

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RAY  
PROHIBITING APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS WITHIN  
RAY COUNTY THAT REQUIRE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
APPROVAL WHICH ARE IN VIOLATION OF  
FEDERAL LAW

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2012 Missouri Student Survey, 15% of Ray County Students, 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders reported having smoked marijuana; and

**WHEREAS**, marijuana is classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under both state and federal law and has a negative impact on public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content of marijuana has risen dramatically in the last 30 years, contributing to the fact that one out of six teenagers who start smoking marijuana will become addicted to it; and

**WHEREAS**, marijuana use has a detrimental effect on individual learning and brain development; and

**WHEREAS**, national pro-marijuana organizations have invested millions to push drug legalization in America; and

**WHEREAS**, drug legalization efforts in other communities and states have led to social, economic and legal chaos, with programs full of fraud and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, drug legalization laws across our country has impacted our area through cultural acceptance of drug use that reduces perception of harm among children and increases drug use; and

**WHEREAS**, increased drug use will impact public education, productivity in the workplace, escalate the number of impaired drivers on our roads, and affect other areas of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray County residents have a strong tradition of prevention efforts through education, sound public policies and laws pertaining to substance abuse; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United States government has elected to adopt various laws which govern the conduct of persons and/or businesses within the United States by declaring matters to be in concordance with or in violation of Federal law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri has also elected to adopt various laws which govern the conduct of persons and/or businesses with the State of Missouri by declaring matters to be in concordance with or in violation of Federal law: and,

**WHEREAS**, there are instances in which Federal law and State law on an issue are in direct contravention of each other. However, where the actions of the State government that are in contravention of Federal law do not open the State to civil and/or criminal liability from the United States government, they do open said civil and/or criminal liability upon subordinate aspects of State government, such as counties and municipalities.

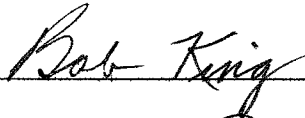
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF RAY, MISSOURI**, does hereby prohibit the actions/activities and shall not support or sanction any actions/activities within the geographic boundaries of Ray County which is in violation of Federal law, to include, but not limited to, sales/distribution of marijuana or any products containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that:

If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

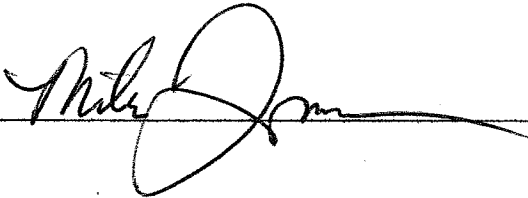
Passed this 17th day of April, 2013.



Presiding Commissioner



Eastern Commissioner



Western Commissioner