

Farma Gardens, LLC
MBN282389

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Farma Gardens, LLC
118 Central Street, Rowley, MA 01969

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

Microbusiness (Cultivation only/Outdoor)

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.

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

Individual	Role
Thomas Summit	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 (License Type)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 23, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 29, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Rowley on May 23, 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 Massachusetts residents from ADIs with increased access to education and/or job training in the cannabis industry by providing financial support in the amount of \$2,500, annually, to New England Veteran's Alliance, Inc.
2	Provide at least five (5) Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions or who have parents or spouses who have had drug convictions with education and support relating to sealing criminal records to reduce barriers to entry in the cannabis industry and the workforce in general.

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 (10%), LGBTQ+ (10%), women (50%), and minorities (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Contract with diverse businesses that are minority (5%), women (5%), veteran (5%), LGBTQ (5%), Disability (5%) owned business enterprises.

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. Final license subject to applicant reviewing its diversity hiring goals within submitted Diversity Plan under 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(c)8k and projected number of employees and provide any updates to the Commissions Licensing Division.
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. 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.

