



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 2/15/2024	TOTAL REC. #: 8	REPORT DATE: 1/26/2024
TO: Deputy Director, Kelly Anderson-Thomas THROUGH: Chief Counsel, Christopher Riggs FROM: Director of Licensing, Megan Tagliaferri		

BACKGROUND

On August 19, 2021, the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (herein referenced as “Commission” or “CRC”) adopted rules pursuant to P.L. 2021, C.16 which established the licensure process for cannabis businesses and testing laboratories.

This memo outlines the process and recommendations for the denial of 8 applications for conditional licenses and 1 application for a conditional conversion to annual license that have not paid their license fees.

PAYMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

After recommendation to the CRC Board for approval of licensure, applicants are required to pay their invoices in the licensing portal which includes a license approval fee for conditional licenses and a license approval fee and criminal background check fee for conditional conversion to annual licenses. If that fee is unpaid, the delinquent payment process includes the following steps:

1. 30 days to pay license fee(s) invoice noted in Final Agency Decision letter.
2. If unpaid after 30 days, issue final 30-day notice to pay invoice.
3. If unpaid after 60 total days, issue notice of denial recommendation.

For conditional conversion to annual licenses, the applicant receives a second invoice prior to licensure which includes an annual license fee. If that fee is unpaid, the same delinquent payment process above is followed.

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION

It is recommended that the conditional and conversion applications listed below be presented to the Board of Commissioners for the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission for denial. The below-listed applicants have not satisfied the terms of the Final Agency Decision letter. It is noted that three phone calls were also made to various members of the conversion application listed below.



LIST

App ID	Applicant Business Name	Application Type	Conditional App ID	Priority	DOB Category	License Class	Business Category
3262	Loddy Exotics	Conditional		1A		Retailer	Microbusiness
1915	High Buddy	Conditional		2A	MBE	Retailer	Microbusiness
2900	Urth Company LLC	Conditional		2A	MBE	Retailer	Microbusiness
3788	JNB Prime LLC	Conditional		4B		Cultivator	Standard
3789	JNB Prime LLC	Conditional		4B		Manufacturer	Standard
3241	JNB Prime LLC	Conditional		4B		Retailer	Standard
3637	Aspen Corner Office LLC	Conditional		5B		Retailer	Standard
2559	Sensory Dispensary	Conversion	2322	3C		Retailer	Standard



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

The 7 conditional applications and 1 conversion application listed above have been deemed non-compliant with their payment requirements. The applicants have not paid the required fees after multiple notices from CRC staff. Therefore, CRC staff recommend the CRC Board deny these applications for licenses.

Notably, these denials for failure to pay the required fees do not preclude an applicant from reapplying for a cannabis business license.

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Approved by:

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