

**THE BOTANIST, INC.**  
RMD-1225

**ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW**

1. Name and address(es) of the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center:

The Botanist, Inc.

Cultivation: 31 Chocksett Road, Sterling, MA 01564

Product Manufacturing: 31 Chocksett Road, Sterling, MA 01564

Dispensary: 235 Hartford Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

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

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Provisional License	Worcester
Retail	Provisional License	Shrewsbury
MTC	Commence Operations	Worcester-Sterling
MTC	Provisional License	Leominster-Sterling

**LICENSING OVERVIEW**

3. The licensee was approved for provisional licensure on May 25, 2016.
4. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
5. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license.
6. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensee(s) previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional license or otherwise previously discussed by the Commission.

**INSPECTION OVERVIEW**



7. Commission staff inspected the licensee’s Medical Marijuana Treatment Center on the following date(s): December 10, 2019 and September 1, 2020.
8. The licensee’s Medical Marijuana Treatment Center was inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 501.000, as applicable.
9. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center was not in compliance with all applicable state and local bylaws or ordinances.
10. Specific information from Commission staff’s inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

Enforcement staff verified that all security-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. The security of all entrances and exits;
- ii. Visitor procedures;
- iii. Limited access areas;
- iv. Verification of a primary and back-up security company;
- v. Presence of perimeter and duress alarms; and
- vi. All cameras complied with Commission requirements.

b. Inventory and Storage

Enforcement staff verified that all inventory-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Secure storage of marijuana and marijuana products;
- ii. Sanitation and pest control measures; and
- iii. Inventory controls and procedures.

c. Cultivation Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all cultivation operations were in compliance with the Commission’s regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Seed-to-sale tracking;
- ii. Compliance with applicable pesticide laws and regulations; and
- iii. Best practices to limit contamination.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation



Enforcement staff verified that all manufacturing-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Proposed product compliance; and
- ii. Safety, sanitation, and security of the area and products.

e. Retail Operation

Enforcement staff verified that all retail-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Verification of identifications for access;
- ii. Layout of the sales floor;
- iii. Availability and contents of patient education materials; and
- iv. Policies to ensure dispensing limits are followed.

f. Transportation

Enforcement staff verified that all transportation-related requirements were in full compliance with Commission regulations. Some of the requirements verified include the following:

- i. Vehicle and staffing requirements;
- ii. Communication and reporting requirements; and
- iii. Inventory and manifests requirements.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend final licensure with the following conditions:

1. The licensee may cultivate, harvest, possess, prepare, produce, and otherwise acquire marijuana, but shall not dispense, sell, or otherwise transport marijuana to other Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (unless previously approved under a separate license), or to patients, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations;
2. The licensee is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure;
4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
5. Licensure is subject to notification to the Commission of any update to written operations plans required by 935 CMR 501.105(1) prior to the issuance of a commencement of operations and that Commission staff be given adequate opportunity to review said plans at the business location or the location where any such plans are maintained in the normal course of business.

The licensee has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the licensee is recommended for final licensure.



As part of the approval of final licensure, the Commission authorizes staff to take all necessary actions to review compliance with the above-referenced conditions and to approve the commencement of operations.

