

Tradesman Exchange, LLC

MDA1316

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Tradesman Exchange, LLC
800 Falmouth Road, Mashpee, MA 02649

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):

Type	Status	Location
Marijuana Courier	Application Submitted	Mashpee

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and/or retail licenses under the names of Tree Beard, Inc., and Prime Tree, LLC.

4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Delivery Operator on November 1, 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
Jeffrey Pepi	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
John Marcellino	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Leona Leaver	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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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:

Priority Review - Economic Empowerment Priority
(Jeffrey Pepi / 51% ownership / EE202151)

8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 11, 2022.
9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on May 26, 2022, and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
10. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Mashpee on November 8, 2022. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least three (3) individuals from an area of disproportionate impact, specifically Wareham, Fall River and New Bedford and two (2) individuals who either have had a past drug conviction or are a family member of a person with a drug conviction.
2	Partner with at least three (3) third party vendors who are from areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Wareham, Fall River and New Bedford.

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.

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 at least one (1) individual that is a woman, a minority, a member of the LGBTQ+ community, a veteran, and a person with a disability.
2	Recruit at least one (1) individual in a managerial or executive position that is a woman, a minority, a member of the LGBTQ+ community, a veteran; or a person with a disability.
3	Partner with independent contractors or third-party service providers who are minority-owned (2%), woman-owned (2%), persons with disabilities-owned (2%), and LGBTQ+-owned (2%).

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 licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
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. 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.

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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