

# **ELEVATED GARDENS, LLC**

MCN281448

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

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Elevated Gardens, LLC 17 Taconic Park Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201

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

Cultivation – Tier 1 / Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)

The application was reopened four (4) 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 business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Christopher Fazio	Executive / Officer
Angela Fazio	Capital Contributor

5. 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.

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 10, 2018.

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- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 13, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on November 8, 2019 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference to 25% of individuals who reside in Pittsfield as well
	as North Adams.
2	Donate \$5,000 to the Cannabis Community Care and Research Network on an
	annual basis.

### **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 seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license.
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday − Saturday: 9:00 a.m. − 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 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	Hire 25% of individuals that are minorities, women, veterans, people with
	disabilities, and LGBTQ.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

#### 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. 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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant, upon inspection, providing Commission staff an updated Positive Impact Plan with further information around the informational sessions regarding responsible marijuana use; and
- 6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant, upon inspection, providing Commission staff an updated Positive Impact Plan that removes the goal of improving the security profile of the surrounding community.

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.

