

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

NOTE:

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020 ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW G.L.C. 30A, SECTION 20 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A ON APRIL 7, 2020 AND AMENDED ON AUGUST 20 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 – THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON NB CABLE ACCESS FACEBOOK PAGE

OPENING OF SESSION BY:

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH P. LOPES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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MAYOR'S PAPERS

M1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting the **Substantial Amendment to the FY 2015-2019 Office of Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and FY 2019 Action Plan**, which sets forth activities to be funded through the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV for the current Fiscal Year.

M1a. RESOLUTION,

M2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to Council, submitting AN ORDER to enter into an eight (8) year lease with All American Investment Group LLC for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

M2a. AN ORDER,

M3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of CELESTE PALEOLOGOS, New Bedford, MA to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; this term will expire December 2025.

M4. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a VETO of the Ordinance, Relative to the Residency of City Personnel; the proposed Ordinance would define Residency requirements for employees of the City of New Bedford.

M4a. AN ORDINANCE, (Passed to be Ordained – November 12, 2020, and VETOED by Mayor Mitchell November 25, 2020).

NEW BUSINESS

1. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$1,686,699.00 from WATER FREE CASH, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Water Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.

1a. AN ORDER, (Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 24, 2020.)

2. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, AS AMENDED, for the TRANSFER of \$3,503,036.00 from FREE CASH to FISCAL YEAR 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts is reduced by the same amount.

2a. AN ORDER, (Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 24, 2020.)

3. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$489,174.00 from DOWNTOWN FREE CASH, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Enterprise Fund Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.

3a. AN ORDER, (Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 24, 2020.)

4. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$1,300,000.00 from the SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Wastewater Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.

4a. AN ORDER, (Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 24, 2020.)

5. AN ORDINANCE, Relative to Food Truck Locations. (Passed to a Second Reading - November 12, 2020.)

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Morad, Abreu, Giesta, Council President Lopes, Councillors Carney, Lima and Markey, requesting that Chief Financial Officer Ari Sky appear before the Committee on Finance to discuss the Administration's intentions concerning another Tax Title sale for properties currently in arrears with regard to property taxes. (To be Referred to the Committee on Finance.)

7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Giesta and Council President Lopes, requesting, that the New Bedford City Council and the Administration draft an Ordinance regarding the at-home delivery cannabis service recently approved and adopted by the State's Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) on November 30, 2020. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Cannabis Regulation and Host Community Agreements Review.)

7a. COMMUNICATION, Councillor Abreu, submitting the Cannabis

Control Commission Final Regulations on at-home delivery cannabis service. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Cannabis Regulation and Host Community Agreements Review.)

8. COMMUNICATION, Derek Santos, Executive Director, New Bedford Economic Development Council, to Council President Lopes and Members of the City Council, submitting two proposed STA applications approved by the Tax Increment Financing Board for a five (5) year Agreement for **The Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC** and **Eastern Fisheries, Inc.** and one proposed TIE/HDIP application for **2135 and 319 Commercial Street** and **10 Front Street – National Downtown Club LLC**. (Copies provided and distributed to all Councillors on December 02, 2020.)

8a. RESOLUTION, approving Certified Project Application and Special Tax Assessment Agreement with Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC

8b. RESOLUTION, approving Certified Project Application and Special Tax Assessment Agreement with Eastern Fisheries, Inc.

8c. TAX INCREMENT EXEMPTION/HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM, National Downtown Club 2135 & 319 Commercial Street and 10 Front Street.

9. COMMUNICATION, John W. Parsons, Esq., Executive Director, Commonwealth of Massachusetts/Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, to City Council, submitting copy of a memorandum sent to the New Bedford Retirement Board regarding the amount to be appropriated for the City of New Bedford's retirement system for Fiscal Year 2022.

TABLED BUSINESS

NO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA



Item Title:

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH P. LOPES

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COMMUNICATION-RESOLUTION-HUD SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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M1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting the **Substantial Amendment to the FY 2015-2019 Office of Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and FY 2019 Action Plan**, which sets forth activities to be funded through the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV for the current Fiscal Year.

M1a. RESOLUTION,

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
□ RESOLUTION-HUD SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT	Cover Memo



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 30, 2020

New Bedford City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members:

The United States Congress has made funding available to the City of New Bedford, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed on March 27, 2020 to respond to the growing effects of the COVID Pandemic. The CARES Act makes available \$951,553 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and \$1,576,274 in supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding to the City of New Bedford for grant activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The City of New Bedford is required to complete and submit to HUD a substantial amendment to the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. Attached please find a copy of the *Substantial Amendment to the FY 2015-2019 Office of Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and FY2019 Action Plan*, which sets forth activities to be funded through the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV for the current fiscal year.

