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RESOLUTION 2024-215
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 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, 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	Conditional Application ID	License Class	Business Category
1	2952	Kusala Care LLC	1814	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	4683	Bear Built LLC	2160	Cultivator	Standard
3	3199	Green Leaf Pharma NJ LLC	1691	Cultivator	Standard
4	4217	Nimbus Farms, Inc.	2249	Cultivator	Standard
5	4774	Savage Garden LLC	1201	Cultivator	Standard
6	4159	Hearth Wellness LLC	1227	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
7	5024	West Orange Farms LLC	1791	Manufacturer	Microbusiness
8	4956	Bear Built LLC	2161	Manufacturer	Standard
9	5212	North Lake Supply LLC	2928	Manufacturer	Standard
10	4278	The Smiling Bud, LLC	2094	Manufacturer	Standard
11	4432	Natures Motivation LLC	2205	Retailer	Microbusiness
12	5193	Spot 23 LLC	2536	Retailer	Microbusiness
13	3779	Sussex Pharms LLC	1770	Retailer	Microbusiness
14	3303	The Library of New Jersey Inc.	2095	Retailer	Microbusiness
15	3783	Bleachers Dispensary LLC	1452	Retailer	Standard

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16	5219	Bless Wellness LLC	2352	Retailer	Standard
17	5247	Boone Town Provisions LLC	1432	Retailer	Standard
18	5454	Bud 2 Bloom LLC	2128	Retailer	Standard
19	5134	Cannabis MD LLC	2186	Retailer	Standard
20	5453	Flowerbomb Dispensary LLC	2374	Retailer	Standard
21	3493	Green Origin Solutions LLC	1533	Retailer	Standard
22	3305	Jersey Passion LLC	1689	Retailer	Standard
23	4534	MariJayne's Touch LLC	1748	Retailer	Standard
24	3227	Ruuted LLC	1800	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 13th day of March 2024.



Dave A. Tuason, Deputy Counsel

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