

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
2 OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE  
3 POSSESSION OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS  
4 PARAPHERNALIA; CREATING SECTION 43.95,  
5 ORLANDO CITY CODE, MAKING POSSESSION OF 20  
6 GRAMS OR LESS OF CANNABIS A CITY CODE  
7 VIOLATION; FURTHER MAKING POSSESSION OF  
8 CERTAIN DRUG PARAPHERNALIA A CITY CODE  
9 VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL PENALTIES;  
10 PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, AND FOR  
11 SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, CORRECTION OF  
12 SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, section 893.13(6)(b), Florida Statutes, makes it a misdemeanor of  
15 the first degree to be in actual or constructive possession of 20 grams or less of  
16 cannabis (marijuana); and

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18 **WHEREAS**, section 893.147(1), Florida Statutes, makes it a misdemeanor of the  
19 first degree to possess with the intent to use drug paraphernalia as drug paraphernalia is  
20 defined at section 893.145, Florida Statutes; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida (the "Orlando City  
23 Council"), hereby finds that existing criminal penalties for the possession of small  
24 amounts of marijuana, and for the possession of drug paraphernalia used to administer  
25 marijuana, are often disproportionate to the severity of the offense; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the Orlando City Council hereby finds that civil penalties and  
28 procedures may be more commensurate with any social harm caused by the possession  
29 of small amounts of marijuana or the possession of marijuana paraphernalia; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, the Orlando City Council hereby finds and declares that this  
32 ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

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34 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**  
35 **OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

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37 **SECTION 1. SEC. 43.95, CREATED.** Section 43.95, Code of the City of Orlando,  
38 Florida, is hereby created to read as follows:

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40 **Sec. 43.95. – Possession of cannabis or cannabis paraphernalia.**

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42 (1) As used in this section, the term:

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44 a. *Cannabis* means all parts of any plant of the genus *Cannabis*, whether  
45 growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the  
46 plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or

preparation of the plant or its seeds or resin. The term does not include "low-THC cannabis" and "medical cannabis" as defined by section 381.986, Florida Statutes.

*b. Cannabis paraphernalia* means any object used, intended for use, or designed for use, in ingesting, inhaling, smoking, or otherwise introducing cannabis into the human body, or any object used, intended for use, or designed for use, in storing, containing, concealing, or transporting cannabis.

(2) It is unlawful and a violation of this Code for any person to possess cannabis paraphernalia or 20 grams or less of cannabis.

(3) A person found in violation of possession of cannabis under subsection (2) may not also be found in violation of possession of cannabis paraphernalia under subsection (2) arising out of the same incident.

(4) Any person violating subsection (2) of this section may be issued a code citation pursuant to Article II, Chapter 5, of this Code, and shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in Article II, Chapter 5, of this Code.

**SECTION 2. SEC. 5.19, AMENDED.** Section 5.19, Code of the City of Orlando, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 5.19. - Classes of Violations and Reduced Civil Penalties.**

(1) Violations of city codes and ordinances, and the applicable reduced civil penalties, shall be as follows:

	Reduced Civil Penalty		
Violation Classifications	First Offense	Second Offense	Third and Subsequent Offense
Class I	\$ 50.00	\$100.00	Court Hearing Mandatory
Class II	100.00	200.00	"
Class III	150.00	300.00	"
Class IV	200.00	400.00	"
Class V	500.00	500.00	"

(2) Violations of City codes and ordinances which constitute civil infractions for which citations may be issued are as follows:

Code/Ordinance Chapter or Section	Description	Class
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Sec. 43.89	Gasoline station sign requirements	IV
<u>Sec. 43.95</u>	<u>Possession of cannabis or cannabis paraphernalia</u>	I
CH. 45, SOLICITOR'S PERMITS (COMMERCIAL)		
Sec. 45.01	Permit required	IV
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**SECTION 3. CODIFICATION.** The city clerk and the city attorney shall cause the Code of the City of Orlando, Florida, to be amended as provided by this ordinance and may renumber, re-letter, and rearrange the codified parts of this ordinance if necessary to facilitate the finding of the law.

**SECTION 4. SCRIVENER'S ERROR.** The city attorney may correct scrivener's errors found in this ordinance by filing a corrected copy of this ordinance with the city clerk.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance takes effect upon adoption.

**DONE, THE FIRST READING,** by the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida, at a regular meeting, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**DONE, THE PUBLIC NOTICE,** in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Orlando, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of Orlando, Florida, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**DONE, THE SECOND READING, THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND ENACTED ON FINAL PASSAGE,** by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida, at a regular meeting, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-36

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

THIS ORDINANCE DRAFTED BY AND  
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE  
CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

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Print Name

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