



## **Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission**

#### Marijuana Retailer

**General Information:** 

License Number: MR283775

Original Issued Date: 11/15/2021

Issued Date: 11/15/2021

Expiration Date: 11/15/2022

#### ABOUT THE MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT

Business Legal Name: Green Highland LLC

Phone Number: Email Address: 26hadleymill@gmail.com

617-869-5458

Business Address 1: 26 Hadley Mill Road Business Address 2:

Business City: Holyoke Business State: MA Business Zip Code: 01040

Mailing Address 1: 81 Sea Ave Mailing Address 2:

Mailing City: Quincy Mailing State: MA Mailing Zip Code: 02169

#### CERTIFIED DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBES)

Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs): Not a

DBE

#### PRIORITY APPLICANT

Priority Applicant: no

Priority Applicant Type: Not a Priority Applicant

**Economic Empowerment Applicant Certification Number:** 

**RMD Priority Certification Number:** 

#### RMD INFORMATION

Name of RMD:

Department of Public Health RMD Registration Number:

Operational and Registration Status:

To your knowledge, is the existing RMD certificate of registration in good

standing?:

If no, describe the circumstances below:

#### PERSONS WITH DIRECT OR INDIRECT AUTHORITY

Person with Direct or Indirect Authority 1

Percentage Of Ownership: 100 Percentage Of Control: 100

Role: Owner / Partner Other Role:

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First Name: Gang Gang Last Name: Zheng Suffix:

Gender: Male User Defined Gender:

What is this person's race or ethnicity?: Asian (Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese)

Specify Race or Ethnicity:

**ENTITIES WITH DIRECT OR INDIRECT AUTHORITY** 

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**CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND MEMBERS** 

No records found

**CAPITAL RESOURCES - INDIVIDUALS** 

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**CAPITAL RESOURCES - ENTITIES** 

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BUSINESS INTERESTS IN OTHER STATES OR COUNTRIES

Business Interest in Other State 1

Business Interest of an Owner or the Marijuana Establishment: Business Interest of an Owner

Owner First Name: Gang Gang Owner Last Name: Zheng Owner Suffix:

Entity Legal Name: Green Future LLC Entity DBA:

Entity Description: Real Estate company

Entity Phone: 617-869-5458 Entity Email: Entity Website:

aaea888@yahoo.com

Entity Address 1: 136 Commercial St, Mezzanine Entity Address 2:

Entity City: Portland Entity State: ME Entity Zip Code: 04101 Entity Country: USA

Entity Mailing Address 1: 136 Commercial St, Mezzanine Entity Mailing Address 2:

Entity Mailing City: Portland Entity Mailing State: ME Entity Mailing Zip Code: Entity Mailing Country:

04101 USA

DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS

Individual 1

First Name: Gang Gang Last Name: Zheng Suffix:

Marijuana Establishment Name: Green Highland LLC

Marijuana Establishment City: Holyoke

Marijuana Establishment State: MA

Individual 2

First Name: Gang Gang Last Name: Zheng Suffix:

Marijuana Establishment Name: Green Highland LLC Business Type: Marijuana Product Manufacture

Marijuana Establishment City: Holyoke Marijuana Establishment State: MA

MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT PROPERTY DETAILS

Establishment Address 1: 26 Hadley Mill Road

Establishment Address 2:

Establishment City: Holyoke Establishment Zip Code: 01040

Approximate square footage of the establishment: 44500 How many abutters does this property have?: 4

Have all property abutters been notified of the intent to open a Marijuana Establishment at this address?: Yes

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#### HOST COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Host Community Documentation:

Document Category	Document Name	Туре	ID	Upload Date
Plan to Remain Compliant with Local Zoning	Plan to remain compliant.pdf	pdf	5fad139cbd0d8e081433d6b9	11/12/2020
Community Outreach Meeting  Documentation	Attachment A - Public Notice.pdf	pdf	60473a32e15067356d20bab4	03/09/2021
Community Outreach Meeting  Documentation	Attachment B - City Clerk notification.pdf	pdf	60473a34efe1e0359b95bc8e	03/09/2021
Community Outreach Meeting  Documentation	Attachment C - Abutter Letter.pdf	pdf	60473a369a694b3583a7326f	03/09/2021
Certification of Host Community Agreement	Green Highland HCA Certification form.pdf	pdf	607f5596bd015444c55056d2	04/20/2021
Community Outreach Meeting  Documentation	COM Attestation.pdf	pdf	607f55aecefab844e6715bdd	04/20/2021

Total amount of financial benefits accruing to the municipality as a result of the host community agreement. If the total amount is zero, please enter zero and provide documentation explaining this number.: \$

#### PLAN FOR POSITIVE IMPACT

Plan to Positively Impact Areas of Disproportionate Impact:

Document Category	Document Name	Туре	ID	Upload Date
Plan for Positive Impact	Positive Impact Plan - Green Highland - 123020.pdf	pdf	60473d3d8d09dc35cbc0d365	03/09/2021

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOTIFICATION

Notification:

# INDIVIDUAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION Individual Background Information 1

Role: Owner / Partner Other Role:

First Name: Gang Gang Last Name: Zheng Suffix:

RMD Association: Not associated with an RMD

Background Question: no

#### **ENTITY BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION**

No records found

#### MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS REGISTRATION

Required Business Documentation:

Document Category	Document Name	Туре	ID	Upload Date
Articles of Organization	Articles of Organization.pdf	pdf	5fad26497083620840286bdb	11/12/2020
Secretary of Commonwealth - Certificate of Good Standing	Cert Good Standing SOC Green HIghland.pdf	pdf	5fad264e0daeb60847faca5e	11/12/2020
Department of Revenue - Certificate of	Cert Good Standing DOR Green	pdf	5fad267adf85ec07dfb89889	11/12/2020

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Good standing	Highland.pdf			
Bylaws	Operating Agreement_compressed.pdf	pdf	5fc4c23f91587f078718d83d	11/30/2020
Secretary of Commonwealth - Certificate of Good Standing	DoUA waiver - Green Highland.pdf	pdf	6049dcdc183b5235aa44e6ea	03/11/2021

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Massachusetts Business Identification Number: 001444129

Doing-Business-As Name:

DBA Registration City:

#### **BUSINESS PLAN**

**Business Plan Documentation:** 

<b>Document Category</b>	Document Name	Туре	ID	Upload
				Date
Business Plan	Green Highland business plan.pdf	pdf	5fae652b8cc05c081b1b7f8c	11/13/2020
Plan for Liability Insurance	PROPOSAL FOR INSURANCE green highland LLC (002).pdf	pdf	6047427f01124c35d20a1fdb	03/09/2021
Proposed Timeline	Green Highland proposed timeline.pdf	pdf	6049dbb775f93835952f07bf	03/11/2021

#### **OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Policies and Procedures Documentation:

Document Category	Document Name	Туре	ID	Upload Date
Dispensing procedures	Dispensing Procedures - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c314d8789e0780e3fc68	11/30/2020
Energy Compliance Plan	Energy Compliance Plan - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c315fda1250795582c57	11/30/2020
Inventory procedures	Inventory procedures - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c3174a175107ac951550	11/30/2020
Maintaining of financial records	Maintaining Financial Records - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c31a925f52079a1f15ec	11/30/2020
Personnel policies including background checks	Personnel Policies - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c31d87f4c7077b60f10b	11/30/2020
Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products	Plan for Obtaining Marijuana - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c33f301ec4074f753d85	11/30/2020
Restricting Access to age 21 and older	Plan to restrict access 21 - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c345418c5607a11d85fd	11/30/2020
Prevention of diversion	Prevention of diversion - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c350728b9907c6dd5dab	11/30/2020
Qualifications and training	Qualifications and training - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c35691587f078718d842	11/30/2020
Quality control and testing	Quality control and testing - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c35fd8789e0780e3fc6c	11/30/2020

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Record Keeping procedures	Record keeping procedures - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c382dd0ccd077448d301	11/30/2020
Storage of marijuana	Storage of Marijuana - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c383925f52079a1f15f0	11/30/2020
Transportation of marijuana	Transportation of marijuana - Retail - 111220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c38687f4c7077b60f10f	11/30/2020
Security plan	Security Plan - Green Highland - 092220.pdf	pdf	5fc4c3d115105a0779710bec	11/30/2020
Diversity plan	Diversity Plan - Green Highland 031120.pdf	pdf	6049e668b64912358e3148a3	03/11/2021

#### MARIJUANA RETAILER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

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#### **ATTESTATIONS**

I certify that no additional entities or individuals meeting the requirement set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(b)(1) or 935 CMR 500.101(2)(c)(1) have been omitted by the applicant from any marijuana establishment application(s) for licensure submitted to the Cannabis Control Commission.: | Agree

I understand that the regulations stated above require an applicant for licensure to list all executives, managers, persons or entities having direct or indirect authority over the management, policies, security operations or cultivation operations of the Marijuana Establishment; close associates and members of the applicant, if any; and a list of all persons or entities contributing 10% or more of the initial capital to operate the Marijuana Establishment including capital that is in the form of land or buildings.: | Agree

I certify that any entities who are required to be listed by the regulations above do not include any omitted individuals, who by themselves, would be required to be listed individually in any marijuana establishment application(s) for licensure submitted to the Cannabis Control Commission.:

I Agree

#### Notification:

I certify that any changes in ownership or control, location, or name will be made pursuant to a separate process, as required under 935 CMR 500.104(1), and none of those changes have occurred in this application.:

I certify that to the best knowledge of any of the individuals listed within this application, there are no background events that have arisen since the issuance of the establishment's final license that would raise suitability issues in accordance with 935 CMR 500.801.:

I certify that all information contained within this renewal application is complete and true.:

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOTIFICATION

Notification:

COMPLIANCE WITH POSITIVE IMPACT PLAN No records found

COMPLIANCE WITH DIVERSITY PLAN

No records found

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday From: 8:00 AM Monday To: 8:00 PM

Tuesday From: 8:00 AM Tuesday To: 8:00 PM

Wednesday From: 8:00 AM Wednesday To: 8:00 PM

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Thursday From: 8:00 AM Thursday To: 8:00 PM
Friday From: 8:00 AM Friday To: 8:00 PM
Saturday From: 8:00 AM Saturday To: 8:00 PM
Sunday From: 8:00 AM Sunday To: 8:00 PM

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#### Green Highland LLC; Plan to Remain Compliant with Local Zoning, Holyoke, MA

Green Highland LLC attests that it will, through its operation of a cultivation, manufacturing, and retail establishment in the city of Holyoke, MA, follow and remain compliant with all local zoning requirements under the Holyoke Zoning Bylaws pertaining to, but not limited to:

Use regulations
Signs and signage
Off Street Parking and Loading Regulations
Adult Use Marijuana Bylaw

Green Highland LLC has been granted a host agreement by the city of Holyoke, and intends to follow the use regulations for permitted use at our 26 Hadley Mill Road location, as well as performance standards for security and fire, and special provisions for parking, loading, signs, etc.

As all Marijuana Establishments in the city of Holyoke require Special Permit approval, we will ensure compliance with all local laws. The duration of the special permit, once granted, lasts in perpetuity or until the establishment moves or closes. We will also continue to communicate with the town on a regular basis to remain updated and compliant with any changes or additions to local zoning.

Outreach Meeting

ACMJ LLC plan to develop a licensed cannabis cultivation, and manufacturing facility A community outreach meeting will take place at the above address on 5th at 532 Main Street, Holyoke.

tancing recommendations and All are welcome. We will respect Covid-19 social disrequire that all attendees wear October, 2020 at 7pm.

Please direct any questions to: mark@greenglove.cc a face mask.

9/18/2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. HD20P1478EA Date of Death: 11/11/1968 Hampden Probate and Springfield, MA 01103 Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court 50 State Street **Lionel Boucher** (413)748-7758 Family Court Estate of:

Personal Representative has been filed by Jeffrey Boucher of Easthampton MA requesting that the Court enter formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment o To all interested persons:

Representative(s) of said The Petitioner requests of Easthampton MA be Surety on the bond inan estate to serve Without Jeffrey Boucher appointed as Personal unsupervised administration. requested in the Petition.

that:

have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or a.m. on the return day of a copy of the Petition from the your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 You have the right to obtain Petitioner or at the Court. You 09/29/2020.

ance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written lowed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be This is NOT a hearing you must file a written appearappearance and objection foldate, but a deadline by which taken without further notice

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Register of Probate 9/18/2020

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tancing recommendations and require that all attendees respect Covid-19 social diswear a face mask.

Please direct any questions to: mark@greenglove.cc

Probate and Family Court Springfield, MA 01103 Hampden Division Commonwealth of Massachusetts 50 State Street The Trial Court

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Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 9/18/2020

must file a written appearance and objection at this Court

> Docket No. HD20P1532EA Date of Death: 08/15/2020 CITATION ON PETITION Hampden Probate and Springfield, MA 01103 Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court 50 State Street Martin M Tkacz Family Court (413)748-7758 Estate of:

Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Eric M Tkacz of Buzzards Bay MA requesting such other relief as requested for Formal that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for To all interested persons: A Petition Probate of in the Petition.

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object to this proceeding. To from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition

before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/06/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written days of the return day, action appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) may be taken without further **ADMINISTRATION UNDER** UNSUPERVISED notice to you. FOR FORMAL

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Attachment "B"

Subject: Community Outreach Meeting - Green Highland LLC

From: Mark Jarvis <mark@greenglove.cc>

**Date:** 9/15/2020, 2:37 PM

To: Brenna McGee <mcgeeb@holyoke.org>

CC: ezra@greenglove.cc, John Dyjach <dyjachj@holyoke.org>

Dear Ms McGee,

Our client, Green Highland LLC will be hosting a Community Outreach Meeting at 6pm on Monday 5 October at 26 Hadley Mill Road to share with abutters and residents their plans for the creation of a licensed cannabis establishment at that location. Out of consideration for the current Covid-19 emergency we shall be observing strict social-distancing requirements and shall insist that all participants wear appropriate face coverings. Please accept this email as formal notice of our meeting.

Many thanks,

Mark Jarvis

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Cell: 413-695-9327

Greenglove Consulting LLC 139 Damon Road, Ste #5 Northampton, MA 01060

www.greenglove.cc

The contents of this email are for informational purposes only and do not constitute medical, financial, or legal advice.

1 of 1 10/6/2020, 9:05 AM

Green Highland LLC 26 Hadley Mill Road Holyoke, MA 01040

9/14/20

#### **Licensed Cannabis Facility**

Dear Abutter,

Green Highland LLC plan on creating a small, licensed vertical cannabis establishment at 26 Hadley Mill Road, Holyoke comprising a cultivation, manufacturing, and retail facility. We shall be hosting a Community Outreach Meeting at 6pm on Monday 5 October to share details of our plans, to which all abutters are invited.

In light of current COVID-19 restrictions we shall be observing strict social-distancing guidelines. All attendees are respectfully requested to wear a face mask.

Many thanks,

Mark Jarvis

p.p. George Zheng



# Host Community Agreement Certification Form

#### Instructions

Certification of a host community agreement is a requirement of the application to become a Marijuana Establishment (ME) and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC). Applicants must complete items 1-3. The contracting authority for the municipality must complete items 4-8. Failure to complete a section will result in the application not being deemed complete. This form should be completed and uploaded into your application. Please note that submission of information that is "misleading, incorrect, false, or fraudulent" is grounds for denial of an application for a license pursuant to 935 CMR 500.400(2) and 501.400(2).

#### Certification

The parties listed below do certify that the applicant and municipality have executed a host community agreement on the specified date below pursuant to G.L. c. 94G § 3(d):

1.	Name of applicant:	
	Green Highland LLC	
2	Name of applicant's authorized representative:	
	Gang Gang Zheng	
3.	Signature of applicant's authorized representative:	
	Cam Com rem	
4.	Name of municipality:	
	City of Holyoke	
5.	Name of municipality's contracting authority or authorized representative:	
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	Terry Murphy, Acting Mayor	
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6. Signature of municipality's contracting authority or authorized representative:					
	Thence Mintely, mayor				
7.	Email address of contracting authority or authorized representative of the municipality (this email address may be used to send municipal notices pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1) and 501.102(1).):				
	mayorsoffice a holyoke org				
8.	Host community agreement execution date:				
	9/17/2020				



# Community Outreach Meeting Attestation Form

#### Instructions

Community Outreach Meeting(s) are a requirement of the application to become a Marijuana Establishment (ME) and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC). 935 CMR 500.101(1), 500.101(2), 501.101(1), and 501.101(2). The applicant must complete each section of this form and attach all required documents as a single PDF document before uploading it into the application. If your application is for a license that will be located at more than one (1) location, and in different municipalities, applicants must complete two (2) attestation forms – one for each municipality. Failure to complete a section will result in the application not being deemed complete. Please note that submission of information that is "misleading, incorrect, false, or fraudulent" is grounds for denial of an application for a license pursuant to 935 CMR 500.400(2) and 501.400(2).

#### **Attestation**

I, the below indicated authorized representative of that the applicant, attest that the applicant has complied with the Community Outreach Meeting requirements of 935 CMR 500.101 and/or 935 CMR 501.101 as outlined below:

1. The Community Outreach Meeting was held on the following date(s):

10/5/2020

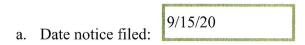
- 2. At least one (1) meeting was held within the municipality where the ME is proposed to be located.
- 3. At least one (1) meeting was held after normal business hours (this requirement can be satisfied along with requirement #2 if the meeting was held within the municipality and after normal business hours).



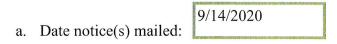
4. A copy of the community outreach notice containing the time, place, and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the ME or MTC was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least 14 calendar days prior to the meeting. A copy of this publication notice is labeled and attached as "Attachment A."

a. Date of publication:b. Name of publication:9/18/20Holyoke Sun

5. A copy of the community outreach notice containing the time, place, and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the ME or MTC was filed with clerk of the municipality. A copy of this filed notice is labeled and attached as "Attachment B."



6. A copy of the community outreach notice containing the time, place, and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the ME or MTC was mailed at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to abutters of the proposed address, and residents within 300 feet of the property line of the applicant's proposed location as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of the abutter or resident is located in another municipality. A copy of this mailed notice is labeled and attached as "Attachment C." Please redact the name of any abutter or resident in this notice.



- 7. The applicant presented information at the Community Outreach Meeting, which at a minimum included the following:
  - a. The type(s) of ME or MTC to be located at the proposed address;
  - b. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will be maintained securely:
  - c. Steps to be taken by the ME or MTC to prevent diversion to minors;
  - d. A plan by the ME or MTC to positively impact the community; and
  - e. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will not constitute a nuisance as defined by law.
- 8. Community members were permitted to ask questions and receive answers from representatives of the ME or MTC.

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Name of applicant:
Green Highland LLC
Name of applicant's authorized representative:
Mark Jarvis
Signature of applicant's authorized representative:
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## The Green Highland Positive Impact Program

#### Introduction

This direct mentor-to-mentee program will be hosted in Holyoke, MA, a community that is an Area of Disproportionate Impact (ADI) as defined by the Commission. Green Highland, LLC has committed to funding the services of a Business Development Consultant to assist selected applicants in their business development efforts. Execution of this program will commence at the receipt of a provisional Marijuana Establishment license. Access to this program will be promoted and advertised through monthly advertisements in the Holyoke Sun, regular social media activity, poster campaigns, and any other means.

#### Acknowledgements

The applicant will adhere to the requirements set forth in 935 CMR 500.105(4) which provides the permitted and prohibited advertising, branding, marketing, and sponsorship practices of every Marijuana Establishment.

No actions taken, or programs instituted by the applicant will violate the Commission's regulations with respect to limitations on ownership or control or other applicable state laws.

