

APOTHCA, INC.
MRN282730

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Apothca, Inc.
1386 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA 02476

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 one (1) time 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 5 / Indoor (30,001 – 40,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Fitchburg
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Fitchburg
Retail	Commence Operations	Lynn
MTC	Commence Operations	Lynn
MTC	Commence Operations	Arlington
MTC	Provisional License	Holyoke

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

Individual	Role
Andrew Young	Executive
Corey Cutlter	Board Member
Leon Nitka	Board Member
Moshe Bleich	Director
Rachmil Lekach	Board Member
Joseph Lekach	Close Associate

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

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Entity	Role
Artcan, LLC	Capital Resource

6. Applicant’s priority status:

The applicant received, and was reviewed as, an MTC Priority Applicant as they submitted their application prior to the Commission’s policy clarification on October 10, 2019. Under this policy, the applicant would still be classified as an MTC Priority Applicant for this application as it will be co-located with an MTC.

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 19, 2019.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 13, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on January 1, 2020 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	Target 30% of individuals from Lynn, Fitchburg, or other areas of disproportionate impact for its hiring initiatives.
2	Host two (2) industry-specific educational seminars in Lynn or Fitchburg annually.
3	Donate \$2,500 to My Brother’s Table annually. An email from this organization stating they would receive such donations was provided to the Commission in the application.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. These disclosures did not raise 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 eight (8) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:



Monday – Sunday: 10:00 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	Hire at least 30% of individuals that are minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+
2	Host at least one (1) career fair annually in underrepresented and minority communities.

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, the applicant shall submit to Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated timeline as to when its MTC license (Holyoke) will become operational; and
6. Final licensure is subject to the licensee providing to Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Positive Impact Plan that makes a firm declaration as to the areas of disproportionate impact they will hire individuals from.



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.

