

GTE TAUNTON, LLC
MRN282958

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

GTE Taunton, LLC
295 Broadway Street, Taunton, MA 02780

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. However, individuals and entities associated with this application are associated with another retail application under “GTE Franklin, LLC”.

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

Individual	Role
Chirag Patel	Manager
Hardik Patel	Manager
Jack Patel	Manager
Indravadan Patel	Manager
Mahendra Patel	Manager

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

Entity	Role
Green Tech Enterprises Inc	Parent Company
GTE Partners LLC	Parent Company
GTE Realty LLC	Capital Contributor



6. Applicant’s priority status:
Expedited Applicant (Minority-Owned Business)
7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 28, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 2, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 13, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	GTE Franklin will make a minimum annual financial contribution of at least \$5,000 to Safe Coalition (SAFE).
2	Commit to serving communities that have been disproportionately impacted by serving individuals and organization through the contribution of employee volunteer time courtesy of the company with a goal of donating 8 hours per employee per year. GTE Franklin will also have a goal of 85% participation in the neighborhood clean-up program by its employees each calendar year.

SUITABILITY 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 REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
15. The applicant submitted all applicable and 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 and hire a diverse group of employees that values and promotes inclusiveness among the workforce with a goal of having a workforce that is at least 50% women and 35% minorities, LGBTQ+, persons with non-normative sexual identities, veterans, and persons with disabilities.
2	Work with at least 25% of businesses who identify as minorities, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and individuals who are LGBTQ+ throughout its supply chain and services.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable

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

GTE Taunton, LLC plans to 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 and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
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; and
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how a donation to SAFE will directly impact people disproportionately harmed in Taunton and Mansfield.

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.