No donation or program to support any specifically named organizations or the furtherance of their goals have been proposed as this is a direct mentor-to-mentee program.

#### Goals:

This program will meet the spirit and objectives of state law M.G.L. Ch. 94G §4 that requires Licensed Marijuana Establishments to, "...engage in processes and policies that promote and encourage full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities."

The Commission has identified the groups this plan is intended to impact as the following:

- Past or present residents of the geographic ADI, which have been defined by the Commission and identified in its Guidance for Identifying Areas of Disproportionate Impact.
- Commission-designated Economic Empowerment Priority applicants;
- Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants;
- Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and
- Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
- The above persons are hereinafter be referred to as the **Primary Target Group (PTG)**.

The goal of the program is to provide ADI communities access to the following training, educational and mentorship resources, with a goal of identifying and supporting the business development, and license application of three candidates from the PTG described above:

- Access to weekly training conferences
  - applicants will acquire or adapt some of the tools and skills necessary to achieve success as an entrepreneur within the licensed marijuana industry.
  - applicants will be empowered to better understand and recognize if, and where, their interest within the licensed marijuana industry lies.
- Provide applicants open access to expert, proactive, ongoing mentorship and counseling, a resource center providing documents and information of use to both PTG entrepreneurs and

those seeking employment in the licensed marijuana industry, and access to weekly group and individual conference calls with leading industry consultants and ancillary professionals.

#### **Programs:**

The Green Highland Positive Impact Program comprises three main elements:

**Weekly training conference** - This free, weekly conference will be conducted online. The goal of these conferences is to directly assist members of the PTG by providing participants with knowledge, resources, tools and guidance to strengthen, promote and empower their successful participation in this industry as an entrepreneur, and business owner.

#### **Conference Content:**

- Introduction
- A brief history of Marijuana regulation
- Federal Law, State Law, Regulations and Administrative Decisions
- The Cannabis Control Commission
- Developing your vision
- Developing your business plan

- Community Resources for Economic Development
- The Application Process Threading the needle
- Home-Grown Cannabis regulations
- Open Forum
- Next steps

**Mentorship and Counseling** - Conference participants will be offered free, ongoing and direct access to an industry professional who provides access to knowledge, experience and professional expertise in Business Development, Marijuana Licensing, Federal and State law, and Federal and State accounting. This facility will assist and guide applicants by providing the following:

- Exclusive access to licensing, compliance and regulatory resources that provides access to documents, state and local resources, service providers and articles that will benefit the PTG participant.
- Exclusive access to FAQ sessions, where applicants may pose questions and receive answers to Marijuana industry related issues.
- A weekly conference that comprises a 60-minute check-in with applicants, with a Q&A session, followed by a number of, 30-minute, pre-booked individual calls that allow applicants to pose or discuss business sensitive or confidential questions and matters without fear of disclosure.

#### Measurements:

**Program Progress and Success** - The success and impact of this program will be measured through the following means:

- **Attendance** The program must identify and engage at least three teams or individuals from the above PTG that desire assistance and choose to participate in the program.
- **Feedback** All participants will be asked to complete feedback surveys on the content and delivery of this program. Our feedback goals will be achieved if 65% of participants provide feedback and that feedback rating is at least 3.5 out of 5.
- Achievements At least one of the program participants should achieve pre-approval for delivery or complete a provisional license for submission.
- **License Renewal:** A comprehensive annual report that shows the progress or success of this plan will be provided to the CCC prior to renewal of the license.

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts William Francis Galvin

Minimum Fee: \$500.00

Secretary of the Commonwealth, Corporations Division One Ashburton Place, 17th floor Boston, MA 02108-1512 Telephone: (617) 727-9640

**Certificate of Organization** 

(General Laws, Chapter)

Identification Number: 001444129

1. The exact name of the limited liability company is: GREEN HIGHLAND LLC

2a. Location of its principal office:

No. and Street: <u>26 HADLEY MILL RD.</u>

City or Town: HOLYOKE State: MA Zip: 01040 Country: USA

2b. Street address of the office in the Commonwealth at which the records will be maintained:

No. and Street: <u>26 HADLEY MILL RD.</u>

City or Town: HOLYOKE State: MA Zip: 01040 Country: USA

3. The general character of business, and if the limited liability company is organized to render professional service, the service to be rendered:

THIS GREEN HIGHLAND LLC IS ORGANIZING IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE WHITH T HE CCC.

- 4. The latest date of dissolution, if specified:
- 5. Name and address of the Resident Agent:

Name: MA LIANG

No. and Street: 36 FLOURENCE ST.

City or Town: QUINCY State: MA Zip: 02170 Country: USA

- I, <u>MA LIANG</u> resident agent of the above limited liability company, consent to my appointment as the resident agent of the above limited liability company pursuant to G. L. Chapter 156C Section 12.
- 6. The name and business address of each manager, if any:

Title	Individual Name	Address (no PO Box)
	First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code
MANAGER	GANG GANG ZHENG	26 HADLEY MILL RD NHOLYORKE, MA 01040 USA

7. The name and business address of the person(s) in addition to the manager(s), authorized to execute documents to be filed with the Corporations Division, and at least one person shall be named if there are no managers.

Title	Individual Name	Address (no PO Box)
	First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code

8. The name and business address of the person(s) authorized to execute, acknowledge, deliver and record any recordable instrument purporting to affect an interest in real property:

Title	Individual Name	Address (no PO Box)
	First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code

9. Additional matters:

# SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, this 3 Day of September, 2020, $\underline{GANG\ GANG\ ZHENG}$

(The certificate must be signed by the person forming the LLC.)

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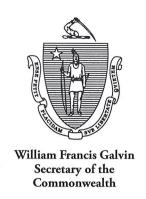
I hereby certify that, upon examination of this document, duly submitted to me, it appears that the provisions of the General Laws relative to corporations have been complied with, and I hereby approve said articles; and the filing fee having been paid, said articles are deemed to have been filed with me on:

September 03, 2020 10:26 AM

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

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Secretary of the Commonwealth



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

#### **September 18, 2020**

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby certify that a certificate of organization of a Limited Liability Company was filed in this office by

#### GREEN HIGHLAND LLC

in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 156C on **September 3, 2020.** 

I further certify that said Limited Liability Company has filed all annual reports due and paid all fees with respect to such reports; that said Limited Liability Company has not filed a certificate of cancellation; that there are no proceedings presently pending under the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 156C, § 70 for said Limited Liability Company's dissolution; and that said Limited Liability Company is in good standing with this office.

I also certify that the names of all managers listed in the most recent filing are: GANG GANG ZHENG

I further certify, the names of all persons authorized to execute documents filed with this office and listed in the most recent filing are: **GANG GANG ZHENG** 

The names of all persons authorized to act with respect to real property listed in the most recent filing are: **NONE** 



In testimony of which,

I have hereunto affixed the

Great Seal of the Commonwealth

on the date first above written.

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Francis Galein

Letter ID: L1547005504 Notice Date: September 28, 2020 Case ID: 0-001-064-070

#### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING AND/OR TAX COMPLIANCE

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GREEN HIGHLAND LLC 26 HADLEY MILL RD HOLYOKE MA 01040-5868

#### Why did I receive this notice?

The Commissioner of Revenue certifies that, as of the date of this certificate, GREEN HIGHLAND LLC is in compliance with its tax obligations under Chapter 62C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

This certificate doesn't certify that the taxpayer is compliant in taxes such as unemployment insurance administered by agencies other than the Department of Revenue, or taxes under any other provisions of law.

This is not a waiver of lien issued under Chapter 62C, section 52 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

#### What if I have questions?

If you have questions, call us at (617) 887-6400 or toll-free in Massachusetts at (800) 392-6089, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

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Collections Bureau

# OPERATING AGREEMENT

OF

# GREEN HIGHLAND LLC

# A MASSACHUSETTS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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#### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms used in the Operating Agreement shall have the following meanings (unless otherwise expressly provided herein);

- (a) "Certificate of Organization" shall mean the Certificate of Organization of Green Highland LLC, as filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as the same may be amended from time to time. A copy of the Certificate of Organization is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- (b) "Capital Account" as of any given date shall mean the Capital Contribution to the Company by a Member as adjusted up to the date in question pursuant to Article VII.
- (c) "Capital Contribution" shall mean any agreed contribution to the capital of the Company in cash, property or services by a Member whenever made. "Initial Capital Contribution" shall mean the initial contribution to the capital of the Company pursuant to this Operating Agreement as set forth on Exhibit B attached hereto.
- (d) "Company Interest" shall mean, with respect to each Member, such Member's interest in the profits and losses of the Company as set forth on Exhibit B attached hereto.
- (e) "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of subsequent superseding federal revenue laws.
  - (f) "Company" shall refer to Green Highland LLC.
- (g) "Deficit Capital Account" shall mean, with respect to any Member, the deficit balance, if any, in such Member's Capital Account as of the end of the taxable year.
- (h) "Distributable Cash" means all cash, revenues and funds received by the Company from Company operations, less the sum of the following to the extent paid or set aside by the Company: (i) all principal and interest payments on indebtedness of the Company and all other sums paid to lenders; (ii) all cash expenditures incurred incident to the normal operation of the Company's business; (iii) such Reserves as the Managers deem reasonably necessary to the proper operation of the Company's business.
- (i) "Entity" shall mean a general partnership, a limited partnership, a domestic or foreign limited liability company, a trust, an estate, an association, a corporation or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (j) "Event of Dissociation" means the resignation, death or insanity of a Member, as provided in Section 36 and 42 of the Massachusetts Act.
  - (k) "Fiscal Year" shall mean the Company's fiscal year, which shall be the calendar year.
- (l) "Gifting Member" shall mean any Member who gifts, bequeaths or otherwise transfers for no consideration (by operation of law or otherwise, except with respect to bankruptcy) all or any part of its Membership Interest.

- (m) "Majority Interest" shall mean one or more Interests of Members which taken together equals or exceeds two-thirds of the aggregate of all Company Interests.
- (n) "Managers" shall mean one or more Managers designated in the manner provided in this Agreement.
- (o) "Massachusetts Act" shall mean the Massachusetts Limited Liability Company Act (M.G.L. Ch. 156C).
- (p) "Member" shall mean each of the parties who executes a counterpart of this Operating Agreement as a Member and each of the parties who may hereafter become Members as permitted herein. To the extent a Manager has acquired a Membership Interest in the Company, he or she will have all rights of a Member with respect to such Membership Interest, and the term "Member" as used herein shall include a Manager to the extent he or she has acquired such Membership Interest in the Company. If a Person is a Member immediately prior to the purchase or other acquisition by such Person, such Person shall have all the rights of a Member with respect to such purchased or otherwise acquired Membership Interest, as the case may be.
- (q) "Membership Interest" shall mean, a Member's entire interest in the Company and the right to participate in the management of the business and affairs of the Company, including the right to vote on, consent to, or otherwise participate in any decision or action of or by the Members granted pursuant to this Operating Agreement or the Massachusetts Act.
- (r) "Net Profits" and "Net Losses" shall mean the income, gain, loss, deductions and credits of the Company in the aggregate or separately stated, as appropriate, determined in accordance with the method of accounting selected by the Managers at the close of each fiscal year on the Company's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes.
- (s) "Operating Agreement" shall mean this Operating Agreement as originally executed and as amended from time to time.
- (t) "Person" shall mean an individual or Entity, and the heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns or such "Person" where the context so permits.
- (u) "Reserves" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal period, funds set aside or amounts allocated during such period to reserves which shall be maintained in amounts deemed sufficient by the Managers for capital expenditures, working capital and to pay taxes, insurance, debt service or other costs or expenses incident to the ownership or operation of the Company's business.
- (v) "Selling Member" shall mean any Member which sells, assigns, or otherwise transfers for consideration all or any portion of its Membership Interest.
  - (w) "Transferring Member" shall collectively mean a Selling Member and a Gifting Member.
- (x) "Treasury Regulations" shall include proposed, temporary and final regulations promulgated under the Code in effect as of the date of filing the Certificate of Organization and the corresponding sections of any regulations subsequently issued that amend or supersede such regulations.

#### ARTICLE II

#### FORMATION OF COMPANY

<u>Section 2.1 - Formation</u>. The Company whose address is 26 Hadley Mill Road, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, was formed as a limited liability company under the Massachusetts Act by the filing of its Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on September 3, 2020.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **BUSINESS OF COMPANY**

<u>Section 3.1 - Permitted Businesses</u>. The business of the Company shall be as set forth in its Certificate of Organization.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

The names and addresses of the initial and subsequent Members are as set forth on Exhibit B attached hereto.

#### ARTICLE V

#### RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MANAGERS

Section 5.1 - Management. The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by its Managers. The Managers shall direct, manage and control the business of the Company to the best of their ability. Except for situations in which the approval of the members is expressly required by this Operating Agreement or by nonwaivable provisions of applicable law, the Managers shall have full and complete authority, power and discretion to manage and control the business, affairs and properties of the Company, to make all decisions regarding those matters and to perform any and all other acts or activities customary or incident to the management of the Company's business. At any time when there is more than one Manager, any one Manager may exercise all of the powers delegated to the Managers herein and may take any action permitted to be taken by the Managers, unless the approval of more than one of the Managers is expressly required pursuant to this Operating Agreement.

# Section 5.2 - Number, Identity, Tenure and Qualifications. The Company shall have one Manager.

The Manager shall be Gang Gang Zheng.

The number of Managers of the Company shall be fixed from time to time by the affirmative vote or written consent of Members holding at least two-thirds of all Company Interests, but in no instances shall there be less than one Manager. Each Manager shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified or such earlier time as he or she may resign or be removed as provided herein. Managers

shall be elected by the affirmative vote or written consent of Members holding at least a Majority Interest. A Manager need not be a Member.

<u>Section 5.3 - Certain Powers of Managers</u>. Without limiting the generality of Section 5.1, the Managers shall have power and authority on behalf of the Company:

- (a) To acquire property from any Person as the Managers may determine;
- (b) To borrow money for the Company from banks, other lending institutions, individuals, the Managers, Members, or affiliates of the Managers or Members on such terms as the Managers deem appropriate, and in connection therewith, to mortgage, hypothecate, encumber and grant security interests in the assets of the Company to secure repayment of the borrowed sums;
- (c) To purchase liability and other insurance to protect the Company's property and business;
- (d) To hold and own any Company real and/or personal properties in the name of the Company;
- (e) To invest any company funds temporarily (by way of example but not limitation) in time deposits, short term governmental obligations, commercial paper or other investments;
- (f) Upon the affirmative vote or written consent of Members holding at least two-thirds of all Company Interests, to sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company as part of a single transaction or plan;
- (g) To execute on behalf of the Company all instruments and documents, including, without limitation, checks; drafts; notes and other negotiable instruments; mortgages or deeds of trust; security agreements; financing statements; documents providing for the acquisition, mortgage or disposition of the Company's property; assignments; bills of sale; leases; partnership agreements, operating agreements of other limited liability companies; and any other instruments or documents necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Managers, to the business of the Company;
- (h) To employ accountants, legal counsel, managing agents or other experts to perform services for the Company and to compensate them from Company funds;
- (i) To enter into any and all agreements on behalf of the Company, with any other Person for any purpose, in such forms as the Managers may approve;
- (j) To do and perform all other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to the conduct of the Company's business; and
- (k) To delegate his, her or their power and authority to another party of his, her or their choice by the use of a valid Power of Attorney.

Unless authorized to so do by the Operating Agreement or by written authorization of a Manager or Managers of the Company, no attorney-in-fact, employee or other agent of the Company shall have any power or authority to bind the Company in any way, to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose. No

Member (other than a Member who is also a Manager) shall have any power or authority to bind the Company unless the Member has been authorized by the Managers to act as an agent of the Company in accordance with the previous sentence.

- <u>Section 5.4 Manager Has No Exclusive Duty to Company</u>. The Managers shall not be required to manage the Company as his or her sole and exclusive or their sole and exclusive function and he, she or they may have other business interests and may engage in other activities in addition to those relating to the Company.
- Section 5.5 Bank Accounts. The Managers may from time to time open bank accounts in the name of the Company, and the Managers shall be the sole signatory thereon, unless the Managers determine otherwise.
- <u>Section 5.6 Company Books</u>. In accordance with Section 9.2 herein, the Managers shall maintain and preserve, during the term of the Company, and for five (5) years thereafter, all accounts, books, and other relevant Company documents. Upon reasonable request, each Member shall have the right, during ordinary business hours, to inspect and copy such Company documents at the requesting Member's expense.
- Section 5.7 Indemnity of Managers. The Company shall indemnify the Managers from and against any claim by any third party seeking monetary damages against such Managers arising out of such Managers' performance of their duties in good faith and in accordance with Section 8 of the Massachusetts Act.
- <u>Section 5.8 Resignation</u>. Any Manager of the Company may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Members of the Company. The resignation of any Manager shall take effect upon receipt of notice thereof or at such later time as shall be specified in such notice; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. The resignation of a Manager who is also a Member shall not, by itself, affect the Manager's rights as a Member and shall not constitute a withdrawal of a Member.
- <u>Section 5.9 Removal</u>. Any Manager may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote or written consent of Members holding a Majority Interest. The removal of a Manager who is also a Member shall not, by itself, affect the Manager's rights as a Member and shall not constitute a withdrawal of a Member.
- Section 5.10 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring for any reason in the number of Managers of the Company may be filled by the affirmative vote or written consent of Members holding a Majority Interest.
- <u>Section 5.11 Compensation of Managers</u>. The Managers shall receive no compensation for his, her or their services unless voted upon by two-thirds or more of the Members holding Company Interest.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 6.1 - Limitation of Liability. Each Member's liability shall be limited as set forth in this Operating Agreement by the Massachusetts Act and other applicable law.

- <u>Section 6.2 List of Members</u>. Upon written request of any Member, the Managers shall provide a list showing the names, addresses and Membership Interests of all Members.
- <u>Section 6.3 Approval of Sale of All Assets</u>. The Members shall have the right, by the affirmative vote or written consent of Members holding at least two-thirds of all Company Interests, to approve the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all, of the Company's assets which is to occur as part of a single transaction or plan.
- <u>Section 6.4 Priority and Return of Capital</u>. Except as may be expressly provided in Article IX, no Member shall have priority over any other Member, either as to the return of Capital Contributions or as to Net Profits, Net Losses or distributions; provided, however, that this Section shall not apply to repayment of loans (as distinguished from Capital Contributions) which a Member has made to the Company.
- Section 6.5 Voting Rights. Each Member will have a pro rata vote commensurate with his or her Interest in the Company.
- Section 6.6 -Arbitration. In the event each of the Members, after a good faith attempt, cannot agree on how to proceed, each Member shall appoint an arbitrator within seven (7) days of a demand for arbitration by the other Member. Such arbitrators so selected shall appoint a third arbitrator, and the decision of a majority of the arbitrators shall be binding on all Members. Each Member shall be responsible for the fees of the arbitrator so appointed by them and each Member shall share equally in the costs associated with the third arbitrator.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMPANY AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

- <u>Section 7.1 Members' Capital Contributions</u>. Each Member shall contribute such cash, property or services as is set forth in Exhibit B hereto as its share of the Initial Capital Contribution.
- <u>Section 7.2 Additional Contributions</u>. Except as set forth in Section 7.1 no Member shall be required to make any Capital Contribution. The Members may determine from time to time that additional Capital Contributions are necessary or appropriate in connection with the conduct of the Company's business (including without limitation, expansion or diversification or to meet operating deficits). In such event, the Members shall have the opportunity (but not the obligation) to participate in such additional Capital Contributions on a pro rata basis in accordance with their Company Interest.

