

## THE CORNER EMPORIUM, LLC

MRN281408

### **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

The Corner Emporium, LLC  
d/b/a The Corner  
40 Jackson Street, Suite 420, Worcester, MA 01608

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 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):

Type	Status	Location
Delivery Only-Pre-Certification	Application Submitted	N/A

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

Individual	Role
Edry Jimenez	Director
Joseph Johnson	Executive / Officer
James McBride	Owner / Partner

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

Entity	Role
TCI Investors, LLC	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

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Economic Empowerment Applicant  
(51% ownership among Edry Jimenez, Joseph Johnson, and James McBride) (EE202178)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on February 20, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 20, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Worcester on November 5, 2020. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference to at least 40% of individuals who are Past or present residents of the geographic “areas of disproportionate impact,” which have been defined by the Commission and identified in its Guidance for Identifying Areas of Disproportionate Impact, specifically Worcester (10%); Commission-designated Economic Empowerment Priority applicants (10%); Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants (10%); Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions (5%); and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions (5%).
2	Engage with at least 30% of suppliers, contractors and wholesale partners that have been negatively affected by marijuana prohibition.
3	Provide direct donations to 508 Forever Young.

### **SUITABILITY 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 REVIEW**

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:



Monday – Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

15. 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.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference to 50% women and 30% minority, veteran, persons with a disability or persons who identify as LGBTQ+.
2	Utilize and give priority to 30% of suppliers, contractors and wholesale partners who are minority-owned; women-owned; veteran-owned; LGBTQ+ owned; and businesses owned by persons with disabilities.

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

The Corner Emporium, LLC 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 and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Diversity Plan that identifies the diversity hiring goals and expected number of employees;
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.

