

## River Grove, LLC

MCN283618

MPN282129

### **APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

River Grove, LLC  
475 Canal Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

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

Cultivation, Tier 8/Indoor 60,001 – 70,000 sq. ft.)  
Product Manufacturing

The application was reopened three (3) times for its cultivation operations and four (4) times for its product manufacturing operations for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Delivery Operator	Pre-Certification	Holyoke
Marijuana Delivery Operator	Application Submitted	Holyoke

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, retail, third party marijuana transporter with other existing ME applications and/or licenses under the names of Tree Beard, Inc., Prime Tree, LLC, Green Speed Delivery, Inc., and Tradesman Exchange, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Nicholas Gomes	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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Sean Coleman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
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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:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant)  
(Nicholas Gomes / 51% of Ownership /SE305147)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on December 10, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 19, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Holyoke on March 15, 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	Create economic opportunity through employment opportunities for (1) individuals with the Commission-designated Economic Empowerment and/or Social Equity status, two (2) individuals from areas disproportionately impact specifically Holyoke, Amherst, Springfield, and West Springfield; and individuals who have past drug convictions or a family member with past drug convictions.

### **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 one (1) year of receiving the provisional license(s).

14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	Open 24 hours

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	<p>Cultivation Operations: Recruit, at a minimum, one person of each category of the equitable demographic group being one woman, one individual that is a racial minority, one member of the LGBTQ+ community, one military veteran and one individual with a physical or mental disability.</p> <p>Product Manufacturing Operations: Provide at least ten (10) job opportunities to people of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, and Indigenous people, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and L.G.B.T.Q. +.</p>
2	<p>Cultivation Operations: Recruit, at a minimum, one person from the equitable demographic group in a managerial or executive position.</p> <p>Product Manufacturing Operations: Recruit at least two (2) disadvantaged business enterprises in connection with the cultivation, manufacturing, or delivery of its products.</p>
3	<p>Cultivation Operations: Partner with as many individuals from the equitable demographic group that can contract with the Company to render services and products, specifically (2%) minorities, (2%) women, (2%) veterans, (2%) people with disabilities, and (2%) LGBTQ+.</p> <p>Product Manufacturing Operations: Ensure 100% of its employees receive training on diversity and sensitivity.</p>

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

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

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



#	Product
1	Flower
2	Pre-Packed chillum
3	Pre-Rolls (3 pack, 5 pack, and 10 pack)
4	Solventless Extracted Products (Bubble Hash, Rosin, Kief, Flower Rosin, Moonrocks, Live Rosin, Live Budder, Rick Simpson Oil, Wax, Diamonds, Crumble)
5	Caramels
6	Toffee
7	Almond Cookie
8	Gum Drops (Blueberry, Raspberry, Banana, Lime, Orange)
9	Gingerbread Cookie
10	Mints (Spearmint, Peppermint, Citrus)
11	Fruit Chew (Blueberry, Raspberry, Banana, Lime, Orange)
12	Brownies
13	Lozenges
14	Chocolate Bark
15	Capsules
16	Peanut Butter Cups
17	Sublingual Spray
18	Tinctures
19	Non-Alcoholic Beverages (Citrus, Strawberry, Grape)
20	Cooking Oils (Olive, Coconut)
21	Granola and Nut Mixes
22	Honey
23	Topical Products (Bath soaking bomb, Massage Oil, Personal Lubricant, Salve/Chapstick, Lotion)

## **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, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors.
4. Final license is subject to the applicant notifying the Commission of its “Additional Operational Plans for Indoor Marijuana Cultivators” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written



policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12)(i), and as expressly enumerated in 935 CMR 500.120(14).

5. Final license is subject to the applicant notifying the Commission of its “Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.120(12)(i), and as expressly enumerated in 935 CMR 500.120(14).
6. Final license is subject to applicant providing the Commission with a copy of its 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.
7. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
8. 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.