#### Section 7.3 - Capital Accounts.

(a) A separate Capital Account will be maintained for each Member. In general, each Member's Capital Account will be: (I) increased by (a) the amount of money contributed by such Member to the Company; (b) the agreed fair market value of property or services contributed by such Member to the Company (net of liabilities secured by such contributed property that the Company is considered to assume or take subject to under Section 752 of the Code); and (c) allocations to such Member of Net Profits and; (II) decreased by (a) the amount of money distributed to such Member by the Company; (b) the fair market value of property distributed to such Member by the Company (net of liabilities secured by such distributed property that such Member is considered to assume or take subject to under Section 752 of the Code); and (c)

allocations to the account of such Member Net Losses. Capital Accounts will be maintained in accordance with the requirements of 704(b) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

- (b) In the event of a permitted sale or exchange of a Membership Interest in the Company, the Capital Account of the transferor shall become the Capital Account of the transferee to the extent it relates to the transferred Membership Interest in accordance with Section 1.704-1(b)(iv) of the Treasury Regulations.
- (c) Upon liquidation of the company (or the Member's Membership Interest), liquidating distributions will be made in accordance with the positive Capital Account balances of the Members, as determined after taking into account all Capital Account adjustments for the Company's taxable year during which the liquidation occurs. Liquidation proceeds will be paid within sixty days of the end of the taxable year (or, if later, within 120 days after the date of the liquidation). The Company may offset damages for breach of this Operating Agreement by a Member whose interest is liquidated (either upon the withdrawal of the Member or the liquidation of the Company) against the amount otherwise distributable to such Member.
- (d) Except as otherwise required in the Massachusetts Act (and subject to Section 7.1 and 7.2), no Member shall have any liability to restore all or any portion of a deficit balance in such Member's Capital Account.

#### ARTICLE VIII

## ALLOCATIONS, INCOME TAX AND DISTRIBUTIONS

- <u>Section 8.1 Allocations of Profit and Losses</u>. The Net Profits and Net Losses of the Company for each Fiscal Year will be allocated to the Members' interests in accordance with the percentage allocations set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and in compliance with applicable tax law.
- <u>Section 8.2 Distributions</u>. Except as provided in Section 7.3(c), all distributions of cash or other property shall be made to the Members pro rata in proportion to the respective Company Interest of the Members on the record date of such distribution. Except as provided in Section 8.4, all distributions of Distributable Cash and property shall be made at such time as determined by the Managers. No Member shall have the right to demand and receive property other than cash irrespective of the nature of its Capital Contribution. All amounts withheld pursuant to the Code or any provisions of state or local tax law with respect to any payment or distribution to the Members from the Company shall be treated as amounts distributed to the relevant Member or Members pursuant to this Section 8.2.
- <u>Section 8.3 Limitation Upon Distributions</u>. No distribution shall be declared and paid unless, after the distribution is made, the assets of the Company are in excess of all liabilities of the Company, except liabilities to Members on account of their contributions.
- <u>Section 8.4 Interest On and Return of Capital Contributions</u>. No Member shall be entitled to interest on its Capital Contribution or to return of its Capital Contribution, except as otherwise specifically provided for herein.
- <u>Section 8.5 Loans to Company</u>. Nothing in this Operating Agreement shall prevent any Member from making secured or unsecured loans to the Company by agreement with the Company.

<u>Section 8.6 - No Right to Distribution</u>. Anything in this Agreement or in Section 32 of the Massachusetts Act to the contrary notwithstanding, no Member shall be entitled to receive any distribution of money or other property in excess of \$1.00 by reason of such persons ceasing to be a Member, except (i) upon dissolution of the Company, or (ii) upon affirmative vote or written consent of Members holding a Majority Interest.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### ACCOUNTING REPORTS

Section 9.1 - Accounting Period. The Company's accounting period shall be the calendar year.

- Section 9.2 Records, Audits and Reports. The Managers shall maintain records and accounts of all operations and expenditures of the Company. At a minimum the Company shall keep at its principal place of business the following records:
- (a) A current and a past list setting forth in alphabetical order the full name and last known business, residence, or mailing address of each Member, both past and present;
- (b) A copy of the Certificate of Organization of the Company and all amendments thereto, together with executed copies of any powers of attorney pursuant to which any articles of amendment have been executed:
- (c) Copies of the Company's federal, state, and local income tax returns and financial statements for the three most recent years, or if such returns or statements were not prepared for any reason, copies of the information and statements provided to, or which should have been provided to, the members to enable them to prepare their federal, state and local tax returns for such period;
- (d) Copies of the Company's current effective written Operating Agreement and all amendments thereto and copies of any written operating agreements no longer in effect;
- (e) A writing setting forth the amount of cash, if any, and a statement of the agreed value of other property or services contributed by each member and the times at which or the events upon the happening of which any additional contributions are to be made by each Member;
- (f) A writing stating events, if any, upon the happening of which the Company is to be dissolved and its affairs wound up;
  - (g) Other writings, if any, prepared pursuant to a requirement in this Agreement.
- Section 9.3 Returns and Other Elections. The Managers shall cause the preparation and timely filing of all returns required to be filed by the Company pursuant to the Code and all other tax returns deemed necessary and required in each jurisdiction in which the Company does business. Copies of such returns, or pertinent information therefrom, shall be furnished to the Members as soon as practical after the end of the Company's fiscal year but in any event prior to the date upon which Federal and Massachusetts State tax

returns are required to be filed by Members.

The "Tax Matters Partner", under Section 6231 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, who will manage administrative tax proceedings with the Internal Revenue Service, will be determined by Members holding a Majority Interest.

All elections permitted to be made by the Company under federal or state laws shall be made by the Managers in their sole discretion, provided that the Managers shall make any tax election requested by Members owning a Majority Interest.

#### ARTICLE X

#### TRANSFERABILITY

# Section 10.1 - General. No Member shall have the right to:

- (a) sell, assign, transfer, pledge, hypothecate, exchange or otherwise transfer for consideration, (collectively, "sell"), or
- (b) gift, bequeath or otherwise transfer for no consideration (whether or not by operation of law, except in the case of bankruptcy) all or any part of its Membership Interest without the vote or written consent of Members holding a Majority Interest.
- (c) In the event of either the purchase of the Selling Member's interest in the company by a third party purchaser or the gift of an interest in the Company, and as a condition to recognize one or more of the effectiveness and binding nature of any such sales or gift and (subject to Section 10.2, below) substitution of a new Member as against the Company or otherwise a majority of the remaining Members may require the Selling Member or Gifting Member and the proposed purchaser, donee or successor-in-interest, as the case may be, to execute, acknowledge and deliver to the remaining Members such instruments of transfer, assignment and assumption and such other acts which the remaining majority of the Members may deem necessary or desirable to:
  - (i) constitute such purchaser, as a Member, donee or successor-in-interest as such;
- (ii) confirm that the person desiring to acquire an interest or interests in the Company, or to be admitted as a Member, has accepted, assumed and agreed to be subject and bound by all of the terms, obligations and conditions of the Operating Agreement, as the same may have been further amended;
- (iii) preserve the Company after the completion of such sale, transfer, assignment, or substitution under the laws of each jurisdiction in which the Company is qualified, organized or does business;
  - (iv) maintain the status of the Company as a partnership for federal tax purposes; and
- assure compliance with any applicable state and federal laws including securities laws and regulations.
  - (d) Any sale or gift of a Membership Interest or admission of a Member in compliance with this

Article X shall be deemed effective as of the last day of the calendar month in which the remaining Members' consent thereto was given.

- (e) The Selling Member hereby indemnifies the Company and the remaining Members against any and all loss, damage, or expense (including, without limitation, tax liabilities or loss of tax benefits) arising directly or indirectly as a result of any transfer or purported transfer in violation of this Article X.
- (f) A Transferring Member may gift all or any portion of its Membership Interest without regard to Section 10.1(a) and (b) provided that the donee or other successor-in-interest (collectively, "donee") complies with Section 10.1(c) and further provided that the donee is either the Gifting Member's spouse, former spouse, or lineal descendent (including adopted children). In the event of the gift of all or any portion of a Gifting Member's Membership Interest to one or more donees who are under 25 years of age, one or more trusts shall be established to hold the gifted interest(s) for the benefit of such donee(s) until all of the donee(s) reach the age of at least 25 years.

# Section 10.2 - Transferee Not Member in Absence of Consent of Holders of Majority Interest.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary (including, without limitation, Section 10.2 hereof), if Members holding a Majority Interest do not approve, by written consent, of the proposed sale or gift of the Transferring Member's Membership Interest to a transferee or donee which is not a Member immediately prior to the sale or gift, then the proposed transferee or donee shall have no right to participate in the management of the business and affairs of the Company or to become a Member. No transfer of a Member's interest in the Company (including any transfer which has not been approved by written consent of the Members holding a Majority Interest) shall be effective unless and until written notice (including the name and address of the proposed transferee or donee and the date of such transfer) has been provided to the Company and the nontransferring Members.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Section 11.1 - General. From the date of the formation of the Company, any person or entity acceptable to Members holding a Majority Interest by their written consent may become a Member in the Company either by the issuance by the Company of Membership Interests for such consideration as Members holding Majority Interest by their written consent shall determine, or as a transferee of a Member's Membership Interest or any portion thereof, subject to the terms and conditions of this Operating Agreement. No new Members shall be entitled to any retroactive allocation of losses, income or expense deductions incurred by the Company. The Managers may, at their option, at the time a Member is admitted, close the Company books (as though the Company's tax year had ended) or make pro rata allocations of loss, income and expense deductions to a new Member for that portion of the Company's tax year in which a Member was admitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 706(d) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### ARTICLE XII

## DISSOLUTION AND TERMINATION

#### Section 12.1 - Dissolution.

- (a) The Company shall be dissolved and its affairs shall be wound up upon the happening of any of first to occur of the following:
  - (i) at the time specified in its Certificate of Organization;
  - (ii) written consent of Members holding at least a Majority Interest; or
- (iii) an Event of Dissociation of a Member, unless there is at least one remaining Member and the business of the Company is continued by the written consent of remaining Member holding a Majority Interest within 90 days after the Event of Dissociation, and
  - (iv) entry of a decree of final dissolution under Section 43 of the Massachusetts Act.

Each of the Members hereby agrees that within 60 days after the occurrence of an Event of Dissociation, he or she will promptly consent, in writing, to continue the business of the Company. Each of the Members further agrees to promptly consent, in writing, to continue the business of the Company upon a sale or gift of a Transferring Member's entire Membership Interest. Such consents shall be mailed or hand delivered to the principal place of business of the Company set forth in Section 2.3 hereof (or to such other address designated by the Managers) no later than 50 days after each Withdrawal Event or transfer by Member of its entire Membership Interest). The sole remedy for breach of a Member's obligation to consent to continue the business of the Company under this Section shall be money damages (and not specific performance).

- (b) As soon as possible following the occurrence of any of the events specified in this Section 12.1 effecting the dissolution of the Company, the Managers shall proceed to wind up the Company's business in accordance with the Section 46 of the Massachusetts Act.
- (c) Except as expressly permitted in this Operating Agreement, a Member shall not voluntarily resign or take any other voluntary action which directly causes an Event of Dissociation. Unless otherwise approved in writing by Members owning a Majority Interest, a Member who resigns (a "Resigning Member") or whose Membership Interest is otherwise terminated by virtue of an Event of Dissociation, regardless of whether such Event of Dissociation was the result of a voluntary act by such Member, shall not be entitled to receive any distributions to which such Member would not have been entitled had such Member remained a Member. Damages for breach of this Section 12.1(d) shall be monetary damages only (and not specific performance), and such damages may be offset against distributions by the Company to which the Resigning Member would otherwise be entitled.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Section 13.1 Notices. Any notice, demand, or communication required or permitted to be given by any provision of this Operating Agreement shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or served for all purposes if delivered personally to the party or to an executive officer of the party to whom the same is directed or, if sent by registered or certified mail, postage and charges prepaid, addressed to the Member's and/or Company's address, as appropriate, which is set forth in this Operating Agreement. Except as otherwise provided herein, any such notice shall be deemed to be given three business days after the date on which the same was deposited in a regularly maintained receptacle for the deposit of United States mail, addressed and sent as aforesaid.
- <u>Section 13.2 Application of Massachusetts Law</u>. This Operating Agreement, and the application of interpretation hereof, shall be governed exclusively by its terms and by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and specifically the Massachusetts Act.
- <u>Section 13.3 Waiver of Action for Partition</u>. Each Member irrevocably waives during the term of the Company any right that it may have to maintain any action for partition with respect to the property of the Company.
- <u>Section 13.4 Amendments</u>. This Operating Agreement may not be amended except by the unanimous written agreement of all of the Members.
- <u>Section 13.5 Execution of Additional Instruments</u>. Each Member hereby agrees to execute such other and further statements of interest and holdings, designations, powers of attorney and other instruments necessary to comply with any laws, rules or regulations.
- <u>Section 13.6 Construction</u>. Whenever the singular number is used in this Operating Agreement and when required by the context, the same shall include the plural and vice versa, and the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa.
- <u>Section 13.7 Headings</u>. The headings in this Operating Agreement are inserted for convenience only and are in no way intended to describe, interpret, define, or limit the scope, extent or intent of this Operating Agreement or any provision hereof.
- <u>Section 13.8 Waivers</u>. The failure of any party to seek redress for violation of or to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant or condition of this Operating Agreement shall not prevent a subsequent act, which would have originally constituted a violation, from having the effect of an original violation.
- <u>Section 13.9 Rights and Remedies Cumulative</u>. The rights and remedies provided by this Operating Agreement are cumulative and the use of any one right or remedy by any party shall not preclude or waive the right to use any or all other remedies. Said rights and remedies are given in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance or otherwise.
  - Section 13.10 Severability. If any provision of this Operating Agreement or the application thereof

to any person or circumstance shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Operating Agreement and the application thereof shall not be affected and shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

<u>Section 13.11 - Heirs, Successor and Assigns</u>. Each and all of the covenants, terms, provisions and agreements herein contained shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and, to the extent permitted by this Operating Agreement, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

<u>Section 13.12 - Creditors</u>. None of the provisions of this Operating Agreement shall be for the benefit of or enforceable by any creditors of the Company.

Section 13.13 - Counterparts. This Operating Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 13.14 - Rule Against Perpetuities. The parties hereto intend that the Rule against Perpetuities (and any similar rule of law) not be applicable to any provisions of this Operating Agreement. However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Operating Agreement, if any provision in this Operating Agreement would be invalid or enforceable because of the Rule against Perpetuities or any similar rule of law but for this Section 13.14, the parties hereto hereby agree that any future interest which is created pursuant to said provision shall cease if it is not vested within twenty-one years after the death of the survivor of the group composed of the initial Members who are individuals and their issue who are living on the date of this Operating Agreement and their issue, if any, who are living on the effective date of this Operating Agreement.

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Witness	Gang Gang Zheng, Member

instrument to be executed as of the 16th day of Nov., 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Members have hereunto set their hands or caused this

# EXHIBIT A

# CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

See Attached Certificate of Organization

# EXHIBIT B

# Initial Members of

# Green Highland LLC

Names & Addresses	Agreed Contribution	Percentage Interest in Profits, Losses & Distribution
Gang Gang Zheng 26 Hadley Mill Road Holyoke, MA 01040		100%

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标记

Green Highland, LLC 26 Hadley Mill Road Holyoke, MA 01040

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## **Certificate of Good Standing - DoU**

Dear Cannabis Control Commission:

This letter is to certify and attest that at the present time Green Highland, LLC is unable to obtain a Certificate of Good Standing from the Department of Unemployment Assistance as the Company cannot register with the department until hiring employees.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

George Zheng

President, Green Highland, LLC

# BUSINESS PLAN Green Highland, LLC Holyoke, MA



#### DISCLAIMER

This business plan summarizes certain information about Green Highland LLC, a Massachusetts based, licensed cannabis cultivation, processing, and manufacturing company. Except where the context requires otherwise, "Green Highland", "Company", "We", and "Our", refer to the company Green Highland LLC.

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# 1. Executive Summary

#### SUMMARY VIEW: Green Highland LLC.

#### **Business Overview**

- Massachusetts registered cultivator, manufacturer and retailer of fine marijuana -based products.
- Growning, processing, and selling, both wholesale and retail, high-end, cannabis flower, cannabis extract products, and cannabis-infused edible and topical products.
- Retailing high quality cannabis products sold under "Green Highland" label and other brands.
- Offering recreational cannabis & High-CBD cannabis strains.
- Conveniently located facility, ideal for serving surrounding communities.

#### Financial Projections

• Gross revenues are projected to be \$11.5M in year one, climbing to \$31.4M in year five.

#### Sources and Uses

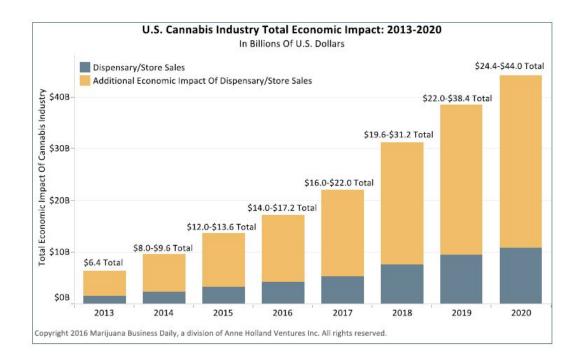
- Green Highland is privately funded and will require approximately \$1.500.000 for start up
- Investment will be used to fund modest capital costs, startup expenses, and initial working capital requirements.

**Overview: Green Highland LLC** (*Green Highland*) is a Massachusetts-registered Limited Liability Corporation, established to achieve the legal cultivation, manufacturing, and wholesale and retail sale of high-quality cannabis products. Our convenient location will be discreetly located in the IG zone near the Hadley/Holyoke line in a modest pre-existing structure with immediate access to ample parking. Our store will offer a range of high-end edible, extract, topical and natural cannabis products grown and produced in-house, and sourced from a number of cultivators and manufacturers across the state.

We aim to serve the local community, the Pioneer Valley, visitors to the wonderful city of Holyoke, and the state as a whole. We eagerly anticipate rapid expansion through the eventual removal of any and all federal restrictions.

Green Highland will stand out in the market through the uncompromising quality and appeal of its products, its convenient location, availability, and its efforts to both serve and integrate within the local community. Green Highland's core business ethos is to inspire a conscientious approach to responsible, adult-use, cannabis consumption through community, retailer, and customer engagement.

Market: With the passing of new legislation, legal cannabis is the fastest growing US Industry. According to ArcView Market Research, the US national legal cannabis market value is now assessed at \$6.7 billion, comprising all states that have active and open sales of cannabis and marijuana products to people legally allowed to possess it under state law. The national market is projected to grow from current levels to \$24.1 billion by 2025 according to New Frontier Data's 2017 Executive Summary. The opening and legalization of the Massachusetts adult-use cannabis market are sure to see a great many players of all sizes looking to stake their claim in the market. The initial phases of this liberalization will likely witness much innovation, novelty, and social exploration. It is likely that a great many retailers will successfully apply for licenses and that these retailers will naturally need products to sell. The initial "novelty-factor" of legalized cannabis will (if legalization in other states is anything to go by) likely lead to an initial surge in sales leading to shortages of supply, followed by a modest downward trend towards stabilization in sales on the market as a whole.



Green Highland will offer a range of market mature products. We intend to build market share by appealing to a broad spectrum of customer groups and demographics. We will achieve this goal by purchasing select cannabis products from among the best that Massachusetts cultivators and manufacturers have to offer.

Green Highland will engage in numerous public relations and marketing strategies. These will include engagement and support of local community activities as well as consultative participation in marijuana educational seminars. These services are intended to build market awareness of the Green Highland brand, highlight the quality of our products, and encourage community objectives that reflect with which Green Highland's wishes to be associated.

