



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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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. N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through 7 outlines the application process and requirements for both conditional license applicants and annual license applicants.

Upon accepting this provisional award, the entity is required to pay any application approval fees required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.17. At this time, the listed awardees have failed to meet the provision and it is staff’s recommendation that the prior award be rescinded/denied.

This memo outlines the process and recommendations for the denial of 17 applications for conditional licenses that have not paid their license approval 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. If that fee is unpaid, the delinquent payment process includes the following steps:

1. 30 days to pay license approval fee 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.

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION

It is recommended that the conditional 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 paid the requisite approval fees and have therefore failed to satisfy the regulatory requirements and terms of the Final Agency Decision letter.



LIST

App ID	Applicant Business Name	Application Type	Priority	DOB Category	License Class	Business Category
1315	Cedar Fairmont Health Cultivators	Conditional	2A	WBE	Cultivator	Micro
1848	Bloomeri LLC	Conditional	2A	MBE	Manufacturer	Micro
2137	Journal Square Dispensary, LLC	Conditional	2A	MBE	Retailer	Micro
1912	Littlemore LLC	Conditional	2A	MWBE	Retailer	Micro
1895	Millennium Cannabis, LLC	Conditional	2A	WBE	Retailer	Micro
1801	BKVLG, LLC	Conditional	2A	WBE	Retailer	Micro
1807	ENV Growers, LLC	Conditional	2B	MWBE	Cultivator	Standard
2500	Bloomeri LLC	Conditional	2B	MBE	Retailer	Standard
1799	G Ma Bert Concepts LLC	Conditional	2B	WBE	Retailer	Standard
2022	Y&L JC LLC	Conditional	2B	MWBE	Retailer	Standard
1888	Premier Growers	Conditional	3A		Cultivator	Micro
1889	Premier Growers	Conditional	3A		Manufacturer	Micro
1313	Avalon Extracts LLC	Conditional	3B		Manufacturer	Standard
1446	Sweetspot New Jersey LLC	Conditional	4B		Retailer	Standard
1461	Sweetspot North Jersey LLC	Conditional	4B		Retailer	Standard
1583	Hall Weed Wonderland LLC	Conditional	5A		Retailer	Micro
1674	Holistic Apothecary LLC	Conditional	5B		Retailer	Standard

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY


The 17 conditional applications 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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