

# **Evergreen Industries, LLC**

MCN283694

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Evergreen Industries, LLC 414 Race St., Holyoke, MA 01040

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

Cultivation, Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)

The application was reopened one (1) time 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                                  |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Brigid Ryan | 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:

Expedited Applicant (Woman-Owned Business)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on February 18, 2022.

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- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on March 4, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Holyoke on April 20, 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   |
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| 1 | Host workshops two (2) times per year to residents of Holyoke. Topics will   |
|   | include Energy/Electricity, Business Startup, and Local Regulations.         |
| 2 | Offer mentoring support to 1-2 residents or 1-2 teams local to Holyoke or 1  |
|   | business entity looking to start a Marijuana Establishment in Holyoke, for 6 |
|   | months after above group has attended the startup Educational workshop       |

### 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 two (2) years 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

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| 1 | Recruit women (50%), minorities (25%), people who identify as LGBTQ+             |
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|   | (10%), veterans (10%), and people with disabilities (10%) for its hiring         |
|   | initiatives.   |
| 2 | Contract with wholesale partners, vendors, or contractors who are minority-      |
|   | owned (25%), woman-owned (25%), disability-owned (10%), veteran-owned            |
|   | (10%), and people who identify as LGBTQ+-owned (10/%) businesses.                |
| 3 | Provide skill sets to 100% diverse staff to assist them into entering management |
|   | roles.   |
| 4 | Provide training to women employees in entrepreneurship and steps to their own   |
|   | company ownership.   |

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.
- 5. Final license is subject to the applicant informing the Commission of any "Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators" as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12)(i), and as expressly enumerated in 935 CMR 500.120(14).

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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