**Competition**: The Massachusetts adult-use marijuana industry is still in the emerging stages of market growth. Green Highland will undoubtedly see competition from other cultivators, manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. The differing types, methods and costs of cultivation will likely create a range of product qualities and price points to contend with. Larger cultivators and manufacturers are expected to conquer market share by offering quality and pricing that satisfies mass-market needs while leaving quality, passion, artisanal care, and hand-crafted prices to the small to medium-sized market where *Green Highland* intends to play, initially.

**Risk/Opportunity:** The most significant risk associated with our business model is timing. The early movers offering consistent quality and availability will have a distinct advantage and strong position within the local market. Rapid product launch will lead to the realization of a product offering that not only caters to immediate market needs, but that preemptively embraces the projected demands of the market. Implementing our strategy in a timely manner will raise awareness of the Green Highland brand, highlight the quality of our products, and implement community objectives encouraged by Green Highland's value system.

**Price/Profitability Projections:** It's important to note a few keys to this plan and how projections have been calculated. Customer flow and sales volume has been estimated following a study of the sales patterns and trends in the states of Colorado, California, Washington, and Oregon. Since these states have a longer cannabis sales history than Massachusetts, their pricing trends over the past 2-3 years are useful and relevant to our projections. We have also considered current black-market pricing in Massachusetts along with the Cannabis Benchmarks.

- The above study suggests the following: Weekdays an average of 24 customers per hour (cph). Weekends an average of 35 cph. The average purchase per customer is estimated to be \$71.00
- Cultivation capacity is based upon 1 lamp per 4 sq/ft and 1lb of yield per lamp. We have conservatively estimated 4 full harvests per year.
- We have conservatively estimated the wholesale price of flower to be \$2,500 and the retail price of flower to be \$5,000.
- 50% of sales of all yield, including manufactured products will be sold through our retail store, while the remaining 50% will be sold and distributed wholesale.
- Labor costs are anticipated to be 33% of total revenues while COGS are anticipated to be a further 33%.

**Capital Requirements:** The capital requirements for *Green Highland* to execute this business plan are approximately \$1,500,000 for the first year of operations. The Company will allocate the invested capital to the following:

Construction, Fit-out, and operations	1,000,000
Permits, Consulting, Licensing, and, Applications	50,000
Production and Retail Equipment	450,000
Total	1,500,000

#### **Financial Snapshot:**

Key Financials	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Retail Sales, flower	4,166,667	10,300,00	10,609,00	10,927,27 0	11,255,08 8
Retail Sales, product	10,416,66 7	25,750,00 0	26,522,50 0	27,318,17 5	28,137,72 0
Wholesale sales, flower	2,083,333	5,150,000	5,304,500	5,463,635	5,627,544
Wholesale sales, product	5,208,333	12,875,00 0	13,261,25 0	13,659,08 8	14,068,86 0
TOTAL REVENUE	21,875,00 0	54,075,00 0	55,697,25 0	57,368,16 8	59,089,21 3
Total COGS	4,145,217	10,246,97 6	10,554,38 5	10,871,01 6	11,197,14 7
Non-deductible expenses	221,943	314,159	323,284	332,682	342,363
Income Tax @30%	5,318,935	13,148,40 7	13,542,86 0	13,949,14 5	14,367,62 0
Estimated net income	11,532,65 5	28,743,20 8	29,605,80 4	30,494,27 8	31,409,40 7

#### **Keys to Success:**

- Licensing
- Build-out
- Community outreach, training, and engagement
- Effective management of funding and working capital

# 2. Project Overview

#### 2.1 Introduction

Green Highland will be well-sited in the city of Holyoke's IG district in a locally-known, popular area immediately adjacent to the Hadley/Holyoke line. Green Highland will sell a range of cannabis flower, tinctures, vape pens, edibles, confectionery, and topicals. All products will be tested and packaged in accordance with Massachusetts laws and Cannabis Control Commission regulations.

#### 2.2 Company Ownership

Green Highland, LLC is wholly owned by George Zheng, an experienced entrepreneur with many years of successful business ownership and business experience in both the New England region and Holyoke, and an extensive understanding of all things cannabis.

## 3. Products

#### 3.1 Product Description

As marijuana emerges from the shadow of prohibition it reveals itself to be a widely popular drug in the U.S., currently second only to alcohol and nicotine. Green Highland will offer a spectrum of Indica, Sativa, and hybrid flower cultivars to serve market demand. Many of the strains we have selected for sale are prized genetics and have become sought after at legal and medical marijuana dispensaries nationwide. Green Highland will carefully select only the superior current and future stars of the marijuana constellation.

Green Highland will offer the following product classes for sale at his Holyoke retail store:



**Flower** - The curing process is a critical determinant of the final quality of marijuana. While all cultivators and manufacturers understand the importance of the process, most

accept sacrificing high quality for speed and convenience of production. At the same time, while some manufacturers do take the time to produce a beautifully cured product, their offerings are often defeated by woefully inadequate dispensing methods that see the product deteriorating rapidly pre-sale. We address this problem by selecting flower buds that are correctly cured, and creating standardized weight portions pre-packaged that preserve freshness, quality, and flavor at the point of sale.

**THC-Infused Edibles** – Cannabis edibles are preferred by some consumers because ingesting cannabinoids through the GI tract provides a different and often more therapeutic effect than inhaling. Green Highland will offer a range of attractive, appetizing, and appealing, adult-use focused edible products.

**Topicals** – These are external applications of cannabis that can be used to treat body pain or skin conditions. Topicals are infused with THC, CBD, and other cannabinoid extracts. Topicals include lotions, creams, balms, and oils. As they are non-psychoactive, topicals are often chosen by individuals who need the therapeutic benefits of marijuana without the cerebral euphoria associated with other delivery methods.

**Other Products** – While our core products will be those listed above, Green Highland fully intends to offer a number of cutting-edge products and will carefully study the opportunities offered for the profitable sale of exceptional products offered by other manufacturers.

## 4. The Market

#### 4.1 Market Overview

Currently, 32 states in America and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana use in some form (medical or recreational). The majority of these states have allowed sales for medical use and nine states, including Massachusetts, have legalized recreational or adult-use. Since 60% of the population resides in states that have legalized the use of marijuana for medical use, recreational use, or both, this indicates immense possibilities for the future growth of the industry.

#### 4.2 Target Market

On November 8, 2016, Massachusetts voters approved the adult recreational use of marijuana. In 2017, an eight-person Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) was appointed by the Massachusetts state government to write the draft regulations for the law. The final regulations were released in April 2018, and outline the requirements for cultivation, production, security, transport, and retail sale of marijuana to consumers over 21 years of age. The CCC is now accepting applications for LMEs. With 39 cities, 312 towns, and 14 counties, the local municipalities of Massachusetts have been granted the

authority to govern their own recreational marijuana industry which will inevitably result in varying local by-laws on the production, manufacturing, and sale of the plant across the state.

The advent of medical marijuana legalization in 2012 has helped produce market conditions that have created a more educated and sophisticated product consumer. It is natural, therefore, that the emerging adult-use market will lead consumers to have high expectations for the quality of the products they consume.

Green Highland's high-end licensed retail store will supply quality products while building a brand that represents a culture of sophistication, quality, respect for the plant, respect for the customer's interaction with cannabis, and the safe adult-use of cannabis and cannabis products.

# 5. Competition

#### **5.1 Competitive Landscape**

Companies in the marijuana industry typically compete on product type, quality, volume, and reliability. As a result of the maturity of a once illicit market, price competition, while an important factor, has widely recognized norms and expectations. These conditions may superficially appear to make competing on the price a somewhat lower expectation. Nonetheless, the sheer volume of potential cultivators and retailers makes price competition a genuine possibility. We will counter this with a robust pricing strategy that ensures the Cost of Goods Sold is carefully balanced against a potentially variable sales price providing revenue stability and continued profitability.

#### **5.2 Direct Competition**

The direct competition for Green Highland will come, unsurprisingly, from similar vertical operations, as well as cultivators, manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers that sell similar products with the same high quality and volume. The exact nature of such competition is difficult to quantify as the state of Massachusetts is in the very early stages of issuing adult-use marijuana licenses. With that said, Green Highland feels that as the industry is inchoate, working collaboratively with competitors in the area will benefit the local community as well as the industry.

#### **5.3 Competitive Advantages**

- Self-financed business with strong working capital
- Extensive cannabis cultivation, manufacturing and retail experience
- Strategic location
- Competitive pricing
- Proximity to complementary businesses

- Effective and collaborative management
- Timing of entry into the marketplace

# 6. Strategy and Execution

#### 6.1 Summary

Green Highland will be recognized as a cannabis producer and retailer that offers a range of distinctive products representing excellence, quality, sophistication, and mindful production practices that thoughtfully represent customer needs, shared ideals, and community values. Green Highland will carve out a significant niche among competitors using sales, marketing and presentation methods that reflect a deeper understanding of the context for adult-use cannabis.

#### 6.2 Marketing Strategy

**Value Proposition** - *Green Highland* will offer for wholesale and retail sale exceptional flower and THC-infused products offering customers the convenience and pleasure of a premium cannabis experience. Our high-quality cannabis products will be created by cultivators and manufacturers using careful cultivation, processing and extraction methods that demonstrate respect for the needs and nature of the cannabis plant. *Green Highland* product users will, through the purchase of our products, signal their appreciation for a locally-sourced, sophisticated, flavorful product, offered for sale through a community-supportive company.

The customer will recognize Green Highland as a brand and retailer that offers an entirely natural product free from contaminants; where quality, consistency, and an appreciation of the recreational and healthful benefits of marijuana are held in high esteem.

**Product Differentiation** - The biggest players in the market use cultivation and extraction techniques that often require the use of chemicals such as butane or methods that tend to strip the integrity and flavor of the marijuana plant, leaving a discernible aftertaste. While this approach aids product consistency and simplifies processing, it inevitably compromises the end product. These methods often result in marijuana products that seem lifeless and lack complexity with regards to both flavor and healthful attributes. In short, a product that is fine for a quick high, but which is sorely lacking for the more discerning or sophisticated demographic.

Green Highland's approach is to respect the fundamental needs of the marijuana plant in a manner that ensures that we source products that maintain and amplify its natural characteristics, preserving the flavor, complexity, and healthful benefits for which it is valued and appreciated. We achieve this by buying products created using methods that

compete favorably with industrial cultivation techniques while producing a superior product using processes that offer excellent energy efficiency and minimal environmental impact when compared to other approaches.

**Price point** - While price is rarely the most important factor affecting buying behavior, it should strive to achieve parity with the customer's perceived value of the product. All pricing will ultimately be determined by economic and marketplace conditions, not least those presented by competitors and their pricing models. Nonetheless, marijuana products enjoy — in no small degree — the benefits of commodity values. Most vendors have a good idea of the fair market price for marijuana products as do the majority of current consumers. Our target market users will seek out or be attracted to a product that offers quality and value.

**Promotion** - The Green Highland Brand and products will be promoted through the following means:

Branding through product appearance and packaging — Green Highland products will be attractively presented in a manner that demonstrates the high-quality marijuana experience for which they stand. Our pure flower and THC-infused product packaging will boast design attributes that make them unique, distinctive, and distinguishable from afar. Green Highland's core flower products will consist of the standard eighth, quarter, and half ounce sizes, carefully pre-packaged to preserve quality and freshness. This will avoid the tendency of bud tenders to break large buds or colas into smaller buds which dry out and blend in with inferior products before resale. This approach will also eliminate extraneous odors.

**Direct marketing through our retail outlet** – While the main thrust of our marketing efforts will aim at building a brand and product relationship with end-users, the nature of retail sales requires that our marketing and sales efforts work hand in hand. We will endeavor to engage our client-base personally with marketing collateral such as product information leaflets, safe product use information, advertising posters, product displays, and community campaign literature to support our retail sales efforts. We will establish marketing partnerships through workshops, presentations, and mutually beneficial training seminars that further strengthen our brand.

State, regional, and locally focused advertising and advertorials – The Massachusetts regulations regarding marijuana advertisements through print advertising, online advertising, sponsorship and more, present many challenges. These challenges are further exacerbated by the unwillingness of players like Facebook and Google to allow paid, marijuana-related advertisements across their medium. Federal laws that currently prohibit the sale of marijuana products across state lines largely negate the need for brand-building beyond adjoining state borders in the short term. As the principal market for our immediate future lies within the state of Massachusetts and surrounding states,

this is where the main thrust of the advertising opportunities lie. While there are numerous national marijuana advertising platforms – often pay-per-click models – these can be costly and are most likely to reach those who are already fully-embedded in the marijuana culture rather than the more significant part of our general target market.

Green Highland will navigate the above-mentioned state advertising regulations by a policy of indirect advertising; leveraging our educational and community outreach programs to build brand and product awareness, through advertorials and carefully "sanitized" brand message advertisements aimed exclusively at the Massachusetts market, and direct advertising through our customer database as this grows via promotional activities.

**Direct advertising** – The most straightforward and unfettered means of advertising to current and prospective customers is through direct advertising in the form of email, electronic newsletters, social media and the like. Using branded marketing collateral, available at our retail outlet, in product packages, on websites, and social media, current and prospective customers will be invited to participate in our program of community campaigns and events. A condition of voting in our community fund campaign or participation in our educational programs will be to share email or social media contact details. This data will allow us to rapidly build our marketing database and enable us – in a manner that satisfies legislative constraints - to direct advertising and promotions at a target audience that is of legal age to consume, is predisposed to marijuana consumption and is likely to share our community support aspirations and values.

**Community informational activities** – The Green Highland team will engage in support of lectures, seminars, and promotional exercises at our retail outlet and community events. These activities may include educational activities, allowing Green Highland to partner in activities that help us qualify for the Leadership Ratings Program. Such events will be used to promote Green Highland products and the Green Highland brand.

**Customer Service Excellence** - Green Highland must engage their customers with superlative customer service. It is essential that each member of staff knows our products well, can speak to our brand ethos, and understands customer needs and expectations. The entire Green Highland team must strive to act as individual brand ambassadors at all times.

Sales and Marketing Relationship: As both a wholesale and a retail vendor of marijuana products Green Highland is compelled to approach the sales and marketing challenge with firm intent. We must strive to successfully engage our target market groups in a manner that facilitates sales by creating the desire to purchase among the end-user audience. Retail customers will learn about our product range and will be enticed to select our store above others through the activities mentioned above. Our marketing

strategy will allow retail customers to view Green Highland as a thoughtful, reliable and knowledgeable product supplier offering branded products with which its customers can readily identify. At the same time, end-users will view Green Highland as a responsible, mindful supplier of high-quality marijuana products that meet their consumption needs in a manner that also satisfies their ethical, environmental, health, and recreational aspirations.

#### **Marketing Objectives**

- 1. Persuade consumers that our brand and products represent qualities and features that they desire.
- 2. Persuade consumers that our brand and products fit well with their consumption patterns, lifestyle, and ethical self-image.
- 3. Engage consumers in our community supportive marketing efforts.
- 4. Satisfy and exceed customer service expectations.

**Target Market** - The traditional thrust of the Massachusetts marijuana market will aim to serve men in the 21-40 years age group primarily. While this is a market we fully intend to exploit, anecdotal evidence suggests that the real growth market lies elsewhere. Green Highland aims to direct its products, marketing, and branding at three additional groups that we see as the emerging market;

**Consumers over 40 years old** – Those over 40 years old are statistically the highest earners in the household. They are more likely to have mature, sophisticated tastes, more aches and pains, a greater appreciation for high-quality products, and a willingness to pay for this higher quality.

**Adult female consumers** – With a tendency for the industry to aim marketing at men in the 2140 years age group, women struggle to find products with which they can readily identify. Our products will be presented and packaged in a manner that women will find attractive, and that will demonstrate that marijuana is a product for them rather than a male-dominated culture to which they must adapt.

**Independent medical consumers** — While medical marijuana dispensaries will undoubtedly continue to thrive in one form or another, many current medical marijuana patients are merely regular consumers leveraging medical marijuana as a means to legitimize their purchase of adult-use marijuana. The advent of retail outlets will effectively eliminate the need for such patients to visit dispensaries to fulfill their marijuana needs. Genuine medical consumers with a good understanding of which form of marijuana offers them the benefits that they seek and new medical consumers who prefer to explore the benefits of marijuana through anecdotal advice or recommendation, will possibly do so through retail outlets rather than medical dispensaries.

Market Channels - Retail sales of marijuana are strictly limited to licensed retail outlets, medical marijuana dispensaries, and, in the future, marijuana cafes and smoke clubs. The location, presence, and licensing status of these establishments are publicly available through a single online source. Regulations effectively preclude opportunities for online purchases as the transportation of marijuana products is strictly regulated. Similarly, home delivery licenses are not yet permitted. Green Highland will sell its products solely through our licensed retail marijuana establishment.

#### 6.3 Sales Strategy

#### **Target Sales Market**

As a wholesale and retail sales operation, our primary target sales market must be the current and potential adult cannabis users. It is challenging to make an exact prediction of the number of future retail outlets that will be created statewide. We can make sensible estimates, however. There are currently 20 medical marijuana outlets in the state, most of which will likely make a rapid transition to selling recreational marijuana or supplying marijuana to retail outlets. Based on the fact that there are some 200 marijuana dispensaries awaiting licensure through the Cannabis Control Commission, and that some of these will likely opt to apply for recreational retail licenses, the current number of retail stores with full or provisional license is around 75, with a further 30 outlet opening by the conclusion of 2019. Naturally, these will be spread throughout the cities and towns of the state that have not chosen to prohibit cannabis or have not imposed a moratorium.



#### 6.4 Implementation Strategy

Capex/Opex capital The license application process requires that applicants demonstrate and document that the capital funds required to execute their business plan successfully are available (in escrow, initially), and have been obtained from legitimate sources. The Green Highland business plan demonstrates a need for \$1,500,000 in capital expenditure for space preparation, fit-out, systems, and equipment, and to meet initial licensing and opex needs during the first twelve months of operation. These initial funds are readily available and privately funded.

#### **License Application**

The process for license application is divided into three "packets." These packets may be submitted simultaneously or sequentially. Each packet must be approved before the next will be considered. However, all packages must be submitted before any review commences. All three packages and the application fees must be fully approved before a provisional license will be granted. Once a provisional license has been granted the state will verify the approval of the relevant municipality. Subsequently, the state will perform specific inspections before issuing a full license. No retail sales may begin before a full license has been granted.

#### Construction, Fit-out, and Systems Acquisition

Green Highland's cultivation facility, production facility, and retail shop and equipment will be constructed, installed and commissioned under the professional supervision of Matthew O'Boyle, a licensed architect.

#### Operations organization, Policies, and Inspection

The state of Massachusetts imposes substantial demands regarding systems and administration for marijuana establishment operators. State law provides powers to impose fines for violations of these regulations. Accordingly, it is essential that we ensure that our systems, policies, and administrative routines are robust, compliant and efficient before any state inspection and the subsequent commencement of operations.

# 7. Management and Staff

The proper management of all aspects of the proposed project is crucial to the success of *Green Highland*. We will bring together a diverse team that offers the direct experience and knowledge to achieve both our business and community goals. The sole owner and operator will be **George Zheng**, a New England resident and successful entrepreneur. George has a demonstrated track record for operating both cultivation and retail facilities. He will use his extensive team-building skills to hire local staff to lead and execute his plans.

#### 7.1 Personnel plan

Making allowances for sickness, personal days, vacations, and the like, we anticipate seven full-time employees with salaries ranging from \$30,000 to \$60,000 per annum, and hourly staff wages starting \$15 per hour. We feel that a living wage will help build and solidify a team that is inspired to contribute to the success of Green Highland and the city of Holyoke.