I am requesting that you approve and authorize the submission of the *Substantial Amendment to the FY 2015-2019 Office of Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and FY2019 Action Plan* to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

No substantive changes have been made to the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2015-2019 Office of Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and FY2019 Action Plan which was made available to the public for review on November 30, 2020, for the HUD expedited 5-Day Public Comment Review Period which expired on December 7, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of the plan, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick J. Sullivan, Director of the Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) at (508) 979-1500.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

Attachment

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 9, 2020

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has made funding available to the City of New Bedford, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed on March 27, 2020 to respond to the growing effects of the COVID Pandemic. The CARES Act makes available \$951,553 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and \$1,576,274 in supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding for grant activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and;

WHEREAS, Grantees eligible to receive funds under the CARES ACT, including the City of New Bedford are required to complete and submit to HUD a substantial amendment to the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

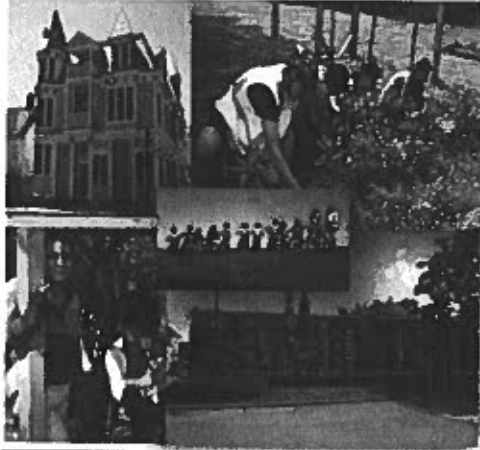
WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of New Bedford must be authorized to submit the Substantial Amendment to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY2015-2019) and FY 2019 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Federal financial assistance under said Acts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Bedford City Council, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the City of New Bedford is authorized to do all things necessary, and to execute any and all documents required for the timely application for Federal financial assistance under these Acts, as amended, and to provide any and all necessary documents which are required for the acceptance and use of CDBG-CV and, ESG-CV funds.

SECTION 2. The Mayor of the City of New Bedford, as Chief Executive Officer, is authorized and designated as an official representative for the City of New Bedford to act in all matters arising in connection with the application for funds, and in providing the United States of America or any of its subdivisions with any additional information as may be required.

IN CITY COUNCIL, December 9, 2020



SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #1 Adopted by City Council July 16, 2020
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #2 Presented to City Council Dec. 9, 2020

Action Plan FY2019

Executive Summary

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development
Patrick J. Sullivan, Director





**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
DRAFT Substantial Amendment
FISCAL YEAR 2019 ACTION PLAN**

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****Note. Substantial Amendment #2 is distinguished in blue throughout this document***

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

For the substantial amendment to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan as a result of the CDBG-CV funds and ESG-CV Funds, the City has scheduled a public hearing to take place virtually using Zoom on July 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and provided for more than 5 days of public comment, which is consistent with the HUD waivers 8 and 9. The amended draft Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan and the amended Citizen Participation Plan will be available for review and comment for a period of 7 days from July 8, 2020 to July 15, 2020 on the City's website at <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/housing-community-development/>

The Office of Housing and Community Development held a virtual public hearing to provide information and to commence with the Request for Proposal Process to allocate funding. The public meeting for the substantial amendment to the 2019 AAP for the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds is set for July 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the New Bedford City Council using a virtual format through Zoom. The public was provided an opportunity to review the amended AAP and Citizen Participation Plan from July 8, 2020 – July 15, 2020 and provide comments in writing via email and at the public hearing. Stakeholders were emailed about the amendments and encouraged to comment in writing or at the public hearing, and the public was notified in the Cable Access, the City website and through social media.

