

Not Grampa's Tobacco, Inc.

MRN281700

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Not Grampa's Tobacco, Inc.
703 School Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts 01475

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 twice (2) for additional information.

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

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

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

Individual	Role
Bernard Feldman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Tiffany Newton	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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 July 16, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 16, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on June 14, 2021, 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	Give hiring preference (10%) to individuals residing in Fitchburg.
2	Donate a portion of profits (not to exceed 1%) to the Joint Coalition of Health, a non-profit located in Fitchburg.
3	Not Grampa's Tobacco, Inc. will also offer training and proper use programs to individuals from Fitchburg with prior drug convictions, or individuals whose parents or spouses have drug convictions and any other resident that would like to attend in order to reduce the rates of improper marijuana use.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
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 four (4) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. 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.

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	50% of all internal promotions to management positions will be filled by women, veterans, minorities, people with disabilities and people identifying as LGBTQ+.
2	Give hiring preference to minorities (10%), women (10%), veterans (10%), people with disabilities (5%) and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (5%).
3	Hold two (2) seminars annually that will assist individuals in becoming employed within the marijuana establishment.

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 assessing the progress in hiring and promotional goals from the specified demographic categories and amend the Diversity Plan, as necessary.
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how a donation to Joint Coalition on Health in Fitchburg promotes and encourages full participation in the regulated cannabis industry by individuals from communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 in Massachusetts.”
6. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
7. 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.

