

BASK, INC.
MRN282819

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Bask, Inc.
400 Winthrop Street, Taunton, MA 02780

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

Retail

The application was reopened once for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	Fairhaven
Cultivation – Tier 3 / Indoor (10,000 – 20,000 sq.ft)	Provisional License	Freetown
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Freetown
MTC	Commence Operations	Freetown

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

Individual	Role
Melanie Dixon	Director
Timothy Keogh	Director
JoAnne Leppanen	Director
Chapman Dickerson	Close Associate

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

Entity	Role
Pequod Principal Solutions, LLC	Sole shareholder of Bask, Inc.

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6. Applicant’s priority status:
MTC Priority Applicant
7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 28, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 27, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City of Taunton on September 5, 2019 and on November 12, 2019. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least 10% of residents from New Bedford, Fall River and Taunton for its hiring initiatives.
2	Participate in at least four (4) neighborhood clean-up events including Operation Clean Sweep in New Bedford.
3	Provide one (1) cannabis cultivation workshop and one (1) capital raising workshop for Massachusetts residents that have past drug convictions, residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions or residents who live in New Bedford, Fall River and/or Taunton.

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. These disclosures did not raise suitability issues.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within eight (8) months of receiving its provisional license.
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 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	Recruit 10% of individuals that are minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities for its hiring initiatives.
2	Increase the number of minorities, women, veterans, and individuals with disabilities in management and executive positions by 5%.

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 from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, the applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

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. Prior to final licensure, and upon inspection, the applicant shall submit to the Commission staff an updated Diversity Plan with measurable and quantifiable goals;
6. Prior to final licensure, and upon inspection, the applicant shall submit to the Commission staff an updated Positive Impact Plan (PIP) that fully complies with the Commission’s Guidance on Required Positive Impact Plans and will ensure that all monetary and volunteer time donations to organizations have documentation from the organizations stating they will receive such donations and those donations will directly impact the Disproportionately Impacted Area; and



7. Prior to final licensure, and upon inspection, the applicant shall have a standard operating plan that complies with cash handling and transportation requirements pursuant to 935 CMR 500.110(7).

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.