For the substantial amendment #2 to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan as a result of the CDBG-CV funds and ESG-CV Funds, the City held a Public Meeting virtually using Zoom on December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and provided for more than 5 days of public comment, which is consistent with the HUD waivers 8 and 9. The amended draft Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan will be available for review and comment for a period of 7 days from November 30, 2020 to December 8, 2020 on the City's website at <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/housing-community-development/>

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City of New Bedford undertakes a comprehensive process for civic engagement and public participation in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan. Through direct consultation and public meetings, the city ensured that the plan met the needs and concerns of its low to moderate income residents specifically in the areas of affordable housing, suitable living environments and economic development. In addition to resident input through public meetings, the city reached out to social service organizations, housing providers, and other governmental and public entities to provide input into the identification and prioritization of needs. As part of the Action Plan process, the city held two (2) public meetings in January 2019 to solicit input from New Bedford residents and community based organizations. Over forty-five, (45) community leaders, residents and representatives of local non-profits attended the public meetings, focus groups and forums and provided critical input on community needs.

The draft Action Plan was made available by hard copies at the DPHCD office, City Hall, at various library locations throughout the city and on the City of New Bedford website. Any public comments received during the public hearings, public meetings, and during the public comment period are included in the plan. Lastly, the city publishes, in English, Spanish and Portuguese, notices regarding the public hearings, public meetings and public comment period in the official newspaper for the city. The city will consider all comments received during the Action Plan process.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provided regulatory relief in the form of waivers as part of the CARES Act, to allow for reduced citizen participation to expedite the allocation of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding in response to the COVID-19 pandemic additional funding provided by HUD under the CARES Act during the 2019 Program Year followed guidance issued by HUD on reduced citizen participation. The City of New Bedford amended its Citizen Participation Plan to include procedures for disaster response and mitigation.

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Citizen Participation Outreach

1A.	Virtual Public Meeting through ZOOM Application	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Khmer, Portuguese, Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The City conducted a virtual public meeting on June 11, 2020 to obtain public input and comments on the COVID-19, CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding and a description of the substantial amendment process. The City Provided overview of the CARES ACT and allocation of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding availability and availability of technical assistance as well as provided opportunities for prioritization of COVID-19 needs and priorities. Forty-nine people attended the virtual meeting	No comments received	Not Applicable	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1B	Community Survey	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Portuguese, Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>The City launched a web-based survey in three languages to capture input on resident prioritization in the use of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in New Bedford. The CDBG-CV survey was issued May 12, 2020 - May 22, 2020 and the ESG-CV survey was issued May 8, 2020 - May 15, 2020</p>	<p>All comments were recorded</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	

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1C	Public Hearing	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	A public hearing for the 2019 AAP amendment to receive CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds was held during the virtual City Council meeting on July 16, 2020 with public comment on the amendment from July 8, 2020 – July 15, 2020. The City advertised the amendment to the 2019 AAP and CPP for public review with notice to the press, emailed key stakeholder list, City Facebook, and website posting.	All comments were recorded	Not Applicable	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2A	Public Hearing	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	A public hearing for the 2019 AAP amendment to receive CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds was held during the virtual City Council meeting on December 9, 2020 with public comment on the amendment from November 30, 2020 – December 8, 2020. The City advertised the amendment to the 2019 AAP and CPP for public review with notice to the press, emailed key stakeholder list, City Facebook, and website posting.	All comments were recorded	Not Applicable	

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

The city anticipates receipt of CDBG funds in the amount of \$2,658,238 annually. To maximize the impact of the CDBG Entitlement funds, the city expends general government funds, has aggressively and successfully secured significant grant funds, and encourages all partners and projects to leverage additional dollars.

As a HOME Investment Partnership Program Entitlement Community, the city will receive \$845,944 annual to support direct assistance to moderate income homebuyers and to subsidize the development cost of affordable housing projects.

The city will receive \$223,212 in Emergency Solution Grant funds to support emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, services, street outreach and HMIS programs and services.

Priority Table

CDBG-CV	public - federal	Public Services, Interim Assistance, Economic Development	\$1,624,151	0	0	\$1,624,151	\$1,624,151	
ESG-CV	public - federal	Street outreach; Emergency shelter; Homelessness prevention; Rapid re-housing assistance; and (HMIS)	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	0	0	\$805,424	\$805,424	
CDBG-CV	public - federal	Public Services, Public Facilities	\$951,553	0	0	\$951,553	\$951,553	
ESG-CV	public - federal	Street outreach; Emergency shelter; Homelessness prevention; Rapid re-housing assistance; and (HMIS)	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	0	0	\$1,576,274	\$1,576,274	ESG-CV

