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RESOLUTION 2023-<u>74</u> CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR 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, as of January 20, 2023, the Commission has received 1,251 conditional license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses, and 324 annual license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator,

Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, Class 5 Cannabis Retailer, and Testing Laboratory licenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall review and score conditional and annual 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, the below list of conditional license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses have been timely received prior to January 20, 2023, have been cured 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 applicants have satisfied the requirements set forth in the regulation, and the Commission has determined to approve the applicants' applications for a conditional license:

No.	Applicant ID	Applicant Business Name	License Type	Business Category	
1	2357	AC Flower Pot LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
2	2551	CC Bloom LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness	
3	1215	Eighth Street Provisions	Cultivator	Standard	
4	2544	Bioguyax LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
5	2550	CC Bloom LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
6	1356	Lovefloriza Holdings LLC	Manufacturer	Microbusiness	
7	2567	Amcann Group LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
8	2477	Elixicor LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
9	2561	Strain House, LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
10	1653	AC LEEF LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
11	2575	All Budz LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
12	2241	Cannabis Company of New Jersey	Retailer	Microbusiness	
13	2592	Captain Jenks, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
14	2556	Delilah's Apothecary LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
15	2476	Exquisite Images and Fine Entertainment	Retailer	Microbusiness	
16	2255	Gotaylor LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
17	2601	HighLine Cannabis	Retailer	Microbusiness	
18	2452	Memes Danckk World	Retailer	Microbusiness	
19	2345	Nadia Aldakar	Retailer	Microbusiness	
20	2543	Natural Smokes LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
21	2456	Not Your Mother's Garden, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
22	2588	Quality Cannabliss LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
23	2566	Rue's Garden LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
24	2536	Spot 23 LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
25	2555	Sweet Dreams Dispensary, LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
26	2247	The Hydroponics Club	Retailer	Microbusiness	

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27	2565	White Lotus Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness
28	2598	662 Mota Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
29	2590	A La Herb LLC	Retailer	Standard
30	2522	BeeHighv	Retailer	Standard
31	2560	Blazin Brown Suga	Retailer	Standard
32	2367	Bud City LLC	Retailer	Standard
33	2366	Bud Space LLC	Retailer	Standard
34	1909	Flavors Wellness	Retailer	Standard
35	2542	Fresh Elizabeth LLC	Retailer	Standard
36	1870	Garden of Eden Dispensary	Retailer	Standard
37	2538	Greenlight Apothecary	Retailer	Standard
38	2360	Hashes to Ashes LLC	Retailer	Standard
39	2571	King Kanna	Retailer	Standard
40	2486	Mac Holdings NJ	Retailer	Standard
41	2586	Mr Jerry's LLC	Retailer	Standard
42	2530	Nhale LLC	Retailer	Standard
43	2450	Suburban Greens	Retailer	Standard
44	2528	The Elevation Dispensary LLC	Retailer	Standard
45	1547	Trance Dispensary	Retailer	Standard
46	2552	Vayana II	Retailer	Standard
47	1648	Violetblu Enterprises Co	Retailer	Standard
48	2298	Weed To Go LLC	Retailer	Standard
49	2411	Xhale Cannabis Lounge LLC	Retailer	Standard

The following conditions shall apply to the above-listed conditional license awardees:

- 1. Conditional licenses issued in accordance with this Resolution shall be automatically granted the additional 45 days allowed by statute to file a conditional conversion application, extending the conditional license phase to 165 days from the date of license issuance.
- 2. Conditional license-holders shall comply with all relevant provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 regarding conditional licenses, license-holders, and the conditional license phase.
- 3. If issued a conditional license as a social equity business, diversely owned business, or impact zone business, maintaining eligibility as such is a condition of the license and a condition of seeking an annual license through a conditional conversion application.
- 4. Conditional license-holders may add new owners in the conditional license phase; however, a majority of the ownership shall remain with the owners that qualified for the conditional license.
- 5. Conditional license-holders shall provide an attestation certifying that they will submit to a criminal history background check. No license holder or license applicant shall be granted an annual license without submitting to a criminal history background check and satisfactorily demonstrating that all statutory and regulatory requirements have been satisfied.
- 6. Conditional license-holders are not authorized to cultivate, manufacture, sell, or otherwise possess cannabis or cannabis items.

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 8th day of February 2023.

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Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

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