

ARTIS, LLC
DOA100113

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Artis, LLC
d/b/a Little Dog Delivery
29 Harding Street, Middleborough, MA 02346

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

Delivery-Only

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.

4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Delivery-Only on July 23, 2020 under application number PDOA103031. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(c)(3), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.

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

Individual	Role
Sebastian Pollack	Owner / Partner
Timothy Shaw	Owner / Partner

6. 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.



7. Applicant’s priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Social Equity Participant)
Sebastian Pollack (91% ownership)
8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on September 14, 2020.
9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 1, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
10. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on December 3, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 25% of individuals that have been disproportionately impacted, specifically Taunton and Wareham.
2	Develop and offer an education seminar and assistance, twice a year, for individuals that have been disproportionately impacted to seal or expunge marijuana related offences from their records.
3	Donate \$5,000 to the Last Prisoner Project, annually.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

12. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
13. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

14. The applicant states that it can be operational within two (2) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
15. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



16. The applicant submitted all applicable and 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.

17. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 20% women; 40% minorities; 30% veteran; 10% persons with disabilities and 10% of individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Increase employee awareness and knowledge around diversity and inclusiveness by providing robust diversity and anti-bias training programs for all employees, annually.

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 and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
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; and
5. 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.

