



COLUMBIA GROWTH, INC.

MCN282622

MPN281838

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Columbia Growth, Inc.
157 Columbia Street, Lee, MA 01238

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

Cultivation, Tier 11/Indoor (90,001 – 100,000 sq. ft.)
Product Manufacturing

The application was reopened two (2) 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
Mervyn Yan	Executive / Officer
Heng Wang	Executive / Officer

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:

General Applicant

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7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 7, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 2, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 28, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Fund expungements for five (5) individuals per year from Pittsfield, West Springfield, Springfield and Holyoke who have cannabis-related felonies.
2	Recruit at least two (2) individuals that are past or present residents of Pittsfield, West Springfield, Springfield and Holyoke, who have marijuana convictions and/or have parents or spouses who have drug convictions; past or present residents of areas of disproportionate impact, as defined by the Commission; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
3	Provide two (2) internships or apprenticeships to young adults, over 21, from Pittsfield, West Springfield, Springfield and Holyoke.
4	Participate in at least two (2) job fairs per year at area community colleges.
5	Participate in community “clean-up” initiatives in Pittsfield, West Springfield, Springfield and Holyoke four (4) times per year.

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 12– 15 months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Cultivation Operations
Monday – Sunday: 24 hours per day

Product Manufacturing Operations



Monday – Sunday: 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 at least five (5) diverse candidates
2	Provide on-site diversity training for employees once every quarter.

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):

#	Product
1	Flower (Indica, Sativa and High CBD) in loose flower and pre-rolls
2	Vapes
3	Transdermal (balm and salts)
4	Sublingual (THCa tincture, Tablets, Mints, or any oral application)
5	Strain-Specific concentrate extraction
6	Chocolate Bars
7	Lozenges (Mandarin, Strawberry Peach, Watermelon, Banana, and Purple Punch)
8	Fruit Chews and Pectin Squares (Mandarin, Strawberry Peach, Watermelon, Banana, and Purple Punch).

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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors;
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how recruiting possible interns from trade schools will ensure the student is over 21 years of age;
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Diversity Plan that modifies the goal to hire five (5) women and other diverse candidates to be objectively reasonable to the expected size of the business;
6. Within 60 days, the applicant shall submit to the Commission an update security plan that appropriately addresses limiting access to individuals 21 or older, loitering prevention, securing entrances, and limited access areas. This information shall also be provided to Commission staff upon inspection;
7. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
8. 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.