## 8. Financials

#### 8.1 Financial Assumptions

The appended pro forma financial statements are based upon the following financial assumptions:

- Conservative sales estimates Sales are estimated using average spend x average customer flow for a similarly-sized MMJ dispensary (an average of several states).
- General costs and salaries are estimated to increase 3%, year-on-year.
- Cultivation capacity is based upon 1 lamp per 4 sq/ft and 1lb of yield per lamp. We have conservatively estimated 4 full harvests per year.
- We have conservatively estimated the wholesale price of flower to be \$2,500 and the retail price of flower to be \$5,000.
- 50% of sales of all yield, including manufactured products will be sold through our retail store, while the remaining 50% will be sold and distributed wholesale.
- Labor costs are anticipated to be 33% of total revenues while COGS are anticipated to be a further 33%.

# Cannabis Insurance Program

# **COVERAGE PROPOSAL**

Please find your approved quote per your submission. If you have any questions, please contact your underwriter.



**Section I:** Premium Summary

**Section II:** Location & Operations Summary

Section III: Coverage Summary

**Section IV:** Coverage Form Summary

**Section V:** Binding Requirements

**Cannabis Insurance Consultants, LLC** 

#### Section I

# QUOTE

Green Highland LLC

Producer: Tony Carastro

Knight specialty Insurance Company

Quote Rating Basis:

Coverages	Quote	Rating Basis:
<ul> <li>General Liability</li> <li>Property</li> <li>Product Liab</li> </ul>	Total Premium \$19,580.00 Underwriting Fee \$1,500.00 Inspection Fee \$625.00 Stamping Fee \$22.41 Surplus Lines Tax \$1,503.64 Grand Total \$23,231.05	<ul> <li>General Liability – Gross Revenue</li> <li>Gross Revenue: \$2,500,000</li> <li>Property – Property Values</li> </ul>

#### Section II

# **Scheduled Operations:**

Recreational Cannabis Retail Dispensary & Manufacturer

# **Scheduled Locations:**

<u></u>	
Loc #1/Bldg #1	26 Hadley Mills RD,MA, 01040

# **Coverage Summary**

General Liability Occurrence Form Coverage Limits			Premium
General Aggregate		\$2,000,000.00	_
Each Occurrence		\$1,000,000	
Products Completed Operations		Excluded	
Personal & Advertising Injury		\$1,000,000	
Damage to Premises Rented to You		\$100,000	
Pesticide Endorsement		\$50,000	Not Quoted
Medical Payments		\$1,000	
Stop Gap Coverage-WA Only		\$1,000,000	Not Quoted
Hired and Non-Owned Auto Endorsement		\$0	Not Quoted
Deductible		\$2500 (Per Occurr	ence)
Additional Insured Certificate	(Fully Earned)	#1	\$50.00
Primary Wording		#0	\$0.00
Waiver of Subrogation		#0	\$0.00
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Loss of Income Cannabis Inventory/Finished Stock *Cannabis Finished Stock on Display is lin *Cannabis Finished Stock on Display is lin *Cannabis Finished Stock on Display is lin Outdoor Sign Indoor Grow Equipment and Tools Outdoor Grow Equipment and Tools Business Personal Property Tenants Improvements Property Deductible	nited to	\$1,500,000.0 \$500,000.00 \$500,000.00 (LOC 1)Grow \$00,000.00 \$250,000.00 \$250,000 \$150,00.00 \$0,000.00 \$2,500 (Per Occurrence	e)
Commercial Property Endorsement	Form		Not Quoted
Accounts Receivable		\$25,000	
Employee Dishonesty		\$25,000	
Money & Securities		\$25,000	
<ul> <li>Outdoor Property (Trees, Radio/TV,</li> </ul>	, Antennas, Sign)	\$25,000	
Outdoor Property (Trees, Shrubs or )	Plants)	\$500 each tree/\$2,500	
<ul> <li>Personal Effects and Property of Oth</li> </ul>	ners	\$25,000	
Property In Transit Coverage		\$ theft limit	
Property Off-Premises		\$25,000	
• Spoilage		\$25,000	
Valuable Papers and Records(Other than Electronic Data)		\$25,000	
Property endorsement deductible		\$500	
<b>Note</b> : Backed Up Sewers and Drains Endor General Liability.	rsement is included at no ch	narge, if Property is packa	aged with

	<u>Premium</u>
Excess Liability	Not Quoted \$0.00

Crop: Falls Lake National Ins	surance Company (A.M. B	•	
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Crop Schedule:			
• Seeds	RCV, 90% Coinsurance	\$0.00	
<ul> <li>Immature Seedlings</li> </ul>	RCV, 90% Coinsurance	\$0.00	
<ul> <li>Vegetative Plants</li> </ul>	RCV, 90% Coinsurance	\$0.00	
<ul> <li>Flowering Plants</li> </ul>	RCV, 90% Coinsurance	\$0.00	
<ul> <li>Harvested Plants</li> </ul>	RCV, 90% Coinsurance	\$0.00	
<ul> <li>Finished Stock</li> </ul>	RCV, 90% Coinsurance	\$500,000	
Deductible			\$2500 (Per Occurrence)

# **Products Liability: Claims Made Form**

**Product Liability Coverage** 

**Coverage Limits** Each Claim \$1,000,000 Policy Term Aggregate \$2,000,000

Deductible

**Endorsements** Product Withdrawal Deductible

Date:mm/dd/yyyy Retro Active Period

Vendor Certificate

## Falls Lake National Insurance Company

#### Section IV

#### **COVERAGE FORMS**

Form #	Description
IL DS 00 09 08	COMMON POLICY DECLARATIONS
IL 00 03 09 08	CALCULATION OF PREMIUM
IL 00 17 11 98	COMMON POLICY CONDITIONS
IL 00 21 09 08	NUCLEAR ENERGY LIABILITY EXCLUSION ENDORSEMENT (BROAD FORM)
IL 02 70 09 12	MA CHANGES – CANCELLATION AND NONRENEWAL
IL 01 02 05 05	MA CHANGES – ACTUAL CASH VALUE
IL 01 04 09 07	MA CHANGES
IL 09 35 07 02	EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN COMPUTER-RELATED LOSSES
IL 09 53 01 15	EXCLUSION OF CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM
IL 09 85 01 15	DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT
CG DS 01 10 01	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY DECLARATIONS
CG 00 01 04 13	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE FORM
CG 20 11 04 13	ADDITIONAL INSURED-MANAGERS OR LESSORS OF PREMISES
CG 21 04 11 85	EXCLUSION - PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS HAZARD
CG 21 06 05 14	EXCLUSION – ACCESS OR DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL OR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DATA-RELATED LIABILITY – WITH LIMITED BODILY INJURY EXCEPTION
CG 21 47 12 07	EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PRACTICES EXCLUSION
CG 21 49 09 99	TOTAL POLLUTION EXCLUSION ENDORSEMENT
CG 21 67 04 02	FUNGI OR BACTERIA EXCLUSION
CG 21 75 01 15	EXCLUSION OF CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM AND EXCLUSION OF OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM COMMITTED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES
CG 21 76 01 15	EXCLUSION OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES RELATED TO A CERTIFIED ACT OF TERRORISM
CG 32 34 01 05	MA CHANGES
CG 03 00 01 96	DEDUCTIBLE LIABILITY INSURANCE
CG 21 44 07 98	LIMITATION OF COVERAGE TO DESIGNATED PREMISES OR PROJECT
CP DS 00 10 00	COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS
CP 00 10 10 12	BUILDING AND PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERAGE FORM
CP 00 30 10 12	BUSINESS INCOME (AND EXTRA EXPENSE) COVERAGE FORM
CP 00 90 07 88	COMMERCIAL PROPERTY CONDITIONS
CP 01 40 07 06	EXCLUSION OF LOSS DUE TO VIRUS OR BACTERIA

CP 10 30 10 12	PROPERTY CAUSES OF LOSS – SPECIAL FORM
CP 10 54 06 07	WINDSTORM OR HAIL EXCLUSION
MMD 10 01 01 15	AUDIT PREMIUMS – AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT
MMD 10 03 01 15	BACK-UP OF SEWERS, DRAINS OR SUMPS COVERAGE
MMD 10 04 01 15	COMBINATION GL ENDORSEMENT – NON CONTRACTORS
MMD 1006 01 15	EXCLUSION – ASSAULT AND BATTERY
MMD 10 07 01 15	BANNED SUBSTANCE EXCLUSION
MMD 10 08 01 15	CARCINOGENS ENDORSEMENT
MMD 1009 01 15	EXCLUSION – EMPLOYEES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, LEASED/TEMPORARY/1099/VOLUNTEER WORKERS, CASUAL LABORERS
MMD 10 17 01 15	TOBACCO OR RELATED PRODUCTS
MMD 1011 01 15	EXCLUSION – TOTAL MOLD, MILDEW OR OTHER FUNGI
MMD 10 20 01 17	ADDITIONAL EXCLUSIONS & ENDORSEMENTS CANNABIS AND HEMP BUSINESS PROPERTY FORM
MMD 1012 01 15	EXCLUSION – PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
MMD 1014 01 15	EXCLUSION - SEXUAL ABUSE AND / OR MOLESTATION
MMD 1015 01 15	EXCLUSION - TANNING BEDS
MMD 00 00 01 18	SHORT RATE CANCELLATION TABLE
MMD 1018 01 15	GOVERNMENTAL ACTS & CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES
MMD 1021 01 15	MINIMUM EARNED PREMIUM ENDORSEMENT
MMD 1022 01 15	EXCLUSION - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
MMD 1027 01 15	PROTECTIVE SAFEGUARDS
MMD 1032 01 15	ABSOLUTE ASBESTOS EXCLUSION
MMD 1033 01 15	ABSOLUTE LEAD EXCLUSION
MMD 1034 01 15	AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS AND AIRCRAFT GROUNDING HAZARDS EXCLUSION
MMD 1037 01 15	POLICYHOLDER DISCLOSURE NOTICE OF TERRORISM
MMD 1040 01 15	RESIDENTIAL EXCLUSION
CA PHN 10 16	MA CONSUMER COMPLAINT NOTICE
MMD 1047 05 17	DESIGNATED CLASSIFICATION LIMITATION
MMD 10 48 09 17	FIRE HAZARD PROPERTY MITIGATION SAFEGUARD (CALIFORNIA)
FLFCC SOS 1000 CA (07 18)	FALLS LAKE MA SERVICE OF SUIT CLAUSE
FLFCC PP 3000 (07 18)	FALLS LAKE PRIVACY POLICY
FLF CC 2018 (SLEX)	SANCTION AND LIMITATION EXCLUSION CLAUSE

D2	NON ADMITTED DISCLOSURE
MMD 10 53 09 18	EXCLUSION – RACKETEER INFLUENCED CORRUPTION ORGANIZATIONS (RICO)
MMD 10 30 10 18	FALLS LAKE TO REPORT A CLAIM

NOTE: All Falls Lake National Insurance Company forms listed above are included in this quote. If there are coverages you want included that are not, please contact underwriting with the changes you would like. All changes must be made in writing and will require approval by Cannabis Insurance consultants, LLC. all rates are subject to change.

#### **BINDING REQUIREMENTS**

No coverage is bound until accepted & approved by Cannabis Insurance Consultants, LLC. Rates are subject to change upon receipt of completed applications. The terms & conditions offered may differ from what has been requested.

#### Signatures and Quotes are only good for 30 days from: 10/11/19

Consult the policy for all specific terms and conditions and complete policy exclusions

#### **BINDING REQUIREMENTS:**

- NWISMMD v1.4 Application signed and dated. Please note that a signed application is required at the time binding is requested. Signatures cannot be older than 5 days.
- Criminal check authorization form
- SECTION 1-
- SECTION 1.B- Please make sure this section applies for all locations.
- SECTION 2-Please make sure this section applies for all locations.
- SECTIONS 3-7 LOC 1-Please list full physical address.
- SECTION 3-Please make sure all locations GL limits match as quoted with \$1M/\$2M limits.
- SECTION 3
- SECTION 4 LOC
- SECTION 4 LOC 3-Please confirm that applicant is sole tenant and no other buildings attached to qualify for building coverage at this location.
- SECTION 4
- SECTION 4.B
- SECTION 9-Please uncheck the property box if no loss payee is currently needed per your email.
- TRIA Form
- Inspection Requirement Form
- CA D1
- CA SL 2
- Copy of signed finance agreement
- Product Liability Year End Audit Requirement Form
- General Liability Year End Audit Requirement Form
- Please provide a copy of the permit and/or license issued by the state, city or local agency that governs cannabis related businesses. If you're license/permit is pending, please provide any other business license authorizing you to do such business in the state. Upon

receipt of your cannabis permit and/or license, please send to our underwriting department to complete the file as this is a requirement to maintain your policy in good standing. \*\*\*Please note that proof of permit or license is due within 30 days of binding to avoid cancellation.\*\*\*

• Insured signed and dated No Known Loss Letter with Insured's Legal business name included. Please date this from 1-year prior to bind request date.

Upon receipt of the above, we will determine if the premium is still valid and if coverage can be put in force. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are pleased to assist you in this regard.

Sincerely,

Cannabia Insurance Consultants, LLC

Underwriter: maria martinez Phone: 813-489-6255

Email: tony@carastroins.com

#### 1. Environmental Policies and Procedures -

- a. We endeavor to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts. These include, but are not limited to;
  - i. In accordance with 935 CMR 500.103(4), we will, at the time of license renewal, provide a report that documents our energy and water usage over the preceding 12-month period.
  - ii. The use of natural light where possible. We use natural light where possible and only utilize supplemental lighting when needed. Our lighting system is LED-based and offers substantial energy savings.
  - iii. While not initially feasible, we hope to explore the addition of a photo-voltaic array to supplement and offset electrical demand through a renewable energy source.
  - iv. We will closely follow the development, viability, and availability of energy technology and will incorporate energy-saving systems into their technical operations once their value has been demonstrated. We are committed to the adoption and application of any technology that may practically and reliably reduce our electric demand.
  - v. We will actively pursue engagement with energy efficiency programs offered pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25, § 21, or through municipal lighting plants.
- b. We shall satisfy minimum energy efficiency and equipment standards established by the Commission and meet all applicable environmental laws, regulations, permits and other applicable approvals, including those related to water quality and solid and hazardous waste management under 935 CMR 500.103(2).
- c. We shall adopt and use additional best management practices as determined by the Commission, in consultation with the working group established under St. 2017, c. 55, § 78(b), to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts, and shall provide energy and water usage reporting to the Commission in a form determined by the Commission.
- d. We will adhere to the following minimum energy efficiency and equipment standards;
  - i. The building envelope for our facilities except greenhouses, will meet minimum Massachusetts Building Code requirements and all Massachusetts amendments (790 CMR: State Building Code), International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Section C.402 or The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Chapters 5.4 and 5.5 as applied or incorporated by reference in 780 CMR; State Building Code.

- ii. Requirements 935 CMR 500.120(11)(b) and (c) shall not be required if we are generating 100% or more of the onsite load from an onsite clean or renewable resource.
- iii. Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and dehumidification systems will meet Massachusetts Building Code requirements and all Massachusetts amendments (780 CMR: State Building Code, IECC Section C.403 ASHRAE Chapter 67 as applied or incorporated by reference in (780 CMR: State Building Code).
- iv. The Commission may further define these standards, or create reasonable exemptions or modifications, through guidelines issued in consultation with the energy and environmental standards working group established under St. 2017, c. 55 § 78(b), including but not limited to provisions for greenhouses and agricultural buildings.

# 1.1. Maintenance of Financial Records Plan

Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000, company records will be available for inspection by the Commission, upon request. All financial records will be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The company will maintain the following written records that are required and subject to inspection, as well as any additional documentation that it may be directed to record by the Commission:

- 1.1.1. The company will maintain business financial records, which shall include manual or computerized records of:
  - 1.1.1.1. Assets and liabilities.
  - 1.1.1.2. Monetary transactions.
  - 1.1.1.3. Books of accounts, which shall include journals, ledgers, and supporting documents, agreements, checks, invoices, and vouchers
  - 1.1.1.4. Sales records including the quantity, form, and cost of marijuana products; and
  - 1.1.1.5. Inventory records as required by 935 CMR 500.105(8) and as outlined in the General Record Keeping section of our standard operating procedures.
- 1.2. The company shall fully comply with 830 CMR 62C.25.1: Record Retention and DOR Directive 16-1 regarding recordkeeping requirements.
- 1.3. Our point of sale systems and software are configured to separate accounting practices for marijuana products from non-marijuana products.
- 1.4. Our facility is not co-located with a medical dispensary and has no obligation to maintain an adequate supply of marijuana and marijuana products under 935 CMR 500.140(10) and 935 CMR 500.140(6).

#### 1.4.1. General

- 1.4.1.1. We are prohibited from utilizing software or other methods to manipulate or alter sales data.
- 1.4.1.2. We will conduct a monthly analysis of equipment to determine that no software has been installed that could be utilized to manipulate or alter sales data.
- 1.4.1.3. A record that this monthly analysis has been performed shall be maintained by us and made available to the Commission upon request.
- 1.4.1.4. Should such analysis determine that software or other methods have been installed or utilized to manipulate or alter sales date, Senior management will immediately disclose this information to the Commission, and cooperate in any investigation, and take such other action directed by the Commission.
- 1.4.2. Inventory records include:
  - 1.4.2.1. Shipping manifests
  - 1.4.2.2. Delivery and unpacking video recordings
  - 1.4.2.3. Daily sales stock withdrawal and return reports
  - 1.4.2.4. Weekly inventory reports

# 1.4.2.5. Product return reports

- 1.4.3. Salary and wages paid to each employee, stipends paid to each board member, and any executive compensation, bonus, benefit, or item of value paid to any individual affiliated with a Marijuana Establishment, including members of the nonprofit corporation, if any.
- 1.4.4. All financial transactions and accounts will be entered into a proprietary accounting software by a bookkeeper specifically employed for the purpose.
- 1.4.5. The accounting software used will provide security and backup capabilities in accordance with 935 CMR 500.000 and the company security plan.
- 1.4.6. Daily sales reports will be generated by the bookkeeper and stored both digitally and as a hard copy in the records cabinet.
- 1.4.7. The accounts will be reviewed monthly by a licensed CPA.
- 1.4.8. The point of sale system software will automatically transfer all sales transactions to our accounting system for reconciliation by the bookkeeper.
- 1.4.9. The duty manager will generate a sales report from the point of sale system at the conclusion of each day. This report should be digitized and a hard copy stored in the records cabinet
- 1.4.10. Expense records
  - 1.4.10.1. duty managers and senior management may be provided with a company debit card and/or check-signing authorization. A receipt must be obtained and presented to the bookkeeper for all expenses paid through these means
  - 1.4.10.2. Documentation supporting business expenses such as statements and invoices, details of cash payments, receipts and the like must be securely stored in the records cabinet and presented to the bookkeeper for entry into the accounting software.
- 1.4.11. Contracts and Agreements Green River Cannabis Company, Inc, will likely enter into a number of contracts and agreements with the host municipality, service providers, financial institutions, property owners etc. Such contracts and agreements include, but are not limited to;

Sales and Purchase agreements

Loan agreements

Rental agreements

Lease agreements

Franchise agreements

Sale and lease back agreements

Trading agreements with suppliers

Insurance policies

Legal documentation

All such documentation must be digitized and a hard copy stored in the records cabinet.

