Explanation: The purpose of this ordinance is to repeal Section 3 of Ordinance 19-20, a provision previously adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren to permit one (1) medicinal cannabis retail establishment in the CB zone. This ordinance continues the prohibition against recreational marijuana activities as set forth in Ordinance 19-20.

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 19-55

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 16-4.2 entitled "Definition of Terms" of Chapter XVI (16) entitled "Zoning" of The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren is hereby supplemented and amended to delete the following definition:

MEDICINAL CANNABIS RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT—an entity licensed pursuant to the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act (P.L. 2009, c. 307) to lawfully purchase or receive medical cannabis and to sell medical cannabis and medical cannabis products to consumers from a retail store, with a full time pharmacist on site during operational hours, which shall also be known as a medical cannabis dispensary or medical marijuana dispensary.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Ordinance 19-20 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION 4.  In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Warren, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION 5.  After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of the within Ordinance to the Planning Board of the Township of Warren for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. The Planning Board is directed to make and transmit to the Township Committee, within 35 days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed ordinance which are inconsistent with the master plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the Board deems appropriate.

SECTION 6.  This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (1) adoption; (2) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and (3) filing of the final form of adopted ordinance by the Clerk with the Somerset County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

ATTEST:          WARREN TOWNSHIP

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Cathy Reese, RMC,                 Gary DiNardo, Mayor
Township Clerk

INTRODUCED:  November 14, 2019
ADOPTED:     December 12, 2019
EFFECTIVE:  December 19, 2019