

JO Gardner, Inc.

MRN284026

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

JO Gardner, Inc.
d/b/a Joint Operations
320 West Broadway, Unit 1, Gardner, MA 01440

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 three (3) times 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.

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed license are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, retail licenses and marijuana delivery applications or licenses and medical marijuana treatment centers.

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

Individual	Role
Michael Scott	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Frank Maher	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Tania Boardman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Todd Sullivan	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Douglas Lennick	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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



Entity	Role
Cannapreneur Partners, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 8, 2023.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 13, 2023, and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Gardner on June 30, 2023. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).

10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least 5% of staff are Fitchburg residents; 5% of staff are Taunton Residents; and 5% of staff are Wareham residents for its hiring initiatives.
2	Engage in twice-annual educational seminars for residents of Fitchburg, Taunton, and Wareham

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 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-Thursday, Sunday	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 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 veterans (10%), people with disabilities (10%), LGBTQ+ (10%), women (50%), people of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people (15%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Contract with diverse businesses that are MBE (5%), WBE (5%), VBE (5%), LGBTQBE (5%), and DBE (5%).

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. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
5. Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6)(g) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.
6. Prior to Final Licensure, review Positive Impact Plan and clarify strategy for programming in Areas of Disproportionate Impact designated communities of Taunton and Wareham and provide any update in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 500.101(1)(a)11

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.

