

PAPER CITY INDUSTRIES, LLC

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BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Paper City Industries, LLC
11 Berkshire Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

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

Cultivation, Tier 6/Indoor (40,001 – 50,000 sq. ft.)
Product Manufacturing

The cultivation application was reopened two (2) times and the product manufacturing application was reopened three (3) 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
Karen Desmond	Manager

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 August 6, 2019
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 24, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 15, 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 at least 50% of non-management staff from Holyoke.
2	Organize at least one (1) community “clean-up” initiative per year in Holyoke.

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 five (5) 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.
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 a workforce that consists of 50% women, 50% minorities, 20% veterans, 10% persons with disabilities and 10% of individuals who identify as LGBTQ+.



2	Distribute quarterly internal workplace newsletters that encourage current employees to recommend individuals that are women, minorities, veterans, persons with disabilities and individuals who identify as LGBTQ+.
3	Contract with at least one (1) minority owned business vendor annually.

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	Extracts (Cannabis Oil, Hard Extracts, Soft Extracts)
2	Topicals (Bath Bomb, Bath Salts, Lip Balm, Lotion, and Salve)
3	Creams
5	Bagel Chips
6	Brownie (Chocolate Chip, Dark Chocolate and Milk Chocolate)
7	Cookie (Chocolate, Chocolate Chip, Ginger Snap, Lemon, Peanut Butter, Snickerdoodle, and Sugar)
8	Potato Chip (BBQ)
9	Drink Mix (Hot Cocoa, Iced Tea, and Lemonade)
10	Fruit Punch
11	Lemonade (Berry, Lemon, and Strawberry)
12	Tea (Chai, Green Tea, and Lemon)
13	Caramels
14	Chocolate Bar (Chocolate with fruit, Dark Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, Mint Chocolate and White Chocolate)
15	Gummy Chew (Cherry, Pineapple Habanero, Citrus, grape, Lemon, Margarita and Mango)
16	Hard Candy (Berry, Butterscotch, Cherry, Citrus, Grape, Lemon, Mango and Mint)
17	Chocolate Truffle (Chocolate/Carmel, Chocolate/Coconut, and Chocolate/Orange)
18	Sublinguals (Breath Spray, Breath Strip, Capsule, Lozenges and Tincture)

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. 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. 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.

