

## **Cannabis Connection II, Inc.**

MRN284816

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Cannabis Connection II, Inc.  
1102 Riverdale St, Unit 2, West Springfield, MA 01089

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 two (2) 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 license are also associated with other adult-use retail license under the name of Cannabis Connection, Inc.

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

Individual	Role
Thomas Keenan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Curtis Gezotis	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Marc Lichwan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Joseph Keenan	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 March 16, 2023.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on May 11, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of West Springfield on June 15, 2023 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 50% of individuals who are residents of ADI's, specifically West Springfield.

### **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
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 three (3) 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	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 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:

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#	Goal
1	Recruit 27.8% minorities (non-white), 51.5% women, 4.7% veterans, 7.9% people with disabilities, and 1% LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Utilize the Massachusetts SDO to contract with at least 20% of wholesale cannabis suppliers who are woman-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, persons with disabilities-owned and/or LGBTQ+-owned business.

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

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, review and update diversity hiring goals in Diversity Plan based on statistics of host community and region and not only based on overall state statistics in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and provide any update to CCC Licensing Division.
6. Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6)(g) please include information for substance use disorder treatment programs and 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.

