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RESOLUTION 2025-<u>10-01-13</u> CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER LICENSE

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 July 18, 2023, 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 the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for

- Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Cannabis Distributor, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery licenses for Social Equity Business applicants only on September 27, 2023; 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, all annual license applicants must submit all required application materials as outlined on pages 21 through 26 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 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 includes an annual license application for a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license that has been "cured" as necessary, has passed review by Commission staff, and is 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 applicant has satisfied the requirements set forth in the enabling statute and regulations and the Commission has determined to approve the following application for an annual license. The Commission's terms for approval shall be set forth in the Final Agency Decision (FAD) sent to the entity.

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category	
1	16707	Mister Jones 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 1st day of October 2025.

Dave Tuason, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recused
Chairwoman Houenou			X				
Commissioner Mapp	X		X				
Vice Chair Nash		X	X				X