

Elevated Roots III, LLC

MRN284995

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Elevated Roots III, LLC
d/b/a Elevated Roots
1423 Bedford Street, Units 4 and 5, Abington, MA 02338

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 cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses under the names of Elevated Roots, LLC, Elevated Roots II, LLC, and Elevated Cultivation Co., LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Barznab Khan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Robert Palma	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

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

Entity	Role
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BK Holdings Company, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
BAMA Holdings, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 17, 2023.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 28, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Abington on August 23, 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 Massachusetts residents who are residents of Abington (25%), Wareham (5%), Randolph (5%), Brockton (10%), Taunton (5%), Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions, and/or certified Economic Empowerment recipients or Social Equity Program Participants.
2	Provide educational programs and informational sessions to individuals from the Abington, Wareham, Randolph, Brockton, and Taunton and/or Massachusetts Residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions, and/or certified Economic Empowerment Recipients or Social Equity Program Participants, that are interested in the cannabis industry, with specific focuses on marijuana retailers and entrepreneurship, at least two (2) times per year

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 five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 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	Recruit women (48.8%), people of color (20.7%), LGBTQ+ (20%), individuals with disabilities (12%), veterans (7%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Offer 100% of the company's opportunities for advancement to management and executive positions internally, thereby providing opportunities to its diverse workforce, to the extent its workforce has been filled by diverse individuals, for advancement.
3	Provide 100% of its employees training on diversity and sensitivity.

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 CMR 500.101(1)(c)(8)(k) and provide any update to CCC Licensing.

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.

