

ELEV8 CANNABIS, LLC
MRN281810

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Elev8 Cannabis, LLC
243 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331

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 more than four (4) times 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	Orange
Retail	Application Submitted	Williamstown

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

Individual	Role
Oluwaseun Adedeji	Executive
Katherine Long	Executive

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

Entity	Role
SSZ Real Estate Holding LLC	Investor

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 7, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on May 3, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on December 2, 2019 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Elev8 intends to host quarterly educational seminars that are designed to empower individuals that work or reside within areas of disproportionate impact with skills training relative to the cannabis industry.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within six (6) months of receiving the provisional license.
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 a.m. – 6:00 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	Increasing the percentage of individuals who are minorities, women, veterans, LGBTQ+, and people with disabilities working in the establishment to 50%.
2	Providing and quantifying tools to ensure the success of individuals who are minorities, women, veterans, LGBTQ+, and people with disabilities.



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):

Elev8 plans to purchase marijuana and marijuana products from those entities licensed to cultivate and manufacture marijuana and marijuana products under 935 CMR 500.000

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.

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.

