

Mint Retail Facilities, LLC

MRN283295

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Mint Retail Facilities, LLC
768 Pleasant Street, Belmont, Massachusetts 02478

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 once (1) for additional information.

3. Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with Mint Cultivation Facilities, LLC (MCN282951), Mint Dispensary Facilities, LLC (MRN282824), and Holyoke 420, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Eivan Shahara	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Blake Mensing	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:

General Applicant



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 24, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 9, 2020, and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the municipality on April 2, 2021. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Donate a total of \$2,500.00 annually to New England Veterans Alliance.
2	On an annual basis, cover the costs/fees associated with obtaining an expungement of the criminal record for up to 5 individuals that are past or present residents of an area of disproportionate impact with cannabis related CORIs.
3	Donate a total of \$2,500.00 annually to the Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council.

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 six (6) 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	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 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	Give hiring preference to 35% women and 35% minorities.

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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Diversity Plan that identifies any hiring goals for veterans, individuals with disabilities and LGBTQ residents.
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Diversity Plan that includes more than just hiring and that it “promotes and encourages full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 in Massachusetts.”
6. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
7. 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.

