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**OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
CONCURS WITH MAYOR DEIRDRE WATERMAN:  
Time to Move Forward with Medical Marijuana in Pontiac**

**(PONTIAC)** – After six Council passed moratoriums for the implementation of medical marijuana in Pontiac, today’s Circuit Court ruling has established the 21-day window for provisioning center applications as of January 6, 2020 – January 27, 2020.

On November 12, 2019, Mayor Deirdre Waterman exercised her executive authority in an attempt to cut through the political mire and vetoed the Council’s final resolution for a sixth moratorium, effectively ending the prolonged process.

At the Council meeting of December 10, 2019, the Mayor asked the Council to consider a resolution to set the 21-day period from January 6, 2020 – January 27, 2020. The Council rejected adding the resolution to the agenda.

On Wednesday morning, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge, the Honorable Michael C. Warren signed an order reaffirming the 21-day period to accept medical marijuana applications in Pontiac from January 6, 2020 – January 27, 2020.

“This economic catalyst is finally being pushed forward after a protracted 16-month period marred by six moratoriums,” said Waterman. “I am pleased that my executive action is supported by Judge Warren’s ruling that the will of the voters has been delayed long enough.”

“The economic opportunity, community benefits and social justice programs that are expected to come from the medical marijuana industry open up a new and bright horizon for the City of Pontiac.”

In August 2018, Pontiac voters passed a voter-led initiative to bring medical marijuana to the city. The referendum originally provided the city 60-days to open the application process.

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