

## MINT DISPENSARY FACILITIES II, LLC

MRN282824

### **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Mint Dispensary Facilities II, LLC  
1035 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

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 twice (2) for additional information.

3. Individuals and entities associated with this application are also associated with a Delivery Only Pre-certification application under the name Mint Delivery, Inc.
4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Eivan Shihara	Owner / Partner

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

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on September 10, 2019.



8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on May 29, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 11, 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	Donate a total of \$10,000.00 annually to New England Veterans Alliance.
2	Donate a total of \$3,500.00 annually to 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 four (4) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:  
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 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	Achieve at least 35% of our staffing needs from women and minorities.
2	Mint will make good faith efforts to employ a minimum of 10% of its contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers who are listed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Directory of Certified Businesses as being a Minority Business Enterprise, a Women Business Enterprise, a Veteran Business Enterprise, a



	Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Enterprise, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise, or a Disability-Owned Business Enterprise, with particular consideration given to businesses classified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.
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17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Mint Dispensary Facilities II, 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 providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that specifies the cohort the licensee is seeking to impact, includes additional goals other than donations, clarifies how a donation to MRCC will directly benefit the specified cohort, and clarification on how a donation to New England Veterans Alliance will directly benefit the specified cohort;
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Diversity Plan that modifies the percentages of women and minority representation to be objectively reasonable;
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
6. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
7. 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.

