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WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the “City”) is a home rule unit of government under Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and, as such, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 – commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill – legalized, but did not regulate, certain cannabinoid hemp products; and

WHEREAS, this lack of regulation has led to a proliferation of retailers selling essentially unregulated psychoactive cannabis, often containing significant quantities of delta-8 and delta-9 THC, with no safety regulations such as minimum age limits, testing, or truth in labeling requirements; and

WHEREAS, the unregulated products are often packaged and marketed in ways that are appealing or targeted to minors, with minors comprising over 40% of all hemp-related poisonings nationwide, despite making up just 22% of the population; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-North Branch Corridor Residential Area is predominantly comprised of residential neighborhoods along the North Branch of the Chicago River that are home to thousands of families and numerous public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and safety of our residents, particularly our minors, the City Council desires to prohibit the sale of such unregulated cannabinoid hemp products in and around the Mid-North Branch Corridor Residential Area; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as the findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. Section 4-4-331 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

4-4-331 Cannabinoid hemp products – Prohibited Areas.

(a) As used in this section:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

“Mid-North Branch Corridor Residential Area” means that portion of the City bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Western Avenue and Addison Street; thence east on Addison Street to Hoyne Avenue; thence south on Hoyne Avenue to the alley south of Addison Street; thence east along such alley to Seeley Avenue; thence south on Seeley Avenue to Cornelia Avenue; thence east on Cornelia Avenue to Wolcott Avenue; thence south on Wolcott Avenue to Roscoe Street; thence east on Roscoe Street to the alley east of Janssen Avenue; thence south along such alley to the alley south of Melrose Street; thence east along such alley to Southport Avenue; thence south on Southport Avenue to Belmont Avenue; thence east on Belmont Avenue to Racine Avenue; thence south on Racine Avenue to Fullerton Avenue; thence west on Fullerton Avenue to Ashland Avenue; thence south on Ashland Avenue to Clybourn Avenue; thence south-east on Clybourn Avenue to Southport Avenue; thence south on Southport Avenue, continuing

southeast on Kingsbury Street to Cortland Street; thence east on Cortland Street to Marcey Street; thence southeast on Marcey Street to Willow Street; thence southwest on Willow Street to Kingsbury Street; thence southeast on Kingsbury Street to North Avenue; thence west on North Avenue to Western Avenue; thence north on Western Avenue to the place of beginning.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(b) No licensee under this Code or their agent or employee shall possess, sell, offer for sale, give away, barter, exchange, or otherwise furnish on the licensed premises any cannabinoid hemp products, or engage in an act of concealment of cannabinoid hemp products on any licensed premises, within the Belmont Cragin-Hermosa Residential Area, the Mid-North Branch Corridor Residential Area, the Midway Residential Area, the Lake Calumet Residential Area, or the O'Hare Residential Area.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after passage and publication.



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