

The Corner Emporium, LLC

DOA100138

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

The Corner Emporium, LLC
40 Jackson St., Worcester, MA 01608

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

Marijuana Courier

The application was reopened more than 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):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Provisional License	Worcester

4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Courier on February 12, 2021. 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
Joseph Johnson	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Edry Jimenez	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
James McBride	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
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TCI Investors, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Community Growers Partnership, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

7. Applicant's priority status:

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant
(Joseph Johnson / 19.25% Ownership / EE202178)
(Edry Jimenez/ 19.25% Ownership/ EE202178)
(James McBride/ 12.5% Ownership/ EE202178)

8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 23, 2021.
9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 9, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
10. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Worcester on February 9, 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	Recruit 10% past or present residents of Worcester, 10% Economic Empowerment Priority applicants, 10% Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants, 5% Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions and 5% Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions for its hiring initiatives.
2	Enhance access to the marijuana industry for the suppliers, contractors and Marijuana Establishments that have been negatively affected by marijuana prohibition with a goal of contracting with at least 30% of its suppliers, contractors and wholesale partners.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW



14. The applicant states that it can be operational within six (6) 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	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 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 50% women, 30% minorities, veterans, persons with disabilities or persons who identify as LGBTQ+; of which 30% of the goal is to have 70% be minorities, 5-10% veterans, 5-10% persons with disabilities and 5-10% persons who identify as LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Contract with at least 30% of suppliers, contractors and wholesale partners who are minority, veteran, persons with disabilities and persons who identify as LGBTQ+-owned businesses.

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. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
6. 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).

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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.