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of New Bedford anticipates CDBG funds will leverage additional resources. Non-entitlement funds that will be used to further the goals of the Strategic Plan may include: private foundations, organizations, and individuals. The following leveraged resources are anticipated during the Consolidated Plan period:

- **City General Funds - \$2,250,000:** The annual City budget commits resources for the priority activities including Public Parks, Facilities, and Infrastructure, and the Health Department.
- **Community Preservation Act - \$2,547,875:** City and State funded initiative for open space, historic preservation and housing.
- **State Affordable Housing Resources - \$1,750,000:** Affordable Housing Developments are likely to utilize a variety of State Housing Resources including Housing Bond funds, State Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits and the Mass Rental Voucher program.
- **Federal Affordable Housing Resources - \$1,350,000:** Affordable Housing Developments are likely to utilize Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, Housing Trust Funds, and Federal Home Loan Funds.
- **YouthBuild New Bedford - \$200,000:** Department of Commerce award for Youth Build activities.
- **Philanthropy - \$800,000:** Private funding from national, state, and local funders including the United Way and Private Foundations, and private donors.
- **New Market Tax Credits: NMTCs** were created in 2000 as part of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act to encourage revitalization efforts. The NMTC program provides tax credit incentives for equity investment.
- **Section 8 Funds:** Section 8 is administered by the New Bedford Housing Authority and provides rental subsidies.
- **Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program:** administered by the State and provides rental subsidies.
- **Massachusetts HomeBASE Program:** HomeBASE is the Commonwealth's re-housing benefit created to provide those who qualify for emergency assistance and shelter an opportunity to overcome some of the financial barriers to ending their homelessness. Funded and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development's Division of Housing Stabilization (DHS).

Match: The ESG program matching requirements are met through non-federal resource secured by individual program providers to meet or exceed the 1:1 HUD mandated ESG match requirement. All of our ESG funded programs have committed or surpassed the dollar for dollar match contribution on their awards. The HOME statute provides for a reduction of the matching contribution for qualified communities. New Bedford in FY19, had 19.3% of families living in poverty and had an average of per capita income of \$23,866. New Bedford has met both conditions to receive a 50% match reduction. The city has met its match liability requirements through the leveraging of state and federal resources as identified on form 40107-A.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Publically owned land will be utilized in the furtherance of affordable housing development and to support the Mini-park and community garden program. Properties taken for back taxes may be used for housing redevelopment. Additionally, vacant city lots may be used for affordable in-fill housing or as Mini parks/ community gardens. The use of publically owned properties will address the need for safe, affordable housing and for increasing residents' access to recreational activities.

Discussion

The priorities identified within the Strategic Plan are the outcome of an extensive, comprehensive effort to identify community needs. The Strategic Plan assesses the available resources available to meet those needs. The City of New Bedford's investments will leverage public and private funds to address the economic development, affordable housing, community development, and special needs populations' needs.

Contingency Provision: The City of New Bedford included contingency language in the Draft FY19 Action Plan to account for not receiving exact entitlement allocations prior to the publication of the Draft FY19 Action Plan. The funding levels incorporated in the Draft FY19 Annual Action Plan and released for public comment were based on the funding allocations awarded in FY18. Any increase or decrease in funding allocation amounts will be applied proportionally to either reduce or increase funding to the CDBG, ESG and/or HOME Programs by the same percentage as depicted in the final allocation amounts released by HUD.

BUDGET: The following budget chart provide a breakdown of the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV programs and projects for FY19.

