

GARDEN REMEDIES, INC.

MRN282471

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Garden Remedies, Inc.
732 Newburyport Turnpike, Melrose, MA 02176

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 twice 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
Cultivation – Tier 3 / Indoor (10,001 – 20,000)	Commence Operations	Fitchburg
Product Manufacturing	Commence Operations	Fitchburg
Retail	Commence Operations	Newton
Retail	Commence Operations	Marlborough
MTC	Commence Operations	Melrose
MTC	Commence Operations	Marlboro
MTC	Commence Operations	Newton

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

Individual	Role
Karen Munkacy	Owner / Partner
Jeffrey Herold	Executive
Sean Mack	Executive
Mike Climo	Director



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

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

- Applicant's priority status:

MTC Priority Applicant

- The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on April 12, 2019.
- The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 10, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City of Melrose on October 3, 2019 and on November 12, 2019. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
- The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give priority to at least 20% of individuals from Lynn, Revere and Chelsea for its hiring initiative.
2	Participate in at least two (2) job fairs annually.
3	Provide an accelerator program that gives Economic Priority Applicants access to industry-specific technical training, mentorship from experts and peer industry support groups.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

- There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
- 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

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

Monday – Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.



Sunday: 12:00 p.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	Recruit 50% minorities, persons with disabilities and women.
2	Participate in at least two (2) job fairs annually.
3	Provide diversity training on an annual basis.

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.

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.

