

**ORDINANCE**

**CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**CITY HALL** \_\_\_\_\_

**CALENDAR NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDRY AND CLARKSON**

**AN ORDINANCE** to amend and reordain Chapter 54, Article VII of the Code of the City of New Orleans by adding Section 54-505, to make simple possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol or chemical derivatives thereof, or synthetic cannabinoids a municipal crime, to provide for penalties for conviction of this crime; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

**SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**

**ORDAINS**, that Article VII of Section 54 of the City Code is hereby amended and reordained to add Section 54-505 to read as follows:

**Section 54-505 Simple possession of marijuana and/or synthetic cannabinoids**

(a) It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol or chemical derivatives thereof, or synthetic cannabinoids unless such substance was obtained directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, from a practitioner or as provided in R.S. 40:978, while acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by law.

(b) Upon conviction for violation of subsection (a) of this Section with regard to marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol or chemical derivatives thereof, or synthetic

12 cannabinoids, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or  
13 imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

**DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**  
**DISAPPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAYOR**

**RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON** \_\_\_\_\_ **AT** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**