

## Morando Brands, LLC

MPN281488

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Morando Brands, LLC  
319 Newburyport Turnpike, Units 002/003, Rowley, MA 01969

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

Product Manufacturing

The application was reopened four (4) 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
Edward Morando	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Anne Morando	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:

General Applicant

Provisional License Executive Summary 1



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on September 17, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 29, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town Rowley on January 10, 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	Recruit 20% of its workforce that are Massachusetts residents with a previous drug conviction and residents of ADI's, specifically, Lynn, Chelsea, Haverhill and Boston for its hiring initiatives.
2	Provide mentoring, professional and technical services to residents of ADI's in select census tracts in Lynn, Chelsea, and Haverhill.
3	Engage with suppliers, contractors and business partners who are past or present residents of commission approved ADI's, specifically census tracts in Lynn, Chelsea, Haverhill and Boston.

### **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
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 three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	Closed



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	Create a management team comprised of four (4) qualified individuals for Managers of Sale development, Manufacturing Process, Product & Formulation Development, and Compliance/Quality Control. The team will consist of 20% women, 10% veterans, and 10% minorities.
2	Recruit a minimum of 12 employees comprised of 20% women, 10% veterans, 10% persons with disabilities, 5% minorities, and 5% LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
3	Partner with suppliers, contractors and wholesale partners comprised of 5% minorities, 10% women, 5% veterans, 5% persons with disabilities, and 5% LGBTQ+.

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

#	Product
1	THC Water (16oz clear bottles of filtered water)
2	THC Just Add Water Cups (4-8oz Eco empty cups)
3	Tinctures (Fruit Punch, Lemonade, Coconut, Cold Pressed Orange & Mint)
4	Liquid Emulsions
5	Encapsulated Powder

## **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 providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People that confirms training and recruitment partners eligibility to support its activities.
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors.
5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
6. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.



7. Prior to performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical Treatment Center, and Independent Testing Laboratory Agents involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for adult and medical use shall have attended and successfully completed the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program to be designated a "Responsible Vendor" and provide a "certificate of completion" to the Commission upon request. In addition, all newly hired employees involved in the handling or sale of marijuana or marijuana products must also successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program within 90 days of hire, in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(2) or 935 CMR 501.105(2).

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.

