

EVERGREEN STRATEGIES, LLC

MRN283100

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Evergreen Strategies, LLC
20 George Hannum Street, Suite B, Belchertown, MA 01007

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 one (1) time 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 3/Indoor (10,001 – 20,000 sq.ft.)	Application Submitted	West Boylston
Product Manufacturing	Application Submitted	Winchendon
Retail	Provisional License	North Adams
Retail	Provisional License	Worcester

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

Individual	Role
Anthony Parrinello	Executive / Officer
Jean Welsh	Executive / Officer
Catherine Parrinello	Capital Contributor

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:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 10, 2019.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 2, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 10, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.

10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Create jobs for North Adams and Worcester residents living in an area of disproportionate impact with a compensation structure, employee benefit package and growth opportunities that provide a living wage and encourage consumer spending.
2	Partner with an established not-for-profit community organization that provides direct social services to populations in North Adams or Worcester with a goal of providing a minimum donation of \$12,000 and 100 hours of service annually.
3	Offer free mentoring and cannabis business advisory services to at least one (1) Commission Designated Economic Empowerment Priority applicant.

SUITABILITY 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 REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

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

Monday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



15. The applicant submitted all applicable and 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 and retain a diverse workforce that is comprised of minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities and people who identify as LGBTQ+.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Evergreen Strategies, LLC plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, Evergreen Strategies, LLC 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 and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
4. 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.

