

The Harvest Club, LLC

MRN284103

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

The Harvest Club, LLC
d/b/a The Goods
255 Elm Street, Somerville, MA 02144

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 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
Cultivation, Tier 5/Indoor (30,001 – 40,000 sq. ft.)	Provisionally Approved	Littleton

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

Individual	Role
Christopher Vining	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Alexander DeGroot	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Marc Fireman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Frank Schillace	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Paul Fireman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
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Somerville 255, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
Chatham Road, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Program Participant)
(Christopher Vining / 28.05% Ownership / SE304442)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 20, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 4, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Somerville on February 17, 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 at least 15% individuals that are past or present residents of the geographic areas of disproportionate impact (ADIs), specifically Chelsea, Revere and areas of Boston; Commission-designated Certified Economic Empowerment Priority recipients; Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	Provide mentoring, professional, and technical services for individuals and businesses facing systemic barriers with a goal of helping at least 25 individuals per quarter.

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 seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

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

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 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	Recruit 20% women, 10% minorities, 5% veterans, 5% persons with disabilities and 10% LGBTQ+ individuals for its hiring initiatives.
2	Offer promotions, career counseling, and biannual training to provide employees with opportunity for growth and to decrease turnover.

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 an amended Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People and Diversity Plan to ensure it only addresses Commission approved Areas of Disproportionate Impact, which currently does not include Somerville.
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

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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).

8. Final license is subject to, and upon receiving a commence operations notice, applicant shall ensure full compliance with consumer education material requirements in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6), by adding the telephone 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.

