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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

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ORDINANCE NO.: 452 (2025)

*An ordinance amending the Tribe's laws on marijuana.*

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, as a federally recognized tribe, has the inherent sovereign authority to make its own laws to govern activities on Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's laws on marijuana should also be changed so that enrolled members may be able to apply for and receive a license to cultivate marijuana; and

WHEREAS, amendments are needed to make these changes to the Cherokee Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled at which a quorum is present, that Cherokee Code Chapter 17 shall be amended as follows:

**Secs. 17-51 General Qualifications for Licensure or Agent registration.**

(f) The Board shall, to the greatest extent practicable, ensure that persons who have been adversely affected by cannabis prohibition have equal opportunity to obtain licenses and registration cards and to participate in the cannabis industry of the Tribe.

**Secs. 17-74. Ownership limitation.**

There shall be no cannabis facility license, other than a license for a cannabis laboratory or cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis processing facility, issued to any person or entity other than an entity wholly owned by the Tribe organized under Tribal law or one of its wholly owned subsidiaries organized under Tribal law.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, that all ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby rescinded, and this ordinance shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

*Submitted by James Bradley*