

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
PROHIBITING THE USE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION,
SALE OR OFFERING FOR SALE OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS
OR OTHER SYNTHETIC PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi have determined that certain businesses within the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi are selling certain substances when ingested, produce intoxicating effects similar to THC or marijuana and/or Methcathinone; and

WHEREAS, the substances described below are not yet categorized as illegal controlled substances under state or federal law; and

WHEREAS, the substances described below are often used as an alternative to marijuana and other controlled substances and are potentially dangerous to users; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, have determined the need to establish regulations preventing the use, possession, purchase, distribution, sale or attempt to use, possess, purchase, distribute or sale or publicly display for sale any one or more of the following chemicals within the city limits of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi affirmatively find that pursuant to Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), 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 therefore should become effective

immediately upon its adoption, and prior to being recorded and published, as the best interests of the public will be served by the immediate effectiveness of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

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

- (A) Salviadinorum 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, manufacturate salts derivative, mixture or preparation of such plant, its seeds or extracts;
- (B) (6aR,10aR)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6,6dimethyl-3-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)-6a7,. 10. 10a-tetrahydrobenzo[c]chromen-1-01 some trade or other names: HU-210;
- (C) 1-naphthalenyl-(1-pentyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-methanone or other names: JWH-018\spice;
- (D) (1-butyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-naphthalenyl-methanone or other names: JWH-073;
- (E) 1 -(3-[trifluoromethylphenyl]) piperazine-some trade or other names: TFMPP;
- (F) 4-methoxymethcathione and Ethylcathinone, 3,4- methylenedioxyprovalerone and related analogs and CP-47,497 and related homologs (also seen in spice)
- (G) or any similar 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 Ridgeland, Mississippi to enforce or ensure compliance with this law prohibiting the use, possession, purchase, distribution or sale or the attempt

to use, possess, purchase, distribute or sale or publicly display for sale the aforementioned substances.

4. This Ordinance shall not apply to any person who shall commit any act described in this Ordinance pursuant to the 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 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed ninety (90) days or both.

WHEREAS, the Ordinance Prohibiting The Use, Purchase, Possession, Distribution, Sale Or Offering For Sale Of Synthetic Cannabinoids Or Other Synthetic Products was discussed and voted upon in a public meeting and the reading of the ordinance duly waived, and whereas a motion was duly made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hamlin and a vote was held thereon with the following results, to-wit:

Alderman Ken Heard (Ward 1) voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Chuck Gautier (Ward 2) voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Kevin Holder (Ward 3) voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Brian Ramsey (Ward 4) voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Scott Jones (Ward 5) voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Wesley Hamlin (Ward 6) voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Gerald Steen (At large) voted:	<u>Aye</u>

The foregoing Ordinance Prohibiting the Use, Purchase, Possession, Distribution, Sale Or Offering For Sale Of Synthetic Cannabinoids Or Other Synthetic Products passed by a unanimous vote of all members of the governing body, was declared adopted and the Board finding that this ordinance is for the immediate and temporary preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is in the best interest of the citizens of Ridgeland, Mississippi, declares that this ordinance shall become effective immediately on this, the 17th day of August, 2010.

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

/s/ Gene F. McGee
Gene F. McGee, Mayor of the
City of Ridgeland, Mississippi

ATTEST:

/s/ David Overby
David Overby, City Clerk

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