

GREEN BIZ, LLC
MRN281490

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name of the Marijuana Establishment and its application number:

Green Biz, LLC

2. Address of the Marijuana Establishment:

1021 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

3. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

Retail

4. Applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment license(s):

Retail (MRN281793) (located in Northampton)

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

Hai Qing Huang—Executive
Jack Carney—Board Member
Wen Bing Huang—Close Associate

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

There is no other entity, other than the applicant, that appear to have direct or indirect authority over the Marijuana Establishment.

7. Priority status of applicant:

General applicant.

8. Location and status of business if it is an RMD:

Not applicable.

9. Information regarding host community agreement certification:

The Host Community Agreement was executed on June 5, 2018; certification provided.

10. Information regarding community outreach meeting:

The community outreach meeting was held on May 18, 2018.

Notice was published at least seven days prior in the Berkshire Eagle.

The applicant certified notice to the municipality and abutters.

The applicant certified compliance with the community outreach meeting requirements.

11. Any objections regarding compliance with local ordinances and bylaws presented by the municipality:

No objections were communicated to the Commission. The Commission received a response from the municipality on September 26, 2018, stating that the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.

12. Summary of plan to positively impact areas of disproportionate impact:

The applicant's goals include the following:

- a. Positively impact Pittsfield; and
- b. Raise awareness on the effects, proper use, and adult-use regulations of marijuana.

The applicant's proposed programs include the following:

- a. Allocate funds for fundraising events designed to promote community engagement; and
- b. Distribute pamphlets to all customers in Pittsfield that explain responsible adult-use marijuana consumption and information on how to identify dependency issues and contact information for rehabilitation services if dependency issues exist.

The applicant plans to measure its plan and receive certification from the municipality on its efforts to positively impact Pittsfield.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

13. Concerns arising from background checks on individuals associated with the application:

No concerns.

14. Concerns arising from background checks on entities associated with the application:

No concerns.

15. Applicant's disclosure of any past civil or criminal actions:

No disclosures.

16. Applicant's disclosure of any occupational license issues:

No disclosures.

17. Applicant's disclosure of any business interests in other jurisdictions:

Hai Qing Huang disclosed marijuana-related business interests in Oregon and Washington.

These disclosures did not present any suitability issues.

18. Status of applicant's compliance with the Department of Revenue and Secretary of the Commonwealth:

May 25, 2018 | Certificate of Good Standing, Secretary of the Commonwealth

May 29, 2018 | Certificate of Good Standing, Department of Revenue

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MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

19. Applicant's proposed timeline to become operational in the adult-use market:

The applicant will request an architectural review once provisionally licensed and estimates that it could be operational three months from the date of approval.

20. Applicant's proposed hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

21. Applicant's compliance with submitting summaries of the following plans, policies and procedures:

- a. Security Plan
- b. Prevention of Diversion Plan
- c. Storage of Marijuana Plan
- d. Transportation Plan
- e. Inventory Procedures
- f. Quality Control and Testing Procedures
- g. Personnel Procedures
- h. Dispensing Procedures
- i. Record-Keeping Procedures
- j. Maintenance of Financial Records Policy
- k. Diversity Plan

The applicant is fully compliant with submitting all summaries. All summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable. Full compliance will be reviewed during inspections and will be required before a final license is issued.

22. Summary of diversity plan:

The applicant plans to do the following:

- a. Present opportunities to individuals that were negatively affected by the prohibition of marijuana; and
- b. Inform and educate all hiring staff on best practices to remove bias from the hiring process.

23. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

The applicant plans to contract with adult-use and colocated Marijuana Establishments to obtain marijuana and marijuana products.

26. ISO 17025 Certifying Body and Certificate Number (if applicable):

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend issuing a provisional license with the following conditions:

- (1) Final license is subject to inspection and audit to ascertain compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable;
- (2) Final license is subject to inspection and audit to ascertain that the facilities are compliant with all applicable state and local codes, bylaws, ordinances, and regulations;
- (3) The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission investigators, agents, and employees upon request;
- (4) Provisional license is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee pursuant to 935 CMR 500.005; and
- (5) The applicant shall submit a revised plan to positively impact areas of disproportionate plan.

This recommendation was based on the applicant's demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth, suitability for licensure, and upon the evaluation of the thoroughness of the applicant's responses to the required criteria.

Commission staff certify that a due diligence review of the application was performed. As of this date, the applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Accordingly, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure with the previously mentioned conditions.