

RIVERRUN GARDENS, LLC
MBN281332

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Riverrun Gardens, LLC
5 Perkins Way, Unit 8, Newburyport, MA 01950

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

Microbusiness (Cultivation only)

The application was reopened 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):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

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

Individual	Role
Edward X. DeSousa	Owner
Edward M. DeSousa	Owner
Stephen DeSousa	Close Associate

5. 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.

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (License Type: Microbusiness)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on May 2, 2019.



8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 3, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on January 2, 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	Donate \$5,000 annually to Cannabis Community Care and Research

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
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 seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 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 goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 5% of women, 15% of veterans, and 5% of LGBTQ for its hiring initiatives.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission’s regulations.
18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):



Not applicable

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (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;
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee;
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant submitting to Commission staff, upon inspection, a revised Diversity Plan that modifies the goal relating to the percentage of women that will be included in the operation of the establishment; and
6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant submitting to Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Security Plan that demonstrates compliance with 935 CMR 500.110(9) as to notification requirements to the Commission and local law enforcement and the submission of incident reports stemming from those notifications.

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.

