

CANNA PROVISIONS, INC.
MRN281778

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Canna Provisions, Inc.
380R Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

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):

Retail (MRN281796) (located in Lee)

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

Eugene McCain – Owner / Partner
Erik Williams – Manager
Megan Sanders— Manager

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

No other entity, other than the applicant, appear to have direct or indirect authority over the Marijuana Establishment.

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

General Applicant.

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on May 10, 2019.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on May 30, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on January 29, 2019 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. Contribute \$5,000.00 annual donation to South Holyoke Neighborhood Association's Verde Fund;
 - b. Make other monetary donations to the Social Equity Training and Technical Assistance Fund and other local organizations;
 - c. Committed to hiring around 50% of the establishment's employees from Holyoke and Pittsfield;
 - d. Utilize vendors, contractors and builders from Holyoke and/or Pittsfield; and
 - e. Develop an incubator and accelerator program to assist small business efficiently start and operate marijuana businesses.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
12. There were disclosures of 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 by July 2019.
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:
- Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 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. Institute a blind hiring policy that anonymizes demographic-related information that could lead to bias;
 - b. Promote the establishment's diversity hiring policy on recruitment websites, social media, and traditional hiring platforms;
 - c. Utilize and contract with diverse suppliers, contractors, and wholesale partners; and
 - d. Institute hiring practices that will hire individuals from local Veteran organizations.



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 plans to obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

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; and
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
5. Final license is subject to the licensee providing an updated Positive Impact Plan to the Commission that provides specific information on the following:
 - a. The methods and ways that the licensee will provide meaningful participation of communities disproportionately affected by cannabis prohibition;
 - b. Documentation from the organizations that the licensee plans to donate money stating that those organizations can accept such donations from Marijuana Establishments; and
 - c. Information on an alternative plan relating to contracting with suppliers and partners that have attained a Social Justice Leader rating from the Commission as such designations may not occur prior to renewal.

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.

