

GARDEN REMEDIES, INC.
MRN281495

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Garden Remedies, Inc.
697 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02458

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

Retail

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

Cultivation /Tier 3 – Indoor (10,001 to 20,000 sq. ft) (provisional license)
Product Manufacturer (provisional license)
Retail (application submitted)

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

Karen Munkacy—Executive
Jeffrey Herold—Executive
Karen Hawkes—Executive
Michael Climo—Executive
Sean Mack—Executive
Katie Tenenbaum—Board Member

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

RMC Holdings, LLC, is an entity contributing initial capital.

6. Applicant's priority status and information pertaining to co-located operations:

RMD Priority (RPA201820)

The RMD business will be co-located with the adult-use business in Newton.
The RMD has a Final Certificate of Registration for dispensing, cultivation, and processing.

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on April 12, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on March 29, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on December 18, 2018 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following programs for its Positive Impact Plan:
 - a. Assist individuals negatively harmed by cannabis prohibition; and
 - b. Launch a ‘Catalyst Mentoring Program’ to provide individuals harmed by marijuana prohibition and individuals approved as economic empowerment applicants with the skills and knowledge needed to participate in the marijuana industry. This program will be provided at no cost to the participants.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
12. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

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

The applicant states that their hours of operation will be determined by a special permit. The RMD dispensary has the following hours of operation currently:

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

Friday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 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 programs for its Diversity Plan:
 - a. Promote and maintain a diverse staff and foster an environment of inclusion;
 - b. Participate in job fairs;
 - c. Engage with community stakeholders for the purpose of recruitment;
 - d. Actively seek out diverse suppliers that can provide goods and services; and
 - e. Train management on how to address and recognize bias.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

The applicant is a vertically integrated RMD that has applied for adult-use cultivation and product manufacturing licenses. The applicant plans to provide its own marijuana products.

20. ISO 17025 Certifying Body and Certificate Number (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; and
5. Final license is subject to the licensee providing to Commission staff an amended Positive Impact Plan that includes specific information on the details and frequency of its proposed programs.

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.