1.4.12. Other documents may include;

Deposits with utility companies

Contracts with telecommunications companies

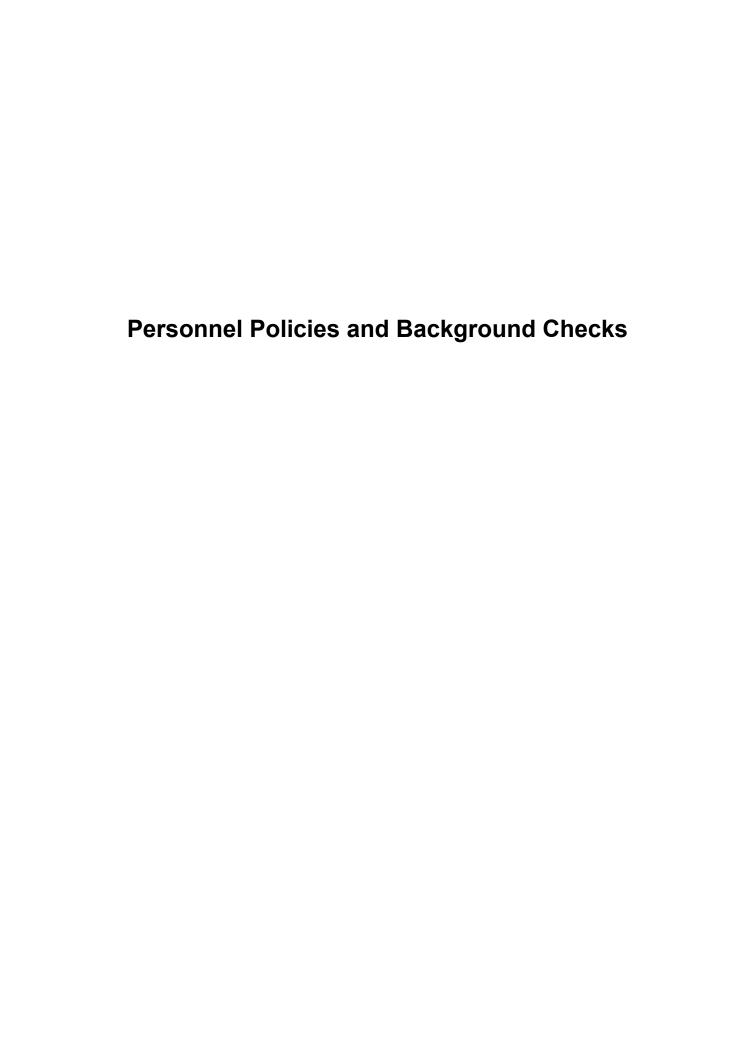
Business registration documents and certificates

Business licensing documents

Surety bonds

Tax records

All such documentation must be digitized and a hard copy stored in the records cabinet.		



#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Changes in Policy
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# 1. Introduction

# 1.1. The Employee Handbook

1.1.1. This Employee Handbook ("Handbook"] is designed to summarize certain personnel policies and benefits of High Five. (the "Company"] and to acquaint employees with many of the rules concerning employment with the Company. This Handbook applies to all employees, and compliance with the Company's policies is a condition of employment. This Handbook supersedes all previous employment policies, written and oral, express and implied. The Company reserves the right to modify, rescind, delete, or add to the provisions of this Handbook from time to time at its sole and absolute discretion. This Employee Handbook is not a binding contract between the Company and its employees, nor is it intended to alter the at-will employment relationship between the Company and its employees. The Company reserves the right to interpret the policies in this Handbook and to deviate from them when, in its discretion, it determines it is appropriate.

# 1.2. Changes in Policy

- 1.2.1. Since our business is constantly changing, the Company expressly reserves the right to revise, modify, delete, or add to any and all policies, procedures, work rules, or benefits stated in this handbook or in any other document, except for the policy of at-will employment as described below. Nothing in this employee handbook or in any other document, including benefit plan descriptions, creates or is intended to create a promise or representation of continued employment for any employee. Any changes to your at-will employment status, described below, must be in writing and must be signed by the Company.
- 1.2.2. With respect to all other changes to Company policies, we will notify you of these changes in writing. No oral statements or representations can in any way alter the provisions of this Handbook. Changes will be effective on dates determined by High Five. and you may not rely on policies that have been superseded.
- 1.2.3. If you are uncertain about any policy or procedure, please check with your Supervisor or Human Resources Manager.

#### 1.3. Employment-At-Will

- 1.3.1. Employment with the Company is on an at-will basis, unless otherwise specified in a written employment agreement. You are free to resign at any time, for any reason, with five days notice. Similarly, the Company is free to conclude the employment relationship at any time for any lawful reason, with or without cause, and with five days notice.
- 1.3.2. Nothing in this Handbook will limit the right of either party to terminate an at-will employment. No section of this Handbook is meant to be construed, nor should be construed as establishing anything other than an employment-at-will relationship. This Handbook does not limit management's discretion to make personnel decisions such as reassignment, change of wages and benefits, demotion, etc. No person other than the Executive Director, President, or a member of the Board of Directors has the authority to enter into an agreement for employment for any specified period of time or to make an agreement for employment other than at-will terms. Only the Executive Director, President, or member of the Board of Directors of the Company has the authority to make any such agreement, which is only binding if it is in writing and signed by the President of the Company.

# 1.4. Marijuana Establishment Agent - Background Checks

- 1.4.1. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all board members, directors, employees, executives, managers, or volunteers of a Marijuana Establishment must be 21 years of age or older and in possession of a state-issued Registration Card. Consequently, all those described above are subject to extensive background checks.
- 1.4.2. Executive officers, managers and employees of a Licensed Marijuana Establishment shall apply for registration for all of its board members, directors, employees, executives, managers, and volunteers who are associated with that Marijuana Establishment.
- 1.4.3. The Commission shall issue a registration card to each individual determined to be suitable for registration. All such individuals shall:
  - 1.4.3.1. be 21 years of age or older;
  - 1.4.3.2. not been convicted of an offense in the Commonwealth involving the distribution of controlled substances to minors, or a like violation of the laws of another state, the United States or foreign jurisdiction, or a military, territorial, or Native American tribal authority; and
  - 1.4.3.3. be determined suitable for registration consistent with the provisions of 935 CMR 500.800 and 500.802.
- 1.4.4. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires, as a condition of employment in a Licensed Marijuana Establishment, the possession of a valid marijuana establishment agent Registration Card. No board member, director, employee, executive, manager, or volunteer may be engaged by a Licensed Marijuana Establishment without possession of a valid Registration Card.
- 1.4.5. Consequently, denial or revocation of a registration card by the Commission will render any individual unemployable by a Licensed Marijuana Establishment. This may lead to the withdrawal of offers of employment or appointment in the event of a denial of a registration card, and immediate dismissal in the event of revocation of a registration card.
- 1.4.6. The Company shall notify the Commission no more than one business day after a marijuana establishment agent ceases to be associated with the establishment. The registration shall be immediately void when the agent is no longer associated with the Company..
- 1.4.7. Registration cards are valid for one year from the date of issue, and may be renewed on an annual basis upon a determination by the Commission that the applicant for renewal continues to be suitable for registration.
- 1.4.8. After obtaining a registration card for a marijuana establishment agent, the Company is responsible for notifying the Commission of any changes to the information that the establishment was previously required to submit to the Commission or after discovery that a registration card has been lost or stolen.
- 1.4.9. All marijuana establishment agents shall carry the registration card associated with the appropriate Marijuana Establishment at all times while in possession of marijuana products, including at all times while at the establishment or while transporting marijuana products.
- 1.4.10. A marijuana establishment agent affiliated with multiple Marijuana
  Establishments shall be registered as a marijuana establishment agent by each
  Marijuana Establishment and shall be issued a registration card for each
  establishment.

# 2. Roles, Qualifications, and, Training

# 2.1. Facility Job Classifications and Requirements:

- 2.1.1. Operations Manager The operations manager is the face of the facility. The manager must interface with staff, law enforcement, vendors, and customers. The principal responsibility of the operations manager is to coordinate and facilitate the operations of the facility. They must maintain records, have contact with suppliers and the grow site, embrace customer service and understand marketing. They will train employees and decide which products to process and manufacture, and determine best pricing based on market conditions. They are responsible for keeping up with all changes in local and state law regarding operation of the facility. The most important job of the store manager is to ensure the security and integrity of our inventory.
- 2.1.2. Wholesale Sales Agent The store has a need for retail professionals who can communicate articulately and passionately with customers about a wide range of cannabis products. Desirable backgrounds include previous marijuana vertical experience, sales, pharmacy, education, and customer service. Knowledge of cannabis, the varieties of cannabis, and their effects is highly relevant. They must be keenly aware of the difference of Indica, Sativa and their hybrids. A sales agent will maintain records in accordance with the Operations Manual, serve customers, offering advice and recommendations, be mindful and vigilant in terms of security, and diversion. Sales agents will be trained by the operations manager. This position may be full-, or part-time.
- 2.1.3. Production Associate Our facility has an ongoing need for production associates to process and manufacture our range of cannabis products. This product range includes, but is not limited to:

Edibles

**Extracts** 

Pre-rolls

**Tinctures** 

Beverages

Vape pens

Production associates will be required to possess or undergo training in the following manufacturing skills:

Extraction

Weighing

Measuring

Filling cones

Freezing

Drying

As with all employees, their duties include ensuring the integrity of the facility's security systems and protecting the facility and its customers from outside criminal disturbance. Desired backgrounds include previous marijuana vertical experience, pharmacy, education, and customer service. Knowledge of cannabis,

the varieties of cannabis, and their effects is highly relevant. They must be keenly aware of the difference of Indica, Sativa and their hybrids. A production associate will maintain records in accordance with the Operations Manual, fulfill production routines, offering advice and recommendations, be mindful and vigilant in terms of security, and diversion. Production associates will be trained by the operations manager. This position may be full-, or part-time.

# 2.2. Employee Training and Selection

- 2.2.1. Our production facility is looking for motivated, friendly, articulate and compassionate people to help create our products and provide our customers and consumers with the finest cannabis products available. We look for people with the above attributes and certain preferred core skills. We are willing to train others in order to ensure workforce diversity. Some of the desirable backgrounds we are looking for include sales, pharmacy, and those with previous experience in the cultivation, processing, and sale of cannabis products through various networks. Previous work experience in a medical or production marijuana facility is highly desirable. We generally train all employees in the following subjects, but tailor each course according to their role within our organization.
  - 2.2.1.1. Cannabis Science
  - 2.2.1.2. Horticultural & Organic Cultivation
  - 2.2.1.3. Methods of Extraction
  - 2.2.1.4. Methods of Ingestion
  - 2.2.1.5. Cooking with Cannabis
  - 2.2.1.6. Medical marijuana use
  - 2.2.1.7. Massachusetts Cannabis Law
- 2.2.2. Our company is looking for all types of help for our wholesale manufacturing operation, both operational, and administrative. Typical responsibilities include:
  - 2.2.2.1. Production management
  - 2.2.2.2. Wholesale Sales
  - 2.2.2.3. Production and manufacturing
  - 2.2.2.4. Packaging labeling and inventory
  - 2.2.2.5. Sanitation and maintenance of the facility
  - 2.2.2.6. Security of the facility and deliveries
  - 2.2.2.7. Back-office business and management roles such as, account management, administration, etc.

# 3. Employment Policies

# 3.1. Employee Classifications

- 3.1.1. The following terms are used to describe employees and their employment status:
- 3.1.2. **Exempt Employees** Employees whose positions meet specific tests established by the Federal Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and Massachusetts state law. In general, exempt employees are those engaged in executive, managerial, high-level administrative and professional jobs who are paid a fixed salary and perform certain duties. In addition, certain commissioned sales employees and highly paid computer professionals are exempt. Exempt employees are not subject to the minimum wage and overtime laws.

- 3.1.3. **Non-exempt Employees** Employees whose positions do not meet specific tests established by the FLSA and Massachusetts state law. All employees who are covered by the federal or state minimum wage and overtime laws are considered non-exempt. Employees working in non-exempt jobs are entitled to be paid at least the minimum wage per hour and a premium for overtime.
- 3.1.4. Regular Employee Employees who are hired to work on a regular schedule. Such employees can be either full-time or part-time. The distinction between full-time and part- time depends upon the number of hours that an employee works.
- 3.1.5. **Full-Time Employee** Employees who are not temporary employees, independent contractors, or independent consultants and who are regularly scheduled to work a schedule of 40 hours per work week.
- 3.1.6. **Part-Time Employee** Employees who are not temporary employees, independent contractors, or independent consultants and who are regularly scheduled to work less than 40 hours per work week.
- 3.1.7. Temporary Employees Employees who are hired as interim replacements to temporarily supplement the workforce or to assist in the completion of a specific project. Employment assignments in this category are of limited duration and the temporary employee can be let go before the end of the defined period. Short term assignments generally are periods of three (3) months or less, however, such assignments may be extended. All Temporary employees are at-will regardless of the anticipated duration of the assignment [see Employment-at-Will Policy). Temporary employees retain that status unless and until notified in writing of a change.
- 3.1.8. **Independent Contractor or Consultant** These individuals are not employees of the Company and are self-employed. An independent contractor or consultant is engaged to perform a task according to his/her own methods and is subject to control and direction only as to the results to be accomplished. Independent contractors or consultants are not entitled to benefits.
- 3.1.9. Each employee will be advised of his or her status at the time of hire and any change in status. Regardless of the employee's status, the employee is employed at-will and the employment relationship can be terminated by the Company or the employee at any time, with or without cause.

# 3.2. Equal Employment Opportunity & American with Disabilities Act.

3.2.1. It is the policy of the Company to provide equal employment opportunities to all employees and employment applicants without regard to unlawful considerations of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition including medical characteristics, marital status or any other classification protected by applicable local, state or federal laws. This policy prohibits unlawful discrimination based on the perception that anyone has any of those characteristics, or is associated with a person who has or is perceived as having any of those characteristics. This policy applies to all aspects of employment, including, but not limited to, hiring, job assignment, working conditions, compensation, promotion, benefits, scheduling, training, discipline and

- termination. Reasonable accommodation is available for qualified individuals with disabilities, upon request.
- 3.2.2. The Company expects all employees to support our equal employment opportunity policy, and to take all steps necessary to maintain a workplace free from unlawful discrimination and harassment.
- 3.2.3. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Company provides accommodation to the disabled to the full extent required by law. The Company may require medical certification of both the disability and the need for accommodation. Keep in mind that the Company can only seek to accommodate the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified disabled individual. Therefore, it is your responsibility to come forward if you are in need of an accommodation. The Company will engage in an interactive process with the employee to identify possible accommodations, if any will help the applicant or employee perform the job. We further recognize that employees with life threatening illnesses, including but not limited to cancer, heart disease and AIDS, may wish to continue engaging in as many of their normal pursuits as their condition allows, including work. As long as these employees are able to meet acceptable performance standards with or without reasonable accommodation, and medical evidence indicates that their working does not present a substantial threat to themselves or others, they will be permitted to do so.

# 3.3. Diversity Plan

It is the policy of this company to foster equal opportunity for all employees and to promote principles of diversity management that will enhance the level of effectiveness and efficiency of its business operations. The concept of diversity management is a strategic business objective that seeks to increase organizational capacity in a workplace where the contributions of all employees are recognized and valued. Our company's goal is to build a high-performing, diverse workforce based on mutual acceptance and trust. It is also our company's policy to select the best qualified applicant for the job, regardless of race, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factor.

# 3.4. Confidentiality.

3.4.1. In the course of employment with the Company, employees may have access to "Confidential Information" regarding the Company, which may include its business strategy, future plans, financial information, contracts, suppliers, customers, personnel information or other information that the Company considers proprietary and confidential. Maintaining the confidentiality of this information is vital to the Company's competitive position in the industry and, ultimately, to its ability to achieve financial success and stability. Employees must protect this information by safeguarding it when in use, using it only for the business of the Company and disclosing it only when authorized to do so and to those who have a legitimate business need to know about it. This duty of confidentiality applies whether the employee is on or off the Company's premises, and during and even after the end of the employee's employment with the Company. This duty of confidentiality also applies to communications transmitted by the Company's electronic communications. See Internet, Email and Computer Use policy, below.

3.4.2. As a condition of employment with the Company, all employees must sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement.

# 3.5. Employment of Relatives

- 3.5.1. The Company recognizes that the employment of relatives in certain circumstances, such as when they will work in the same department, or supervise or manage the other, or have access to confidential or sensitive information regarding the other, can cause problems related to supervision, safety, security or morale, or create conflicts of interest that materially and substantially disrupt the Company's operations. When the Company determines any of these problems will be present, it will decline to hire an individual to work in the same department as a relative of an existing employee. Relatives subject to this policy include: father, mother, sister, brother, current spouse or domestic partner, child (natural, foster, or adopted), current mother-in- law, current father-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild.
- 3.5.2. If present employees become relatives during employment, the Company should be notified so that we may determine whether a problem involving supervision, safety, security or morale, or a conflict of interest that would materially and substantially disrupt the Company's operations exists. If the Company determines that such a problem exists, the Company will take appropriate steps to resolve the problem, which may include reassignment of one relative (if feasible) or asking for the resignation of one of the relatives.

## 3.6. Introductory Period

3.6.1. The first 30 days of employment are considered an introductory period for all newly hired employees. During this time, you will learn your new responsibilities, get acquainted with fellow employees, and determine whether you are happy with the position. Also, during this time, your manager will monitor your performance. Upon completion of the introductory period, your manager will review your performance. If the Company finds your performance satisfactory and decides to continue your employment, you will be advised of any improvements expected. This is also an opportunity for you to make suggestions to improve the Company's efficiency and operations. Completion of the introductory period does not entitle you to remain employed by the Company for any definite period of time, but instead allows both you and the Company to evaluate whether or not you are right for the position. Your status as an at-will employee does not change. The employment relationship may be terminated with or without cause and with or without advance notice, at any time by you or the Company.

# 3.7. Personnel Records and Employee References

3.7.1. The Company maintains a personnel file and payroll records for each employee as required by law. Personnel files and payroll records are the property of the Company and may not be removed from Company premises without written authorization. Because personnel files and payroll records are confidential, access to the records is restricted. Generally, only those who have a legitimate reason to review information in an employee's file are allowed to do so.
Disclosure of personnel information to outside sources will be limited. However,

the Company will cooperate with requests from authorized law enforcement or local, state, or federal agencies conducting official investigations and as otherwise legally required.

- 3.7.2. Employees may contact a Human Resources representative to request a time to review their payroll records and/or personnel file. With reasonable advance notice, an employee may review his or her own records in the Company's offices and in the presence of an individual appointed by the Company to maintain the records. No copies of documents in your file may be made, with the exception of documents that you have previously signed, or documents that may be obtained by you subject to state and/or federal law. You may add your comments to any disputed item in the file.
- 3.7.3. By policy, the Company will provide only the former or present employee's dates of employment and position(s) held with the Company and eligibility for rehire, if asked. Compensation information may also be verified if written authorization is provided by the employee.

# 3.8. Privacy

- 3.8.1. The Company is respectful of employee privacy. All employee demographic and personal information will be shared only as required in the normal course of business. If a healthcare plan becomes available in the future, healthcare enrollment information will be kept in a separate folder from other human resources forms. Workers' Compensation information is not considered private healthcare information; however, this information will be released only on a need-to-know basis.
- 3.8.2. The Company does not make or receive any private healthcare information through the course of normal work. If any employee voluntarily shares private healthcare information with a member of management, this information will be kept confidential. If applicable, the Company will set up guidelines for employees and management to follow to ensure that company employees conform to the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

#### 3.9. Immigration Law Compliance

3.9.1. In compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, each new employee, as a condition of employment, must complete the Employment Eligibility Verification Form 1-9 on day of hire and present documentation establishing identity and employment eligibility within three business days of date of hire. Former employees who are rehired must also complete an 1-9 form if they have not completed an 1-9 form with the Company within the past three years, or if their previous 1-9 form is no longer retained or valid. You may raise questions or complaints about immigration law compliance without fear of reprisal.

