

NORTHEAST ALTERNATIVES, INC.

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ESTABLISHMENT OVERVIEW

1. Name of the Marijuana Establishment:

Northeast Alternatives, Inc.

2. Address of the Marijuana Establishment:

999 William Canning Boulevard, Fall River, MA 02721

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

Cultivation, Tier 1/Indoor Operation (up to 5,000 sq. ft)
Product Manufacturer
Retailer

LICENSING OVERVIEW

4. The licensee was granted provisional licenses by the Commission for the following Marijuana Establishment license types:
 - a. Retailer (approved on August 23, 2018); and
 - b. Cultivation and Product Manufacturing (approved on September 6, 2018).
5. The licensee has paid all applicable license fees.
6. No new information has been reported to Commission staff regarding the organizational structure of the entity since the issuance of the provisional license.
7. No new information has been discovered by Commission staff regarding the suitability of the licensee or the individuals and entities previously disclosed since the issuance of the provisional licenses.

INSPECTION OVERVIEW

8. The initial inspection took place at the facility on September 24, 2018.

9. The licensee’s Marijuana Establishments were inspected by Commission staff and found to be in full compliance with the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.105 through 935 CMR 500.160 as applicable.
10. No evidence was discovered during the inspection(s) that indicated the Marijuana Establishments were not in compliance with all applicable state and local codes, bylaws, ordinances, and regulations.
11. Specific information from Commission staff’s inspection is highlighted below:

a. Security

All persons arriving at the establishment must enter through the front entrance, where they are greeted by a receptionist and security officer who verify identification. The initial vestibule area is where the security receptionist reviews and maintains visitor-logs. All other areas of the building, besides reception, are limited access areas. All limited access doors were marked with the appropriate signage. All doors were locked using a proxy card reader system. The proxy card carried by individual agents only allows access to rooms that they are allowed to enter for work purposes.

Burglary and fire alarms are monitored by a private security company. A security assessment of the premises is conducted every month. Enforcement staff inspected the cameras and monitors onsite and found to be in compliance with applicable regulations. In case of a power outage, the facility can remain operational using an uninterrupted power supply.

b. Inventory and Storage

All areas where marijuana is stored were clean with no visible evidence of pests. Marijuana is cured in a temperature-controlled room. Finished product is vacuum sealed and securely stored in a vault.

c. Cultivation Operation

The cultivation area was divided into 11 rooms: one (1) mother room, two (2) vegetative rooms, and eight (8) flowering rooms. Enforcement staff measured the actual canopy of the facility, which is as follows:

Mother Room	144 sq. ft.
Vegetative Room(s)	1,808 sq. ft.
Flowering Room(s)	1,430 sq. ft.
TOTAL CANOPY	3,382 sq. ft.

The establishment has been issued a Tier 1 provisional cultivation license (0 – 5,000 sq. ft.). The total canopy falls within this tier.

d. Product Manufacturing Operation

The product manufacture area is located in the processing room. The only product currently being manufactured at the establishment is budder. Overall, this area was clean, orderly, and in compliance with the Commission's regulations.

e. Retail Operation (if applicable)

The retail space contains both medical-use and adult-use areas physically separated by a wall. A retractable belt-barrier guides patients and visitors to the respective sales areas. An employee is assigned to assist in guiding patients and consumers to the respective sales area. The establishment demonstrated awareness that patients receive priority in line and may purchase products from either sales area. The establishment has a dedicated space for patient consultation.

Enforcement staff reviewed the establishment's consumer education material and verified that it complies with all applicable requirements.

f. Transportation

The establishment does not currently have transportation vehicles. The establishment provided Enforcement staff with a transportation policy and determined that policy would be sufficient to ensure compliance if the establishment subsequently utilizes transportation vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommends issuing final licenses for the above Marijuana Establishments 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 Marijuana Establishments, or to consumers, until upon inspection, receiving permission from the Commission to commence full operations;
2. The licensee 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;
3. The licensee remains suitable for licensure pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(a)(2);
4. The licensee shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission investigators, agents, and employees upon request; and
5. The licensee shall demonstrate that it is in compliance with or has obtained applicable waivers or approvals from the Department of Public Health, as necessary, and provide documents as the Commission may request prior to commencing operations.

This recommendation was based on the licensee's demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth, suitability for licensure, and upon the inspection(s) of the licensee's Marijuana Establishments.

Commission staff certify that a due diligence review of the licensee's Marijuana Establishments were performed. As of this date, the licensee has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Accordingly, the licensee is recommended for final licensure for the Marijuana Establishments with the previously mentioned conditions.

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