

ESSEX APOTHECARY, LLC

MRN283192

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Essex Apothecary, LLC
233 Western Avenue, Lynn, MA 01904

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 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
Heather Hannon	Owner / Partner
Jenna Hoang	Retail General Manager

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

Entity	Role
Hannon Investments	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Review (Woman-Owned Business)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on September 26, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 13, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 3, 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	Recruit 40% of its employees who are past or present residents of the geographic areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Lynn; Commission-designated Economic Empowerment Priority applicants; Commission-designated Social Equity Program Participants; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	Contract with at least 30% of suppliers, contractors and wholesale partners who are past or present residents of the geographic areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Lynn; Commission-designated Economic Empowerment Priority applicants; Commission-designated Social Equity Program Participants; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.

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 four (4) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Sunday: Closed



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% female and 30% minorities, veterans, persons with a disability or persons who are LBGTQ+.
2	Contract with 30% of its suppliers, contractors and wholesale partners who are women, minorities, veterans, people with disabilities, and/or people who identify as LBGTQ+.

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Essex Apothecary, LLC 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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
5. 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.