FY2020 CDBG-CV APPLICATION FUNDING		FY2020 AMOUNT
A. PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES	PROJECT NAME	
Catholic Social Services, Inc.	COVID-19 Assistance	\$ 100,000
Dennison Memorial Community Center	Dennison Kids 2020 Program	\$ 30,000
GNB WIB	Year Round Out of School Youth Program	\$ 150,000
Justice Resource Institute, Inc.	Community Health and Prevention Program	\$ 86,523
Immigrants Assistance Center, Inc.	Bridging Health Disparities for Immigrant Fa	\$ 50,000
NBAM / Artworks!	ArtMOBILE	\$ 9,200
Marion Institute	Grow Eduction - Farm to School Initiative	\$ 10,000
PACE	Housing Opportunity Center Program	\$ 61,151
South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.	Safer at Home	\$ 95,000
United Way Hunger Commission	NV Shannon COVID Response	\$ 37,640
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	YOU Afterschool Youth Developent PRG	\$ 40,000
YWCA Southeastern MA, INC	YWCA COVID-19 Rapid Response PRG	\$ 20,000
A. SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITES		\$ 689,514
B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PROJECT NAME	
New Bedford Economic Development Council, Inc.	NB COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grant / Loan PRG	\$ 650,000
B. SUBTOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITES		\$ 650,000
C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION	PROJECT NAME	
CDBG Planning and Administration	Management & Project Monitoring	\$ 284,637
C. SUBTOTAL CD ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITES		\$ 284,637
TOTAL CDBG BUDGET		\$ 1,624,151
CDBG-CV ALLOCATION AMOUNT \$1,624,151		
FY2020 ESG-CV APPLICATION FUNDING		FY2020 AMOUNT
D. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)	PROJECT NAME	
Catholic Social Services, Inc.	ESG CARES Act	\$ 282,600
New Bedford Women's Center	Care for Victims of DV w/ COVID-19 (ES)	\$ 105,200
PACE, Inc.	Safer At Home	\$ 235,050
Revival Deliverance Praise and Worship Center	RDPWC Street Outreach	\$ -
SRN, INC.	SRN Harbour House Family Center (ES)	\$ 10,000
Steppingstone, Inc.	FAIHR Supplemental Shelter Project (ES)	\$ 92,574
HMIS	HMIS	\$ -
Administration	Administration @ 10%	\$ 80,000
D. SUBTOTAL ESG ACTIVITES		\$ 805,424
TOTAL ESG BUDGET		\$ 805,424

BUDGET: The following budget chart provide a breakdown of the COVID # 2 Allocation for CDBG-CV and ESG-CV programs and projects for FY19

FY2020 CDBG-CV AWARDED AMOUNT #2		FY2020 AWARDED AMOUNT
A. PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES	PROJECT NAME	
MassHire Greater New Bedford	Year Round Out of School Youth Program	\$ 100,000
YMCA of SouthCoast	Remote Learning and Enrichment Program	\$ 150,000
A. SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITES		\$ 250,000
B. PUBLIC FACILITIES	PROJECT NAME	
City of New Bedford MIS Department	Public Park Internet Access	\$150,000
People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc.	Food Distribution Center	\$450,000
B. SUBTOTAL PUBLIC FACILITIES ACTIVITIES		\$ 600,000
C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION	PROJECT NAME	
CDBG Administration	Administration	\$ 101,553
C. SUBTOTAL CD-CV ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITES		\$ 101,553
TOTAL CDBG-CV BUDGET		\$ 951,553
CDBG-CV ALLOCATION AMOUNT \$951,553		
FY2020 ESG-CV AWARDED AMOUNT #2		FY2020 AWARDED AMOUNT
A. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) -CV	PROJECT NAME	
Catholic Social Services, Inc.	ESG-CARES ACT Round 2 (ES, RRH & HP)	\$ 335,377
New Bedford Women's Center	Care for Victims of DV w/ COVID-19 (ES, RRH & HP)	\$ 177,683
PACE, Inc.	Safer At Home #2 (RRH & HP)	\$ 603,458
SRN, INC.	Harbour House (ES)	\$ 21,000
Steppingstone, Inc.	FAIHR Supplemental Outreach Project (SO & ES)	\$ 171,751
SE MA Veterans Housing Program, Inc.	Veterans Meals, Staff Hazard Pay & SO (SO & ES)	\$ 63,017
City of New Bedford	Emergency Shelter Fund (ES)	\$ 46,361
HMIS	HMIS	\$ -
ESG Administration	Administration @ 10%	\$ 157,627
A. SUBTOTAL EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT ACTIVITIES		\$ 1,576,274
TOTAL ESG-CV BUDGET		\$1,576,274
ESG-CV ALLOCATION AMOUNT \$1,576,274		

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e) AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In Year 5 of the Consolidated Plan, the city has allocated funding that addresses unmet priority need while continuing commitments to successful programs and multi-year initiatives. The HOME Rehabilitation program is a long-standing, successful effort that addresses a high need as identified in the Resident Needs Assessment—safe, affordable housing. Similarly, the economic development programs and initiatives operated by the New Bedford Economic Development Council are indicative of the city’s long-standing commitment to support local business growth. Public service activity programs are successful programs operated by the city and non-profit partner agencies. Public infrastructure and projects represent a continued commitment to improving public spaces.

