

Cloud 9 Cultivation, LLC

MCN283761

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Cloud 9 Cultivation, LLC RW Moore Avenue, Lot 6E, Orange, MA 01364

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

Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)

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.

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

Individual	Role
Dejon Rice	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

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:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Participant/Minority-Owned Business) (Dejon Rice / 100% ownership / SE306037)

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- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on April 26, 2022.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 8, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Orange on October 12, 2022 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	Provide education and support relating to sealing criminal records to at least
	five (5) Massachusetts residents who have had drug convictions.

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 one (1) year of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	Open 24 hours

- 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	Recruit Veterans (15%); People with disabilities (15%); Individuals who identify
	as LGBTQ+ (10%); Women (50%); People of color, particularly Black, Africa
	American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people (10%) for its hiring
	initiatives.

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2	Partner with contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers who are Minority-Owned
	(5%); Women-Owned (5%); Veteran-Owned (5%); LGBTQ-Owned (5%); and
	Disability-Owned (5%).

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

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.

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.

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