

EMERALD CITY GROWERS INCORPORATED
MCN281618

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Emerald City Growers Incorporated
843 Main Street, Clinton, MA 01510

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

Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)

The application was reopened twice (2) 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
Karol Simon	Owner/Partner
Anne Rosone Franco	Owner/Partner
Attila Simon	Owner/Partner
John Franco	Owner/Partner
Dalton Simon	Executive/Officer
Blake Simon	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:

Provisional License Executive Summary 1



General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 23, 2019.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 20, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Clinton on August 13, 2020. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Donate a total of \$5,000.00 annually to the Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council.

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 three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 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	Give hiring preference to women (5%) and minorities (5%).



2	Provide on-site interactive workshops, annually (at minimum), covering such topics as the prevention of sexual harassment, racial and cultural diversity, and methods of fostering an inclusive work atmosphere.
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17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

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 an updated Positive Impact Plan that includes a goal other than just hiring; specifies the cohort the establishment intends to impact; and clarifies how a donation to MRCC will directly impact the specified cohort;
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Diversity Plan that amends the hiring percentages of minorities and women to be objectively reasonable;
5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
6. 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.

