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RESOLUTION 2023-129

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT FROM CONDITIONAL TO ANNUAL CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR, CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURER, AND CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER LICENSES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”), established pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.153, known and cited as the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act,” is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act”; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2021, the Commission adopted rules pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) that established the licensure process for cannabis businesses and testing laboratories; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 outline the application process and requirements for both conditional license applicants and annual license applicants, including eligibility requirements and limitations for social equity businesses, diversely owned businesses, and impact zone businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Commission issued a Notice of Application Acceptance (“Notice”) on November 9, 2021, outlining the specific criteria for the types of applications the Commission would accept, and the dates on which the Commission would begin accepting those applications; and

WHEREAS, the Notice also outlined the specific priority by which applications would be reviewed by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Testing Laboratories licenses on December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall review and score cannabis business license applications based on the priority designation of applications as set forth in the regulation and the Notice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall approve and issue licenses to applicants that receive a full score or greater; and

WHEREAS, to review applications thoroughly and efficiently, the Commission developed an application review process that included the following chronological steps for each application received:

1. Priority assignment;
2. Priority verification;
3. Review assignment;
4. Completeness review;
5. Scoring;
6. Qualification, Limitations, Financial/Management Agreement review;
7. Quality Control;
8. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, for applications deemed incomplete in any respect, the application was sent back to the applicant with direction on how to appropriately cure any deficiencies in the application; and

WHEREAS, upon resubmission of a cured application, the application was placed in line for review in accordance with its priority designation and the time at which it was resubmitted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.8 sets forth the requirements for a conditional licensee to convert to an annual license; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.8, the mandatory application requirements for all conditional conversion license applicants include:

1. Submission of any updates to Persons of Interest or Entities of Interest, and any other changes to mandatory information previously submitted as part of the conditional license application;
2. A site plan of the proposed location, including a floor plan and a description of the suitability of the location, which may include renderings, architectural plans, or engineering plans;
3. Evidence of compliance with local codes and ordinances for the proposed location, which may include, but not be limited to: (a) the distance from the closest church, synagogue, temple, or other place used exclusively for religious worship; or (b) the distance to the closest school, playground, park, or child daycare facility;
4. Zoning approval, which shall consist of a letter or affidavit from appropriate municipal officials that the location will conform to municipal zoning requirements allowing for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis cultivator,

cannabis manufacturer, or cannabis retailer, as will be conducted at the proposed cannabis business premises, and any variances granted concerning the operation of a cannabis business;

5. Proof of local support for the license applicant, which shall be demonstrated by a resolution adopted by the municipality's governing body, or, where the municipality has no governing body, a written letter of support from the municipality's executive;
6. Documentation demonstrating that the license applicant will have final site control of the premises upon approval of the application;
7. An attestation signed by a bona fide labor organization stating that the license applicant has entered into a labor peace agreement with such bona fide labor organization, except that a conditional license holder operating as a microbusiness is exempt from this requirement; and
8. For a Social Equity Business, Diversely Owned Business, or Impact Zone Business, evidence the license applicant is still in compliance with the requirements of the designations; and

WHEREAS, conditional conversion license applicants must submit all required application materials as outlined on pages 18 through 21 in the Commission's Notice, receive full points for all scored application measures, and satisfy all criminal history background check requirements under N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.12; and

WHEREAS, for conditional conversion applications deemed incomplete in any respect, the application was sent back to the applicant with direction on how to appropriately cure any deficiencies in the application; and

WHEREAS, upon resubmission of a cured application, the application was placed in line for review in accordance with its priority designation and the time at which it was resubmitted; and

WHEREAS, the below list of conditional licensees have submitted applications to convert their conditional Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses to annual licenses, have cured their application as necessary, have passed review by Commission staff, and are recommended by Commission staff for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 the following conditional licensees have satisfied the requirements set forth in regulation, and the Commission has determined to approve the licensees' conditional cannabis business conversion applications to convert to an annual license:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	2604	Blue Harvest LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	2857	Parks Grove LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness
3	2688	The Happy Farmer, LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness
4	2766	Cana-Bosem, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
5	2525	Fresh Cut Cannabis, Inc.	Cultivator	Standard
6	2531	North Lake Supply LLC	Cultivator	Standard
7	2526	Pigment Cultivation Company LLC	Cultivator	Standard
8	2091	Terrapin Investment Fund II Cultivation, LLC	Cultivator	Standard
9	2748	Tribe New Jersey LLC	Cultivator	Standard
10	2793	Verdure Ventures LLC	Cultivator	Standard
11	2652	Little Leaf Labs, LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
12	2751	Cana-Bosem, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
13	2573	Fernway Garden State LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
14	2648	Grotech Farms, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
15	2596	Pigment Manufacturing Company LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
16	2794	Verdure Ventures LLC	Manufacturer	Standard
17	2413	Dr. Green Leaf LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
18	2557	Munsee Three Sisters Medicinal Farm	Retailer	Microbusiness
19	2710	Simply Pure Downtown Trenton LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
20	2412	The Healing Side LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
21	2541	The Leaf Joint LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
22	2553	Cookies Harrison LLC	Retailer	Standard
23	2439	Genesis Technologies II LLC	Retailer	Standard
24	2488	Honeybuzz Farms	Retailer	Standard
25	2623	J & J Flowers LLC	Retailer	Standard

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26	2421	Joy Leaf NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
27	2609	Liberty Flower Company	Retailer	Standard
28	2402	Natural Apothecary	Retailer	Standard
29	2644	Nightjar Holdings LLC	Retailer	Standard
30	2435	OHM Theory LLC	Retailer	Standard
31	2638	Phula LLC	Retailer	Standard
32	2455	Queen City Remedies LLC	Retailer	Standard
33	2518	Wizzy's NJ LLC	Retailer	Standard
34	2613	Zacate LLC	Retailer	Standard

Submitted by:



Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 18th day of July 2023.



Dave Tuason, Deputy Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker			X			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso						X
Commissioner Delgado		X	X			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash	X		X			