

Fellow Citizens of Amory,

I would like to take a moment of your time to explain a recent ruling that was motioned and ruled upon during Tuesday night's (4/19) Mayor and Board of Alderman meeting. A meeting that is always open for public participation and one, in particular, that was advertised (Time and Matter) in our local paper - The Monroe Journal.

One of the Topics: Senate Bill 2095

The Ruling: To temporarily option (opt) out regarding:

- ❖ The Cultivating, Processing, Distributing, & Dispensing of Medical Cannabis

Reasoning: Timing necessary to create sufficient & acceptable regulation (or ordinance)

SB 2095 is Bill that was signed into law by Governor Reeves on 2/2/22 – The Bill allows for certain Medical Cannabis related “activities” to be permissible or legal. These activities are as follows:

- The ability to **Possess & Consume** when having or being:
 - A valid credential
 - A justifiable debilitating medical condition
 - A valid prescription prescribed by a licensed physician
 - Legal quantities
 - In a private setting
 - Not to be consumed or under the influence.
 - If you DO NOT have a credential & prescription
 - While at work
 - While operating a motorized vehicle
 - While in a public setting
- The ability to **Cultivate**
 - In properly zoned areas
 - By permitted & certified growers
- The ability to **Process**
 - In properly zoned areas
 - By permitted & certified manufactures
- The ability to **Distribute**
 - By permitted and certified distribution companies
- The ability to **Dispense or Sale**
 - In properly zoned areas
 - By permitted and certified dispensaries

The Board of Alderman, along with Myself, City Attorney, Zoning / Planning & the City Clerk have taken the governance of this schedule 1 Narcotic extremely serious. Collectively we have attended numerous hours of continued education, legal classes, government forums, as well as our own municipal board work session(s). We understand that there is a need and medical application for this drug within our community – Citizens of our community are not prohibited from possessing or consuming medical

cannabis if they've obtained a valid credential and a valid prescription. The decision to Temporarily OPT OUT only curtails, Cultivation, Processing, Distribution, & Dispensing.

Our community, as well as the entire State, remains in a holding pattern relative to final rulings and regulation yet to be published by the DOR (Department of Revenue) & the DOH (Department of Health). Upon receipt of these guidelines (anticipated receipt EOW, week 1 of May), our Board will be in a better and more informed position to produce an adequate Ordinance and Zoning pertaining to SB 2095. The State provided 90 days to Opt out which implies a deadline of 5/3/22 (a date prior to receipt of final regulation) – In my opinion, these dates are flawed and were not well conceived. If the Board had simply allowed SB 2095 to go into effect without a complete understanding of all thing's medical cannabis, there's a high probability unfavorable situations or circumstances would surface.

Over the past few months, I have had numerous conversations with many of you regarding Medical Cannabis (Many in favor, Many in Opposition) – These conversations have been very helpful, informative, and appreciated.

One common theme that continues to surface (particularly from those in support of what they believe to be SB 2095) is; in the 2020 Mississippi election under Initiative 65 & 65A, "we as MS citizens have already passed all things re Medical Cannabis". – Initiative 65 did Pass but the initiative only provided rights for patients with debilitating conditions to be able to possess and consume MC. – Nowhere does Initiative 65 permit Cultivation, Processing, Distribution, & Dispensing.

Amorian's The right to vote,,, my right to vote is very important to me, normally my selections, on any ballot, are confidential and personal. The aforesaid, the 2020 voting records will reflect that I personally voted in favor of Initiative 65. I personally believe the drug has validity in multiple applications & I would be in favor of some portions of SB 2095, assuming the final rulings from the DOH and DOR are fair and safe for the City of Amory.

I'll conclude with; – I fully support our Board of Alderman's decision to temporarily OPT OUT. It is my opinion that they have taken the correct measures based on the current available information. I'm very proud of this Board, they are working extremely hard, and smart in service of us as Amory citizens. In time, this Board will get this right – I'm respectfully asking for your patients and prayers on the matter.

Sincerely & God Bless,

Mayor Corey Glenn

PS – I would encourage everyone to refresh your memory with Initiative 65 (Which Passed) and 65A (Which Failed) – Those with interest and time,,, a challenge to become more familiar with the 430 pages of SB 2095.