

CastleLeaf, LLC

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APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

CastleLeaf, LLC
100 Leo M. Birmingham Parkway, Boston, MA 02135

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

Product Manufacturing
Retail

The application was reopened four (4) times for its product manufacturing operations and five (5) times for its retail operations 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
Michael Giannone	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Michael McDade	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Dwan Packnett	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
David Gambone	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Kyle Gambone	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
John Gulezian	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

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Entity	Role
CL Brighton Partners, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
Platt Cannabis, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 6, 2021.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 14, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Boston on September 1, 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	Connect with community members with general information about the basics of the cannabis retail and manufacturing industry in Boston paving the way to explore the many opportunities for careers within the establishment by hosting three (3) community engagement meetings prior to opening and reaching 250 residents of Boston per year.
2	Provide informational training seminars in partnership with other cannabis companies, specifically Economic Empowerment and Social Equity businesses, mentoring, professional and technical services for disproportionately harmed people in Boston with a goal of enrolling at least 25 people in each seminar.
3	Provide an annual contribution of \$5,000 to the CultivatED program. CultivatED empowers, educates and employ Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions and their parents or spouses who have past drug convictions.
4	In collaboration with CultivatED, the establishment will host or join quarterly expungement clinics to assist in the administrative expungement and sealing of CORI's, with the goal of participating in four (4) CORI clinics and reaching at least 200 people with 50 records expunged.

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 five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

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

Product Manufacturing

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Retail

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 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 women (50%), minorities (25%), veterans (10%), people with disabilities (5%), and LGBTQ+ individuals (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Ensure that participants in its supply chain and ancillary services are committed to the same goals of promoting equity and diversity in the adult-use marijuana industry with the goal of partnering with women (5%), minority (5%), veteran (5%), people with disabilities (5%), and LGBTQ + (5%) owned businesses.

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

#	Product
1	Vape oils and distillates
2	Concentrates
3	Combustibles
4	Flower
5	Gummies (Watermelon, Cherry, Black Cherry, Raspberry, Strawberry)
6	Chocolate Bars (Chocolate and Milk Chocolate)
7	Brownies
8	Lozenges (Watermelon, Cherry, Black Cherry, Raspberry, Strawberry)



18. 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. 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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant notifying the Commission of its “Additional Operational Plans for Product Manufacturers” as it relates to Quality Control Samples. Licensees that opt to provide Quality Control Samples must include written policies and procedures in accordance with 935 CMR 500.130(5)(k) and 935 CMR 500.130(9).
7. Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6) please include the phone number of the for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on 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.

