including, but not limited to: Kratom, krathom, kakuam, ketum, ithang, thom, biak-biak, kratum, mambog, Super K, Life Force K, K-Chill, K-shot;
- Or any similar chemically structural analogs.

2. If any of the aforementioned substances shall be found in the possession of any person, unless specifically excluded herein, the substances shall be confiscated and destroyed by law enforcement officials.

3. It shall not be an offense under Section 1 above of this Ordinance if a person shall be acting at the direction of an authorized agent of the City of Belmont, Mississippi, to enforce or ensure compliance with this law prohibiting the use, possession, purchase, distribution or sale of the aforementioned substance.

4. This Ordinance shall not apply to any person who shall commit any act described in this Ordinance pursuant to the lawful direction or prescription of a duly-licensed physician or dentist authorized to direct or prescribe such act. This Ordinance shall not apply to the inhalation of anesthesia for a medical or dental purpose which inhalation of anesthesia shall be administered by or under the supervision of a duly licensed physician or dentist.

5. Any person found to be guilty of violating this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand and no/100 Dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months, or both.

6. That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

7. This ordinance shall become effective immediately. The City Clerk shall cause the ordinance to be published in a local newspaper with a general circulation.

WHEREAS, the Ordinance prohibiting the use, purchase, possession, distribution, sale or offering for sale of synthetic cannabinoids or other synthetic products was read, discussed and voted upon in a public meeting, and whereas a motion was duly made by Alderman Steve Ratliff, seconded by Alderwoman Sonya Harris, and after a thorough discussion of the merits of the motion, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen called for a vote, recorded as follows:

Ken Dulaney voted: yes

Mason Smith voted: yes

Steve Ratliff voted: yes

Shawna Collier voted: yes

Sonya Harris voted: yes

Whereupon, the foregoing Ordinance Prohibiting the Use, Purchase, Possession, Distribution, Sale or Offering for Sale of Synthetic Cannabinoids or Other Synthetic Products, having received the requisite vote of the governing body, was declared adopted on the 1st day of December, 2026, to become effective in accordance with applicable law.

BRANDON PHARR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARLA SARTIN, CITY CLERK