# 3.10. Religious Accommodation

3.10.1. The Company will make reasonable accommodations for employees' observance of religious holidays and practices unless the accommodation would cause an undue hardship on the Company's operations. If you desire a religious accommodation, you are required to make the request in writing to your manager as far in advance as possible. You are expected to strive to find co-workers who

can assist in the accommodation (e.g., trade shifts) and cooperate with the Company in seeking and evaluating alternatives.

# 3.11. Political Neutrality

3.11.1. Maintenance of individual freedom and our political institutions necessitates broad scale participation by citizens concerning the selection, nomination and election of our public office holders. The Company will not discriminate against any employee because of identification with and support of any lawful political activity. Company employees are entitled to their own personal political position. The Company will not discriminate against employees based on their lawful political activity engaged in outside of work. If you are engaging in political activity, however, you should always make it clear that your actions and opinions are your own and not necessarily those of the Company, and that you are not representing the Company.

# 4. Hours of Work and Payroll Practices

# 4.1. Pay Periods and Paydays

4.1.1. Employees are paid on a weekly basis. All employees will be paid on Friday of each week. All employees are paid by check on the above-mentioned payday. If the regular payday falls on a weekend or Company holiday, employees will be paid on the last business day before the holiday and/or weekend.

#### 4.2. Overtime

4.2.1. non-exempt employees will be paid in accordance with Federal and Massachusetts state law. All overtime work by non-exempt employees must be authorized in advance by their manager. Only hours actually worked will be used to calculate overtime pay.

#### 4.3. Rest and Meal Periods

4.3.1. All rest and meal periods will be in accordance with Massachusetts state law. To the extent Massachusetts state law does not require rest and meal breaks, non-exempt employees will be provided a 10-minute rest break for every four hour period of work. This time is counted and paid as time worked. Non-exempt employees scheduled to work more than a five hour period will be provided a 30-minute unpaid meal period.

#### 4.4. Time Cards

4.4.1. Non-exempt employees are required to keep an accurate and complete record of their attendance and hours worked. Time cards are official business records and may not be altered without the employee's supervisor's approval and may not be falsified in any way.

#### 4.5. Payroll Deductions

4.5.1. Various payroll deductions are made each payday to comply with federal and state laws pertaining to taxes and insurance. Deductions will be made for the following: Federal and State Income Tax Withholding, Social Security, Medicare, State Disability Insurance & Family Temporary Disability Insurance, and other items designated by you or required by law (including a valid court order]. You can adjust your federal and state income tax withholding by completing the proper federal or state form and submitting it to Accounting. At the start of each

calendar year, you will be supplied with your Wage and Tax Statement (W-2] form for the prior year. This statement summarizes your income and deductions for the year.

# 4.6. Wage Garnishment

4.6.1. A garnishment is a court order requiring an employer to remit part of an employee's wages to a third party to satisfy a just debt. Once the Company receives the legal papers ordering a garnishment, we are required by law to continue making deductions from your check until we have withheld the full amount or until we receive legal papers from the court to stop the garnishment. Even if you have already paid the debt, we still need the legal papers to stop the garnishment.

# 5. Standards of Conduct and Employee Performance

#### 5.1. Anti-Harassment and Discrimination

5.1.1. The Company is committed to providing a work environment free of sexual or any form of unlawful harassment or discrimination. Harassment or unlawful discrimination against individuals on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition including medical characteristics, marital status or any other classification protected by local, state or federal laws is illegal and prohibited by Company policy. Such conduct by or towards any employee, contract worker, customer, vendor or anyone else who does business with the Company will not be tolerated. Any employee or contract worker who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of his or her employment or engagement. To the extent a customer, vendor or other person with whom the Company does business engages in unlawful harassment or discrimination, the Company will take appropriate corrective action.

#### 5.2. Prohibited Conduct

- 5.2.1. Prohibited harassment or discrimination includes any verbal, physical or visual conduct based on sex, race, age, national origin, disability or any other legally protected basis if:
  - 5.2.1.1. submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or engagement.
  - 5.2.1.2. submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for decisions concerning that individual's employment or engagement; or it creates a hostile or offensive work environment.
- 5.2.2. Prohibited harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and lewd, vulgar or obscene remarks, jokes, posters or cartoons, and any unwelcome touching, pinching or other physical contact. Other forms of unlawful harassment or discrimination may include racial epithets, slurs and derogatory remarks, stereotypes, jokes, posters or cartoons based on race, national origin, age, disability, marital status or other legally protected categories.
- 5.2.3. Prohibited harassment might also be transmitted using the Company's electronic communications system, or through other on-line conduct.

# 5.3. Complaint Procedure

- 5.3.1. Employees or contract workers who feel that they have been harassed or discriminated against, or who witness any harassment or discrimination by an employee, contract worker, customer, vendor or anyone else who does business with the Company, should immediately report such conduct to their supervisor or any other member of management.
- 5.3.2. Do not allow an inappropriate situation to continue by not reporting it, regardless of who is creating the situation. No employee, contract worker, customer, vendor or other person who does business with this organization is exempt from the prohibitions in this policy. In response to every complaint, the Company will conduct an investigation and, if improper conduct is found, take appropriate corrective action.
- 5.3.3. To the extent that an employee or contract worker is not satisfied with the Company's handling of a harassment or discrimination complaint, he or she may also contact the appropriate state or federal enforcement agency for legal relief.

#### 5.4. Attendance

- 5.4.1. Punctuality and regular attendance are essential to the successful operation of the Company's business. If an employee is unable to report to work (or to report to work on time) for any reason, the employee must notify his or her supervisor before his or her starting time. If an employee desires to leave work for any reason during the workday, the employee must obtain the approval of his or her supervisor prior to leaving. In the event that the employee fails to call his or her supervisor or report for work for 3 consecutive
- 5.4.2. workdays, the employee will be deemed to have voluntarily resigned from his or her employment with the Company and will be removed from the payroll. Excessive absenteeism or tardiness may subject the employee to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

# 5.5. Discipline and Standards of Conduct

- 5.5.1. As an at-will employer, the Company may impose discipline whenever it determines it is necessary or appropriate. Discipline may take various forms, including verbal counseling, written warnings, suspension, demotion, transfer, reassignment or termination. The discipline imposed will depend on the circumstances of each case; therefore, discipline will not necessarily be imposed in any particular sequence. Moreover, at any time the Company determines it is appropriate, an employee may be discharged immediately.
- 5.5.2. Every organization must have certain standards of conduct to guide the behavior of employees. Although there is no possible way to identify every rule of conduct, the following is an illustrative list (not intended to be comprehensive or to limit the Company's right to impose discipline for any other conduct it deems inappropriate]. Keep in mind that these standards of conduct apply to all employees whenever they are on Company property and/or conducting Company business (on or off Company property]. Engaging in any conduct the Company deems inappropriate may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Such conduct may include:
  - 5.5.2.1. Dishonesty;
  - 5.5.2.2. Any agent found to have diverted marijuana, engaged in unsafe practices, or been convicted or entered a guilty plea for a felony charge of distribution of a drug to a minor jay be subject to immediate dismissal.
  - 5.5.2.3. Falsification of Company records;

- 5.5.2.4. Unauthorized use or possession of property that belongs to the Company, a coworker, or member of the public:
- 5.5.2.5. Possession or control of illegal drugs, weapons, explosives, or other dangerous or unauthorized materials;
- 5.5.2.6. Fighting, engaging in threats of violence or violence, use of vulgar or abusive language, horseplay, practical jokes or other disorderly conduct that may endanger others or damage property:
- 5.5.2.7. Insubordination, failure to perform assigned duties or failure to comply with the Company's health, safety or other rules;
- 5.5.2.8. Unauthorized or careless use of the Company's materials, equipment or property;
- 5.5.2.9. Unauthorized and/or excessive absenteeism or tardiness:
- 5.5.2.10. Lack of teamwork, poor communication, unsatisfactory performance, unprofessional conduct, or conduct improper for the workplace;
- 5.5.2.11. Sexual or other illegal harassment or discrimination;
- 5.5.2.12. Unauthorized use or disclosure of the Company's confidential information:
- 5.5.2.13. Violation of any Company policy.

#### 5.6. **Dress Code**

- 5.6.1. What we wear to work is a reflection of the pride we have in our Company, in what we do, and in ourselves. Although dress code requirements will vary according to job responsibilities, we ask that your appearance at all times show discretion, good taste, and not present a hazard in the performance of your job.
- 5.6.2. Approval or disapproval of what constitutes appropriate dress is at the discretion of the duty manager.

#### 5.7. Safety

- 5.7.1. The Company is committed to providing a safe workplace. Accordingly, the Company emphasizes "safety first." It is the employee's responsibility to take steps to promote safety in the workplace and work in a safe manner. By remaining safety conscious, employees can protect themselves and their coworkers.
- 5.7.2. Employees are expected to promptly report all unsafe working conditions, accidents and injuries, regardless of how minor so that any potential hazards can be corrected.

#### 5.8. Substance and Abuse

- 5.8.1. The Company is committed to providing its employees with a safe and productive work environment. In keeping with this commitment, it maintains a strict policy against the use of alcohol, smoking, and the unlawful use of drugs in the workplace. Consequently, no employee may consume or possess alcohol, or use, possess, sell, purchase or transfer illegal drugs at any time while on the Company's premises or while using the Company vehicles or equipment, or
- 5.8.2. No employee may report to work with illegal drugs (or their metabolites) or alcohol in his or her bodily system. The only exception to this rule is that employees may engage in moderate consumption of alcohol that may be served and/or consumed as part of an authorized Company social or business event.
- 5.8.3. "Illegal drug" means any drug that is not legally obtainable or that is legally obtainable but has not been legally obtained in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It includes prescription drugs not being used for prescribed purposes or by the person to whom it is prescribed or in prescribed

- amounts. It also includes any substance a person holds out to another as an illegal drug.
- 5.8.4. Any violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
- 5.8.5. Any employee who feels he or she has developed an addiction to, dependence upon, or problem with alcohol or drugs, legal or illegal, is strongly encouraged to seek assistance before a violation of this policy occurs. Any employee who requests time off to participate in a rehabilitation program will be reasonably accommodated. However, employees may not avoid disciplinary action, up to and including termination, by entering a rehabilitation program after a violation of this policy is suspected or discovered. When, in the Company's sole and absolute discretion, the Company determines it is appropriate, an employee may be offered the option of participating in and satisfactorily completing a Company-approved drug and/or alcohol rehabilitation program in lieu of termination.

# 5.9. Workplace Searches

- 5.9.1. To protect Company property, prevent diversion, and to ensure the safety of all employees, the Company reserves the right to inspect and search any employee's office, desk, drawers, cabinets, files, locker, equipment, including computers, e-mail and voicemail, Company vehicles, and any area on Company premises. In this regard, it should be noted that all offices, desks, file drawers, cabinets, lockers, and other Company equipment and facilities are the property of the Company, and are intended for business use.
- 5.9.2. Employees should have no expectation of privacy with respect to items brought onto Company property and/or stored in Company facilities. Inspection may be conducted at any time, without notice, at the discretion of the Company.
- 5.9.3. In addition, when the Company deems appropriate, employees may be required to submit to searches of their personal vehicles, parcels, purses, handbags, backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes or any other possessions or articles brought on to the Company's property.
- 5.9.4. Persons entering the premises who refuse to cooperate in an inspection conducted pursuant to this policy may not be permitted to enter the premises. All employees must cooperate in an inspection; failure to do so is insubordination and will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

# 5.10. **Social Media Policy**

- 5.10.1. High Five. is committed to utilizing social media to enhance its profile and reputation, to listen and respond to customer opinions and feedback, and to drive revenue, loyalty and advocacy. We encourage employees to support our activities through their personal social networking channels while adhering to the guidelines outlined in this section.
- 5.10.2. For the purpose of this section, social media and networking refers to the use of web-based and mobile applications for social interaction and the exchange of user generated content. Social media channels can include, but are not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, blogs, review sites, forums, online communities and any similar online platforms.
- 5.10.3. Employees are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner, to respect the views and opinions of others, and to demonstrate respect for the company, its ownership, clients, guests, vendors, employees and competitors.
- 5.10.4. The Company and its employees are committed to conducting ourselves in accordance with best industry practices in social networking, to being responsible citizens and community members, to listening and responding to feedback, and

- to communicating in a courteous and professional manner. Behavior and content that may be deemed disrespectful, dishonest, offensive, harassing or damaging to the company's interests or reputation are not permitted.
- 5.10.5. The use of social media channels on company time for personal purposes is not allowed.
- 5.10.6. Any social media contacts, including "followers" or "friends," that are acquired through accounts (including but not limited to email addresses, blogs, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, or other social media networks) created on behalf of the Company will be the property of the Company.
- 5.10.7. Employees must not disclose private or confidential information about the Company, its employees, clients, suppliers or customers on social networks. Employees must respect trademarks, copyrights, intellectual property and proprietary information. No third-party content should be published without prior permission from the owner.
- 5.10.8. The Company maintains the right to monitor company-related employee activity in social networks. Violation of policy guidelines is grounds for discipline, up to and including termination.

#### 5.11. **Cell Phone Policy**

- 5.11.1. The use of personal cell phones at work is discouraged because it can interfere with work and be disruptive to others. Therefore, employees who bring personal cell phones to work are required to keep the ringer shut off or placed on vibrate mode when they are in the facility, and to keep cell phone use confined to breaks and meal periods. Conversations should be had away from areas where other employees are working. When cell phone use interferes with the satisfactory performance of an employee's duties or disturbs others, the privilege of using a personal cell phone at work may be taken away and other disciplinary action, up to and including termination, may be imposed.
- 5.11.2. The Company may provide cell phone allowances to employees in certain positions in an effort to improve efficiency and effectiveness. When cell phones are used for Company business, employees must comply with all Company policies governing conduct, including our policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and violence in the workplace. When using the cell phone in a public place, please remember to maintain the confidentiality of any private or confidential business information. As a courtesy to others, please shut cell phones off or place on vibrate mode during meetings.

# 6. Employee Benefits and Services

# 6.1. General

- 6.1.1. Aside from those benefits required by state and federal regulations, High Five. also offers additional benefits for its full-time employees.
- 6.1.2. From time to time, benefits may be added or deleted from the benefits package.
- 6.1.3. The Company reserves the right to make such changes. This Handbook does not contain the complete terms and/or conditions of any of the Company's current benefit plans. It is intended only to provide general explanations.
- 6.1.4. For information regarding employee benefits and services, employees should contact Human Resources.

#### 6.2. COBRA

6.2.1. Under the provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1986, if you are covered under the Company's group health

insurance plan(s) you are entitled to continue your coverage in the event that your employment with the Company ends. Under COBRA, the Company must offer each qualified beneficiary (the employee and any covered dependents) who would otherwise lose coverage under the plan as a result of a qualifying event an opportunity to continue their insurance coverage. A qualifying event is defined as termination of employment, a reduction in the number of hours of employment, death of covered employee, divorce or legal separation, a dependent child ceases to be dependent, eligibility of the covered employee for Medicare, or an employer's bankruptcy.

# 6.3. Worker's Compensation

- 6.3.1. All states have Workers' Compensation laws whose purpose is to promote the general welfare of people by providing compensation for accidental injuries or death suffered in the course of employment. These laws are designed to provide protection to workers suffering occupational disabilities through accidents arising out of, and in the course of employment.
- 6.3.2. High Five. carries Workers' Compensation Insurance for all employees and pays the entire cost of the insurance program.
- 6.3.3. An employee who suffers an injury or illness in connection with the job is usually eligible to receive payment through the insurance company for lost wages.
- 6.3.4. In addition to disability payments, necessary hospital, medical and surgical expenses are covered under Workers' Compensation, with payments being made directly to the hospital or physician.
- 6.3.5. Workers' Compensation benefits to injured workers also includes assistance to help qualified injured employees return to suitable employment.

# 6.4. Social Security Benefits (FICA)

6.4.1. During your employment, you and the Company both contribute funds to the Federal government to support the Social Security Program. This program is intended to provide you with retirement benefit payments and medical coverage once you reach retirement age.

#### 6.5. Unemployment Insurance

6.5.1. The company pays a state and federal tax to provide employees with unemployment insurance coverage in the event they become unemployed through no fault of their own or due to circumstances described by law. This insurance is administered by applicable state agencies, who determine eligibility for benefits, the amount of benefits (if any), and duration of benefits.

# 7. Employee Leaves of Absence and Time Off

# 7.1. General

7.1.1. While regular attendance is crucial to maintain business operations, the Company recognizes that, for a variety of reasons, employees may need time off from work. The Company has available a number of types of leaves of absence. Some are governed by law and others are discretionary. For all planned leaves, however, employees must submit a request at least 14 days in advance; in case of emergencies, employees should submit the request as soon as they become aware of the need for leave. All leaves must have the approval of the Company management. If, during a leave, an employee accepts another job, engages in other employment or consulting outside of the Company, or applies for

- unemployment insurance benefits, the employee may be considered to have voluntarily resigned from employment with the Company.
- 7.1.2. All requests for a leave of absence will be considered in light of their effect on the Company and its work requirements, as determined by the Company management, which reserves the right to approve or deny such requests in its sole discretion, unless otherwise required by law. For disability-related leave requests, the Company will engage in an interactive process with the employee to determine if a leave is the most appropriate accommodation.
- 7.1.3. The employee must provide a certification from his or her health care provider to the Company to support a leave for medical reasons. Failure to provide the required certification to the Company in a timely manner will result in delay or denial of leave.
- 7.1.4. If an employee requires an extension of leave, the employee must request such extension and have it approved before the expiration of the currently approved leave.
- 7.1.5. While the Company will make a reasonable effort to return the employee to his or her former position or a comparable position following an approved leave of absence, there is no guarantee that the employee will be reinstated to his or her position, or any position, except as required by law.

# 7.2. Sick Days

7.2.1. Eligible employees are entitled to paid sick days in accordance with Massachusetts law.

# 7.3. **Pregnancy-Disability Leave**

- 7.3.1. Employees who are disabled on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition may request an unpaid leave of absence. Such leave will be granted for the period of disability, up to a maximum of four months. Time off may be requested for prenatal care, severe morning sickness, doctor-ordered bed rest, childbirth, and recovery from childbirth.
- 7.3.2. Leave provided for pregnancy disability is treated separately from leaves required by the state family and medical leave law. However, the first 12 workweeks of a pregnancy disability leave will be treated concurrently as a leave pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") for all eligible employees.
- 7.3.3. Employees who wish to take a pregnancy disability leave must notify Human Resources of the date the leave is expected to commence and the estimated duration of the leave. Notice should be given as indicated above. The employee must also provide a medical certification of disability to the Company. Failure to provide the required medical certification to the Company in a timely manner will result in delay or denial of leave. Before returning to work, the employee must provide a medical certification that she is able to resume her original job duties. Appropriate forms may be obtained from Human Resources.
- 7.3.4. Employees who return to work immediately following the expiration of an approved pregnancy disability leave will generally be reemployed in their former position or a comparable job, as required by law.
- 7.3.5. Employees who are affected by pregnancy may also be eligible to transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position or duties, provided certain prerequisites are met. Reasonable accommodations may be requested with the advice of the employee's health care provider. In addition, lactation accommodation is also available, upon request. For more information on pregnancy disability leave or transfer and its effect on the terms, conditions or benefits of employment, please contact Human Resources.

# 7.4. Workers' Compensation Leave

7.4.1. Any employee who is unable to work due to a work related injury or illness and who is eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits will be provided an unpaid leave for the period required. The first 12 weeks will be treated concurrently as a family and medical leave under the federal Family Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") for eligible employees.

# 7.5. Voting Time

7.5.1. Employees who are registered voters and who lack sufficient time outside of work to vote in any local, state, and national election may take up to two hours off work with pay at the beginning or end of the day for this purpose. Employees should provide at least two working days' notice when time off is required.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

The retail sale of cannabis products is our reason for existence. We have been licensed by the state and local authorities to provide and sell inspected, quality cannabis products for adult use, and, where appropriate, to educate our clientele on any questions they might have about the safe use of these products.