#	Project Name
1	PUBLIC SERVICES
2	INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
3	CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES
4	PUBLIC FACILITY, PARK & PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
5	HOUSING & REHAB PROJECTS
6	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
7	PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION
8	ESG ACTIVITIES
9	HOME ACTIVITIES
10	HOME ADMINISTRATION
11	RLF HOUSING PROJECTS

Table 1 – Project Information

The City will be receiving \$1,624,151 in CDBG-CV funds and \$805,424 in ESG-CV funds to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be split between Administration (maximum 20% CDBG-CV and 10% ESG-CV) and the remainder will be allocated to CDBG-CV Public Services and Economic Development Activities and all eligible activities under ESG-CV through a Request for Proposal Process.

The City will be receiving \$951,533 in CDBG-CV funds and \$1,576,274 in ESG-CV funds to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be split between Administration (maximum 20% CDBG-CV and 10% ESG-CV) and the remainder will be allocated to CDBG-CV Public Services and Public Facility Activities and all eligible activities under ESG-CV through a Request for Proposal Process.

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The city allocated funding to address the priorities identified within the Consolidated Plan process. Reasons for allocation priorities are based on citizen input, broad goals established by the city, and demonstrated need for activities such as homeless services, economic development and neighborhood revitalization. The overwhelming priorities are the continued commitment to improving housing conditions, which account for 23% of the CDBG entitlement funding, and economic development initiatives, which account for 20% of CDBG entitlement funds.

Programs that support improvements to public infrastructure, facilities, and parks represent a significant investment in the capital needs in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

For the Consolidated Plan, the results of citizen input strongly supported homeownership and housing rehabilitation, so the city sets a priority on encouraging new homeownership and preserving existing homeownership. The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is limited availability of local, state, and federal funding. Another obstacle is the continued affordability gap for renters and homeowners. Despite comparable low rent rates and real estate sales, a greater number of New Bedford residents pay a disproportionate amount of their income on housing.

The CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds will be distributed to organizations with eligible activities that are project-ready where they can prove they have an urgent need in response to COVID-19. The funds will be managed through the Office of Housing and Community Development.

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Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 1 – Project Summary

**Annual Action Plan
2019**

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 07/31/2015)

12	Project Name	CDBG-CV PUBLIC SERVICES
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide essential Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$749,514
	Description	Funding of various public service agencies which serve the needs of the youth, elderly and LMI individuals.
	Target Date	No target Date
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CDBG-CV public services is expected to support 500 low- to moderate-income clients.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include Interim Assistance for Housing costs(Rental and Mortgage) up to three months, After school youth programs, Fair Housing and Housing legal services, Food Security, and Immigrant Services
13	Project Name	CDBG-CV ADMINISTRATION
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing; Housing Services, Economic Development; Neighborhood Stabilization; Public Services; and Homeless Services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$224,637
	Description	Subrecipient management, program development, community engagement, plan development, and fiscal responsibilities.
	Target Date	No Target Date.
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide
		Project Name
Target Area		City-wide

14	Goals Supported	Job creation/Job Retention, microenterprise assistance
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$650,000
	Description	Economic Development activities for business assistance and job creation/retention.
	Target Date	No Target Date
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 small businesses assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Economic development grants/loans for the purposes of job creation/retention to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 to small businesses.	
15	Project Name	COVID EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG-CV)
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Services
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	ESG-CV: \$805,424
	Description	Funding of various public service agencies which serve the needs of the youth, elderly and LMI individuals.
	Target Date	No target
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,500
	Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Administration, Shelter Operation Support, Homeless Prevention, Rapid re-housing, Street Outreach and HMIS activities.	

16	Project Name	CDBG-CV PUBLIC SERVICES
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide essential Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	Funding of various public service agencies which serve the needs of the youth, elderly and LMI individuals.
	Target Date	No target Date
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CDBG-CV public services is expected to support 150 low- to moderate-income clients.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include, After school youth programs, and Youth Employment Services

17	Project Name	CDBG-CV ADMINISTRATION
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Public Services; Public Facilities and Homeless Services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$101,553
	Description	Subrecipient management, program development, community engagement, plan development, and fiscal responsibilities.
	Target Date	No Target Date.
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
Location Description	Citywide	

18	Project Name	CDBG-CV PUBLIC FACILITIES ACTIVITIES
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Food Security/Food Distribution assistance/ Internet Access to Public Spaces in underserved communities.
	Needs Addressed	PUBLIC FACILITIES to Assist LMI populations
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$600,000
	Description	Food Distribution Center, including drive thru Food Pantry.
	Target Date	No Target Date
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,000 individuals and families serviced
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Acquisition of a Building to house a Food Distribution Center and Food Pantry for LMI persons and families. to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 to food insecurity problems throughout the city. / Internet Access to Public Spaces in underserved communities.

