

# **Pineapple Express, LLC**

MDA1306

#### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Pineapple Express, LLC 124 C West Street, Ware, MA 01082

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

Marijuana Delivery Operator

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.

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation application and/or license under the name of Sun Flower Meadows, LLC

- 4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Delivery Operator on January 31, 2022. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.
- 5. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Kaily Hepburn	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Timothy Vautour	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor

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Alan Alves	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control /
	Capital Contributor
Joshua Alves	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

6. 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.

7. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant) (Kaily Hepburn / 51% majority ownership/ SE306067)

- 8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 7, 2022.
- 9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 2, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 10. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Ware on August 8, 2022 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Donate \$5,000 annually to ELEVATE Northeast and direct the funds to
	educational programs or scholarships targeted to past or present residents of
	ADI's, Economic Empowerment Priority recipients, Social Equity Program
	Participants and/or Massachusetts residents with past drug convictions or with
	parents or spouses with past drug convictions.
2	Host an annual record sealing workshop teaching which criminal records can
	be sealed and how to seal them.

## **BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW**

- 12. 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.
- 13. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

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#### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 14. The applicant states that it can be operational within five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 15. 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.

- 16. 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.
- 17. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 10% women, 10% minorities, 10% veterans, 10% persons with
	disabilities and 10% LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Provide annual training to promote career skills and diversity education.

## **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. 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. In accordance with 935CMR 500.146(5), A Delivery Operator shall make available educational materials about Finished Marijuana Products to Consumers. A Delivery Operator shall have an adequate supply of current educational material available for distribution. Prior to final licensure please provide the commission with a copy of your consumer education. To ensure compliance, consumer educational materials shall include subsections; a j, as listed in said regulation and must also include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline.

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.

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