

Botanica LLC

MRN284664

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Botanica LLC
620 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened three (3) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses under the name of Berkley Botanicals, LLC.

4. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Denise O'Donovan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Brenda DeAngelis	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Michael O'Donovan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Matthew Radebach	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:



No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on May 10, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on March 10, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Somerville on November 16, 2022. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Employ a minimum of 15 individuals that currently reside in an area of disproportionate impact or have lived for five of the preceding ten years in an area of disproportionate impact, specifically, Boston, Chelsea, Revere.
2	Donate \$5,000 annually to Department of Veterans' Services in Chelsea, an area of disproportionate impact.
3	Require all executives, managers, and employees to participate quarterly in a community service day
4	Hire local financial planners to provide two (2), two-hour financial trainings annually in selected communities.
5	Hold two (2) annual informational sessions regarding the process for sealing and expunging criminal records

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).



14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

15. The applicant submitted all required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.

16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Hire individuals comprised of 60% female, 30% minority, 20% veteran, 10% persons with disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+.
2	Utilize 25% woman, 25% minority, 25% veteran, 5% persons with disabilities and 5% LGBTQ+ owned suppliers who are also committed to diversity and inclusion.

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

The applicant plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, the applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
5. Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.

