

## Pluto Cannabis Co.

MR284913

### APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Pluto Cannabis Co.  
193-195 Oxford St., Lynn, MA 01901

2. Type of license sought and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

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):

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
Ansh Bhammar	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Umang Patel	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
A&U Holdings, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Review (Minority-Owned Business)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 14, 2023.



8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 13, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City of Lynn on June 29, 2023 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	Provide at least one (1) Social Equity Program (SEP) participants or Certified Economic Empowerment (EE) applicants with mentorship and/or guidance relating to the development and operation of Marijuana Establishments.
2	Hire at least twenty percent (20%) of employees from the Target Area (Lynn) and Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions.
3	Provide educational seminars at least once per year. These educational seminars will be held via Zoom and open to up to 100 total participants (99 participants and 1 host).

### **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	8:00 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	A hiring goal of women (50%), people of color, particularly Black, African American (20%), Latinx and Indigenous people, L.G.B.T.Q.+ individuals (5%), persons with disabilities (5%) and veterans (5%).
2	Engage at least one (1) disadvantaged business enterprise (i.e., a minority owned business, woman owned business or veteran owned business) in connection with the operation of its facilities.

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products:

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.

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.

