

# HOTHOUSE HOLYOKE, INC.

MBN281359

#### **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Hothouse Holyoke, Inc. 99 Sargeant Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

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

Microbusiness (Tier 1/Cultivation and Product Manufacturing Operations)

3. Applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment license(s):

Applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other Marijuana Establishment license.

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

Audrey Park – Executive/Officer Lucas Wiggins – Executive/Officer

The applicant provided documentation demonstrating that both of the individuals above have been residents of Massachusetts for longer than 12 months.

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

No other entity, other than the applicant, appear to have direct or indirect authority over the Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status and information pertaining to co-located operations:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on May 3, 2018.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 23, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on November 26, 2018 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following programs for its Positive Impact Plan:
  - a. Provide employment opportunities for residents of Holyoke; and
  - b. Support local charities.

### **SUITABILITY REVIEW**

- 11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
- 12. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.

## MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within six (6) months of provisional licensure.
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

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Monday – Saturday: 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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- 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 programs for its Diversity Plan:
  - a. Contract work from local ethnic and minority businesses; and
  - b. Attract individuals from diverse and underrepresented populations for employment.
- 17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

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

- 18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):
  - a. Marijuana-infused fruit "leathers".
- 19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Not applicable.

20. ISO 17025 Certifying Body and Certificate Number (if applicable):

Not applicable.

### 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;
- 5. Final license is subject to the licensee providing to Commission staff an amended Positive Impact Plan that includes specific information on the details and frequency of its proposed programs including information on what has been completed as it relates to local charities. Additionally, the licensee will ensure that the plan is amended to ensure all programs are intended to be put into effect and any programs that may not be put into effect are removed from the plan; and
- 6. Final license is subject to the licensee providing to Commission staff an amended plan that clarifies the particular positions and activities of its Diversity/Inclusion Standing Committee.

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.