City of New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development Substantial Amendment #2 to the FY2015-FY2019 Consolidated Plan and the FY2019 Annual Action Plan

The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing and Community Development is proposing a substantial amendment to its One Year Action Plan (FY 2019) in order to receive a \$951,553 allocation in Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funds, and a \$1,576,274 allocation in Emergency Solutions Grant ESG COVID-19 (ESG-CV) funding. This is the second substantial amendment to the FY2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY19 Action Plan, the first being related to an initial receipt of COVID funding that included both CDBG-CV funding and ESG-CV funding.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed on March 27, 2020 to respond to the growing effects of the COVID Pandemic. The City of New Bedford was notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will receive \$951,553 in a subsequent round of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding and \$1,576,274 in the second round of Emergency Solutions Grant ESG COVID-19 (ESG-CV) funding. The funding will be distributed through a request for proposal process to local organizations with urgent needs as a result of COVID-19 and prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons.

The City was directed by HUD to amend its approved FY2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY2019 Annual Action Plan to reflect the allocation of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds and to demonstrate how the funding will be allocated to the City. This funding is a second allocation from HUD and necessitates a second Substantial Amendment to the City's FY2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY2019 Annual Action Plan .

At the time of the initial allocation the City was also directed by HUD to amend its Citizen Participation Plan to reflect two waivers issued by HUD that allow for a shortened 5-day comment period and alternative hearing formats (e.g., virtual meetings) due to the urgent nature of COVID-19; as such, that plan has already been amended to reflect these waivers.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low and moderate income households with rental assistance for no more than three months, general food security and meal programs, workforce development and re-training programs, small business assistance to retain employees that are low and moderate income and support of other COVID-19 response services to ensure public health and well-being.

Eligible ESG activities include street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, Homeless Management Information System and administration.

The amended document has been posted online (see link below) for public review and comment.

All public comments are welcomed and encouraged!

Amendments to the Substantial Amendment #2 2019 Annual Action Plan at a Glance:

- The approved 2019 Annual Action Plan has been amended to reflect the allocation of \$951,553 in CDBG-CV funds and \$1,576,274 in a second round of FY19 ESG-CV funds.
- The proposed amendments to the document are indicated with underlined text. Specific updates are noted below by section and page number.
 - **AP-05 Executive Summary: the summary of Citizen Participation was updated (See page 5).**

- **AP-10 Consultation:** text was added regarding the December 9, 2020 Public Meeting.
- **AP-12 Participation:** please see notation regarding HUD's issuance of Waiver's for the 2019 AAP amendment to receive the CDBG-CV funds and ESG-CV funds.
- **AP-15 Expected Resources:** text was added about the CBDG-CV, ESG-CV funds, dollar amounts were updated to include the new allocation of CBDG-CV, ESG-CV funds. (See page 40.)
- **AP-35 Projects:** text was added about the allocation of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds and how it will be distributed to the community through a request for proposals process. (See page 46,47)
- **AP-38 Project Summary:** the information and timelines were updated to reflect the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds and the proposed projects. (See pages 55-57)

The amended draft Annual Action Plan for PY2019 will be available for review and comment for a period of at least 5 days from November 30, 2020 to December 7, 2020.

Citizen Participation Plan

The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) was already amended to reflect HUD Waivers that put aside the 15 and 30-day minimums for the public comments and allow for no less than five (5) days during the current emergency period. Additionally, the CPP also allows the use of virtual meetings in an effort to contain COVID-19 and limit public gatherings in accordance with HUD Waivers. The amended CPP is available online at: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/newbedford-ma/wp-content/uploads/sites/58/20200708123318/AMENDED-CPP-July-2-2020-FINAL.pdf>

Opportunities for Public Comment

Written comments will be accepted beginning November 30, 2020 – December 7, 2020 by emailing the Office of Housing & Community Development at: OHCD@newbedford-ma.gov.

A public hearing will be held virtually using Zoom at the regular meeting of the City Council on December 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to consider any and all public comments on the amended 2019 Annual Action Plan.