Inevitably, many customers will seek out cannabis for its perceived medical benefits. **We are not doctors, and consequently, cannot give medical advice**. We can offer guidance and share anecdotal stories of what customers have experienced from some of the different strains and delivery methods (tincture, edibles, etc...) that we offer, but **we cannot give assurances that any cannabis product will work to alleviate any particular ailment or symptom**.

As a licensed retail establishment we are mandated to follow the state's requirements for tracking sales. Our license only permits wholesale sales to licensed marijuana retail establishments. The state requires that we track and record all sales transactions including customer details. This is also an essential element of our company policy of rigorous compliance with all state and local legislation and by-laws, and a key component of our strategy to combat diversion. All customers must have their details, including their verified state retail marijuana license entered into the database prior to any sale or transfer. These details, together with a record of their purchases, will be recorded and maintained for the benefit of state inspectors.

**NO** customer may enter our production premises without first presenting a valid, recognized, photo ID to the Duty Manager. Valid ID must be shown before entering the facility and at the Point of Sale for data-entry purposes.

There are NO EXCEPTIONS, and NO EXCUSES to this rule.

#### 1. Restricting Access to age 21 and older

- 1.1. All employees and registered agents must be 21 years of age or older.
- 1.2. All visitors must be 21 years of age or older.
- 1.3. In accordance with 935 CMR 500.110 (1) (a) and 935 CMR 500.105 (14), **NO** person may enter our premises without first producing a valid, state or federal, photo ID.
- 1.4. Valid ID must be presented to the Duty Manager prior to entering the facility, and at the Point of Sale for data-entry purposes.
- 1.5. No person under 21 years of age may enter the premises. There are **NO** exceptions to this rule.
- 1.6. Loitering, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.110 (1) (b) is not permitted under any circumstances. Any person suspected of loitering should be politely questioned by a member of staff and, if unable to credibly account for their presence, be asked to leave the vicinity. Should the person refuse, the matter should be elevated to the Operations Manager who may, if necessary, contact local law enforcement for assistance in removing the person from the facility.
- 1.7. All cannabis waste will be rendered unusable and safely disposed of as outlined in **Cannabis Waste Disposal Procedures**, above.
- 1.8. All access to cannabis products will be strictly controlled and monitored as outlined in **Prevention of Diversion**, above.

# 1. Detailed Description of Qualification and Intended Trainings for Agents

#### 1.1. Store Job Classifications and Requirements:

- 1.1.1. All employees must be trained on their job-specific duties prior to performing their job functions.
  - 1.1.1.1.1. All employees must receive a minimum of eight (8) hours job-specific training each year.
  - 1.1.1.2. All current owners, managers, and employees must complete the Responsible Vendor Program as soon as possible after this becomes available. Employees must complete the program within 90 days of being hired.
  - 1.1.1.3. Responsible Vendor Program documentation will be retained for four (4) years.
- 1.1.2. Store Manager The store manager is the face of the facility. The manager must interface with staff, law enforcement, vendors, and others. The principal responsibility of the store manager is to coordinate and facilitate the transactions of the store. They must maintain records, have contact with suppliers and the grow site, embrace customer service and understand marketing. They will train employees and decide which products to carry and determine best pricing based on market conditions. They are responsible for keeping up with all changes in local and state law regarding operation of the facility. The most important job of the store manager is to ensure the security and integrity of our inventory.
- 1.1.3. Retail Sales Agent The store has a need for retail professionals who can communicate articulately and passionately with customers about a wide range of cannabis products. Desirable backgrounds include previous marijuana vertical experience, retail sales, pharmacy, education, and customer service. Knowledge of cannabis, the varieties of cannabis, and their effects is highly relevant. They must be keenly aware of the difference of Indica, Sativa and their hybrids. A retail sales agent will maintain records in accordance with the Operations Manual, serve customers, offer advice and recommendations, be mindful and vigilant in terms of security, diversion, and facility cleanliness. Retail Sales Agents will be trained by the store manager alongside whom they will work to learn the total operation of the retail store. This position may be full-, or part-time.
- 1.1.4. Security Guards Our retail store has an ongoing demand for trained law enforcement and security professionals. The store employs 24/7 security protection. Duties include ensuring the integrity of the facility's security systems and protecting the facility and its customers from outside criminal disturbance. Desired backgrounds include previous military, law enforcement, and security experience.

#### 1.2. Employee Training and Selection

- 1.2.1. Our retail store is constantly looking for motivated, friendly, articulate and passionate people to work with our customers to provide them with the best product for their recreational needs. We are looking for people with the above attributes and are willing to train others in order to have a diverse workforce. Some of the desirable backgrounds we are looking for include marijuana vertical experience, retail sales, pharmacy, education, and customer service. We tend to train all employees in the following subjects, but tailor each topic to meet the needs required by individual roles:
  - 1.2.1.1. Cannabis Science

- 1.2.1.2. Horticultural & Organic Cultivation
- 1.2.1.3. Methods of Extraction
- 1.2.1.4. Methods of Ingestion
- 1.2.1.5. Cooking with Cannabis
- 1.2.1.6. Medical marijuana use
- 1.2.1.7. Harm Reduction Methods
- 1.2.1.8. Sensible Cannabis Use
- 1.2.1.9. Customer Relations
- 1.2.1.10. Massachusetts Cannabis Law
- 1.3. Our company is looking for all types of help for our retail sales operation, both front-of-house, and in the back office. Typical responsibilities include:
  - 1.3.1. Retails Sales
  - 1.3.2. Packaging labeling and inventory
  - 1.3.3. Sanitation and maintenance of the facility
  - 1.3.4. Security of the facility and deliveries
  - 1.3.5. Standard business and management roles such as, account management, administration, etc.

# 1.1. Quality Control and Testing

## 1.1.1. Incoming marijuana inventory

- 1.1.1.1. In accordance with 935 CMR 500.160 (9), no marijuana product shall be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that has not first been tested by an independent, state-licensed, testing laboratory and deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 500.160
- 1.1.1.2. We must ensure that only the leaves and flowers of the female marijuana plant are processed accordingly in a safe and sanitary manner as prescribed below:
  - Well cured and generally free of seeds and stems;
  - o Free of dirt,. Sand, debris, and other foreign matter;
  - Free of contamination by mold, rot, other fungus, and bacterial diseases;
  - o Prepared and handled on food-grade stainless steel tables; and
  - Packaged in a secure area.
- 1.1.1.3. All of the raw cannabis materials used in our products are tested by our cultivation suppliers. The initial quality control and testing of these raw cannabis materials is the responsibility of these suppliers. That being said, there are certain steps that we can take to ensure that the products entering our inventory are tested, have achieved the correct quality, and are stored and rotated in a manner that best ensures their continued quality throughout their shelf-life.
  - All products must be thoroughly checked upon arrival at our facility in accordance with Transportation of Marijuana and Inventory Control and Reconciliation protocols above.
  - Should the accompanying test report indicate contaminant levels in excess of those accepted by DPH protocols identified in 935 CMR 500. 160 (1), the Operations Manager will immediately notify senior management who will notify the commission within 72 hours.
  - Together, the Operations Manager, the testing laboratory, and the original producer will determine whether the product is suitable for remediation or whether the entire batch must be destroyed in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (12).
  - Each of the three parties should submit a report on the incident to the Commission.
  - The Operations Manager should check each item and identify any that are outdated, damaged, mislabeled, contaminated or compromised. Any such products should be set aside for disposal.
  - Once the products enter our inventory it is the Operations Manager's responsibility to ensure that:
  - 1.1.1.3.○.1. Stock is efficiently rotated to ensure that older product is used before newer product.

1.1.1.3.○.2. All stock is appropriately stored to prevent spoiling and damage to the product.

#### 1.1.2. Outgoing marijuana inventory

- 1.1.2.1. In accordance with 935 CMR 500.160 (9), no marijuana product shall be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that has not first been tested by an independent, state-licensed, testing laboratory and deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 500.160
- 1.1.2.2. All of our products are sold pre-packaged and tested by a state-licensed, marijuana test laboratory. The final quality control and testing of our products is the responsibility of both the test laboratory and CCE CAT, LLC. There are certain steps that we must take to ensure that the products leaving our inventory for delivery to licensed retail establishments are tested, have achieved the correct quality, and are stored and rotated in a manner the best ensures their continued quality throughout their shelf-life.
- 1.1.2.3. All products must be thoroughly checked prior to shipment from our facility in accordance with **Transportation of marijuana** and **Inventory Control and Reconciliation** protocols above.
- 1.1.2.4. No production batch may be cleared for shipment before a sample has been submitted to the testing lab for analysis and the relevant test report has been received by us and entered into the database.
- 1.1.2.5. Should the test report indicate contaminant levels in excess of those accepted by DPH protocols identified in 935 CMR 500. 160 (1), the Operations Manager will immediately notify senior management who will notify the commission within 72 hours.
- 1.1.2.6. Together, the Operations Manager, the testing laboratory, and the original cultivator will determine whether the product is suitable for remediation or whether the entire production batch must be destroyed in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (12).
- 1.1.2.7. Each of the three parties should submit a report on the incident to the Commission.
- 1.1.2.8. The Operations Manager should check each item and identify any that are outdated, damaged, mislabeled, contaminated or compromised. Any such products should be set aside for disposal.
- 1.1.2.9. Whilst our products remain in our inventory it is the Operations Manager's responsibility to ensure that:
  - Stock is efficiently rotated to ensure that older product is sold before newer product.
  - All stock is appropriately stored to prevent spoiling and damage to the product.

## 1.1.3. Hygiene

- 1.1.3.1. All agents whose job includes contact with marijuana is subject to the requirements for food handlers specified.
- 1.1.3.2. Any agent working in direct contact with marijuana shall conform to sanitary practices while on duty, including:
  - Maintaining adequate personal cleanliness; and

- Washing hands appropriately.
- 1.1.3.3. Hand-washing facilities shall be located in production areas and where good sanitary practices require employees to wash and sanitize their hands.
- 1.1.3.4. There shall be sufficient space for placement of equipment and storage of materials as is necessary for the maintenance of sanitary operations.
- 1.1.3.5. Litter and waste shall be properly removed so as to minimize the development of odor and the potential for the waste attracting and harboring pests.
- 1.1.3.6. Floors, walls, and ceilings shall be constructed in such a manner that they may be adequately kept clean and in good repair.
- 1.1.3.7. All contact surfaces shall be maintained, cleaned, and sanitized as frequently as necessary to protect against contamination.
- 1.1.3.8. All toxic items shall be identified, held, and stored in a manner that protects against contamination of marijuana.
- 1.1.3.9. Water supply shall be sufficient for necessary operations.
- 1.1.3.10. Plumbing shall be of adequate size and design and maintained to carry sufficient quantities of water to required locations throughout the establishment.
- 1.1.3.11. The establishment shall provide its employees with adequate, readily accessible toilet facilities.
- 1.1.3.12. Storage and transportation of finished products shall be under conditions that will protect them against physical, chemical, and microbial contamination.

# 1.1. Record keeping procedures

- 1.1.1. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000, company records will be available for inspection by the Commission, upon request. We will maintain the following written records that are required and subject to inspection, as well as any additional documentation that it may be directed to record by the Commission:
  - 1.1.1.1. Written Operating Procedures as required by 935 CMR 500.105 (1) The Operations Manager has copies of the company operating procedures.
    - 1.1.1.1.1. It is the responsibility of all employees to carefully read, understand and follow these operating procedures.
    - 1.1.1.1.2. All employees are responsible for ensuring that these operating procedures are followed.
    - 1.1.1.1.3. Any deviation from standard operating procedures must be authorized by the Operations Manager or your immediate supervisor.
    - 1.1.1.1.4. These operating procedures will be revised from time-to-time and minor adjustments will likely be made. All revisions will be carefully noted and the operating procedures manual updated.
    - 1.1.1.1.5. Any material changes will be communicated to the Commission
    - 1.1.1.1.6. Inventory records as required by 935 CMR 500.105(8);

#### 1.1.2. Inventory records include:

Shipping and delivery manifests
Delivery and shipping video recordings
Daily production stock withdrawal and return reports
Weekly inventory reports
Product return reports

- 1.1.2.1. Shipping manifests All deliveries and shipments will be accompanied by a shipping manifest. Once this document has been used to verify the delivery or shipment it must be scanned for digital storage and the original placed in the appropriate ringbinder and stored in the records cabinet.
- 1.1.2.2. Delivery and shipment packing and unpacking video recordings All deliveries and shipments will be recorded using a video recording device. These recordings will be transferred to digital storage medium, clearly labelled with the date and manifest number(s) and stored in the records cabinet. Any and all variances from the manifest must be reported in accordance with standard operating procedures.
- 1.1.2.3. Daily production stock withdrawal and return reports Each day, items will be removed from the main storage vault and placed in the production area for use. These items will be carefully recorded at the time of withdrawal. Unused production stock will be recorded on the same sheet when returned to the storage vault at the end of daily operations.
  - 1.1.2.3.1. If, during the course of the day, additional items must be withdrawn from the storage vault, they too will be added to the withdrawal report and accounted for upon the return of production stock to the storage vault.

- 1.1.2.3.2. Any and all variances must be reported in accordance with standard operating procedures. All inventory records are to be digitized and a hard copy kept in the records cabinet.
- 1.1.2.4. Weekly inventory reports Each week, the Operations Manager, together with another licensed employee will conduct an inventory of all goods in the storage vault. Any and all variances must be reported in accordance with standard operating procedures. All inventory records are to be digitized and a hard copy kept in the records cabinet.
- 1.1.2.5. Seed-to-sale tracking records for all marijuana products as required by 935 CMR 500.105(8)(e). The company uses a proprietary Seed-to-sale tracking software that allows cultivators, manufacturers, retailers, the Commission and others to quickly and easily track marijuana and marijuana products from propagation to sale.
- 1.1.2.6. Our manufacturing establishment receives raw marijuana, and marijuana products in a variety of forms for use in our range of products.
- 1.1.2.7. Once goods are delivered and manifests verified, all marijuana products must be entered into the Seed-to-sale tracking software in order to maintain an unbroken chain of custody.
- 1.1.2.8. All goods pertaining to a specific manifest will be entered into the system as a batch. Where applicable, a report pertaining to these items will be generated on the seed-to-sale software, printed out, and securely attached to the manifest.

#### 1.1.3. Personnel records:

- 1.1.3.1. All personnel files are to be stored in the records cabinet
- 1.1.3.2. The employee handbook contains a job description for each employee and volunteer position in the company. A signed copy of the relevant job description for each employee will also be kept in the individual personnel record of each employee.
- 1.1.3.3. A personnel record for each marijuana establishment agent shall be maintained for at least 12 months after termination of the individual's affiliation with the Marijuana Establishment and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  - 1.1.3.3.1. all materials submitted to the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.030(2);
  - 1.1.3.3.2. documentation of verification of references; the job description or employment contract that includes duties, authority, responsibilities, qualifications, and supervision
  - 1.1.3.3.3. documentation of all required training, including training regarding privacy and confidentiality requirements, and the signed statement of the individual indicating the date, time, and place he or she received said training and the topics discussed, including the name and title of presenters;
  - 1.1.3.3.4. documentation of periodic performance evaluations;
  - 1.1.3.3.5. a record of any disciplinary action taken.
  - 1.1.3.3.6. notice of completed responsible vendor and eight-hour related duty training.
  - 1.1.3.3.7. records of any health and safety related incidents

#### 1.1.4. Personnel policies and procedures

- 1.1.4.1. All personnel policies and procedures are clearly outlined in the employee handbook, a copy of which is available to all employees.
- 1.1.4.2. Certain specialized procedures are contained in the security plan.
- 1.1.4.3. All new employees will be required to read the employee handbook and security plan, undergo basic security training and sign a document acknowledging receipt of each and all of these elements. This acknowledgement will be stored with their individual personnel record.
- 1.1.4.4. All personnel files are to be stored in the records cabinet
- 1.1.4.5. All employees will be subject to a state-mandated background check. Background check reports obtained in accordance with 935 CMR 500.030 will be digitized and a hard copy placed into the individual personnel records
- 1.1.4.6. All records of waste disposal must be maintained pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(12).
- 1.1.4.7. In the course of normal operations quantities of marijuana waste may be generated from normal processing operations, packaging errors, or customer returns. All marijuana waste must be disposed of in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105 (12).
- 1.1.4.8. All cannabis waste must be handled in accordance with the **Cannabis Waste Disposal Procedures** above.
- 1.1.4.9. The items disposed of and recorded in the inventory reconciliation report must also be entered in the seed-to-sale tracking software to ensure the completion of an unbroken chain of custody.
- 1.1.4.10. At least two licensed marijuana agents must witness and document this process.
- 1.1.4.11. Such documentation shall be retained for a minimum of three years or longer if so directed by the Commission.

#### 1.1.5. Security Device Log

- 1.1.5.1. The issue and return of all security devices such as swipe cards, keys, codes and combinations must be noted in the security device log.
- 1.1.5.2. Employees acknowledge the receipt or return of such devices by signing this log.
- 1.1.5.3. Recording the issue and return of all security devices is the responsibility of the Operations Manager or senior management as required in the security plan.
- 1.1.5.4. The issue of security devices may only be authorized by the Operations Manager or senior management as required in the security plan.
- 1.1.5.5. The issue of codes and combinations is acknowledged by signing the relevant entry in the security device log. On NO account may the actual code or combination be noted or written down, either in the security device log or elsewhere. See the security plan for additional details.
- 1.1.6. Following closure of a Marijuana Establishment, all records must be kept for at least two years at the expense of the Marijuana Establishment and in a form and location acceptable to the Commission.

# **Green Highland - Diversity Plan**

# Introduction

To the extent permissible by law it is the policy of this company to promote equity among the following demographic groups:

- 1. Minorities;
- 2. Women:
- 3. Veterans:
- 4. People with disabilities; and,
- 5. People who identify as LGBTQ+

#### Introduction

The execution of this plan will be documented and reviewed annually. The outcome of this review will be provided by our company to the Commission prior to the annual renewal of our license. Any action taken, or programs instituted, by our company for the execution of this plan will not violate the Commission's regulations with respect to limitations on ownership or control or other applicable state laws. This plan will adhere to the requirements set forth in 935 CMR 500.105(4) which provides the permitted and prohibited advertising, branding, marketing, and sponsorship practices of Marijuana Establishments.

#### Goals

Our company has established the following diversity goals in associate and management positions to assist those individuals achieve their goal of entering the adult-use marijuana industry. These goals are:

1.	Minorities;	30%
2.	Women;	30%
3.	Veterans;	20%
4.	People with disabilities; and,	10%
5.	People who identify as LGBTQ+	10%

# **Programs**

The following programs will help effectuate the above goals:

- 1. Employment opportunities when available will be published no less frequently than annually in "The Holyoke Sun", and "The Republican".
- 2. The distribution of internal workplace information sheets, bi-annually, aimed at encouraging current employees to assist in the attainment of these objectives by recommending potential employees.
- 3. Providing opportunities for employees to shadow their immediate supervisor to help achieve a transfer of the skills, knowledge, and responsibilities that this role demands.

#### Measurement

We intend to focus our efforts on the following metrics:

- 1. Have five employment positions been created since initial licensure?
- 2. Have we advertised available positions in diverse media with the objective of more effectively achieving our goals?
- 3. Are 30% of employees minorities?
- 4. Are 30% of employees women?
- 5. Are 20% of employees veterans?
- 6. Are 10% of employees people with disabilities?
- 7. Do 10% of employees identify as LGBTQ+?
- 8. Have 10% of employees been given the opportunity to engage in shadow training?