The link to the New Bedford Cable access for the City Council Zoom meeting is:
<https://www.facebook.com/nbcablenetwork/>



Item Title:

COMMUNICATION - EIGHT YR LEASE - SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Item Detail:

M2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to Council, submitting AN ORDER to enter into an eight (8) year lease with All American Investment Group LLC for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

M2a. AN ORDER,

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
□ ORDER-FIRE DEP. SCBA EQUIPMENT-LEASE	Cover Memo



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

December 2, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes, and
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Members of the City Council:

The FY 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program includes funding for the anticipated replacement of the Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment. The current inventory was purchased in 2007-2008 and has reached the end of its service life.

The Fire Department has obtained a quote for full replacement totaling \$649,969 using a State purchasing contract, which is well below the \$750,000 estimate in the CIP. The attached order will authorize the City to execute an eight-year lease agreement under the same master lease that the City has utilized for previous lease purchases and carries a very competitive interest rate.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell
Mayor



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

December 9, 2020

ORDERED, That the City of New Bedford is hereby authorized to enter into an eight (8) year lease with All American Investment Group LLC for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Submitted for City Council approval in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B, Section 12 (b) for contracts in excess of three years' duration



City of New Bedford



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul Coderre Jr.
Fire Chief

Wednesday November 18, 2020

Mayor Jon Mitchell
City Hall
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Subject: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Procurement

Honorable Mayor Mitchell,

As part of the Fire Department's Capital Needs Assessment it was determined that the replacement of our current SCBAs is necessary. Our current SCOTT SCBAs were placed in service in 2007-2008 and have reached the end of their service life. All the warranties that accompanied this purchase have expired and the Department must bear the full cost of any required repairs. Currently we have sixteen (16) SCBA harnesses out of service awaiting repair. The total cost of the repairs is approximately \$15,000. It would not be fiscally responsible to make this investment.

The Department engaged both SCOTT and MSA in a competitive and interactive process that resulted in the selection of the MSA G1 SCBA assembly. These harnesses and tanks are protected by a lifetime warranty. Due to the competitive process, MAS included integrated thermal imaging cameras in a dozen of the harnesses. This will double the amount of thermal imaging cameras that can be deployed for either search and rescue or firefighting. They have extended the lifetime warranty to the thermal imaging cameras as well.

MSA has attested that these SCBAs will be functional and remain in service for a minimum of ten (ten) years. This purchase will provide our members and the public with the latest technology and highest level of safety while conducting victim search and rescue as well as interior structural firefighting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Kruger".

Scott Kruger
Acting Fire Chief

All American Investment Group, LLC

Private Investment Banking

Ron Klein
Senior Vice President
rlk@allaminv.com

Email/Fax Proposal from Ron Klein

DATE: November 17, 2020
TO: Ari Sky – CFO
FAX/EMAIL: Ari.Sky@newbedford-ma.gov

All American Investment Group, LLC (All American) is pleased to provide you with the following tax-exempt lease purchase financing proposal for **New Bedford, MA (as "Municipal Client")**.

EQUIPMENT/PROJECT:	SCBA Breathing Apparatus
ACQUISITION COST:	\$649,969.00
DOWN PAYMENT:	\$ 0.00
AMOUNT FINANCED:	\$649,969.00
LEASE TERM:	8 Fiscal Year Term
FREQUENCY OF PAYMENTS:	Annual in Arrears
INTEREST RATE: *	3.39%
PAYMENT AMOUNT (starting 7-15-21):	\$92,852.97
LEASE START DATE:	December 15, 2020
FIRST PAYMENT DUE:	July 15, 2021 and then annually thereafter

* This rate expires on 12/15/2020.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- This proposal is subject to credit review, approval and execution of mutually acceptable lease documentation including MSRB Rule G-17 Disclosure.
- Payments under the lease are subject to annual appropriations and to all authorizations required under law.
- Lessee shall have an option to purchase the equipment during the lease term, and at the end of the lease term, when all Payments due have been made by Lessee, Lessee shall own the equipment outright.
- This transaction will be designated as tax-exempt under Section 265(b)(3) of the IRS Code of 1986.
- For credit review, audited financial statements and a budget summary for the current fiscal year will be required.

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or need more information.

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FEDERALLY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT
MSRB Rule G-17 Disclosure from All American Investment Group, LLC

Dear Municipal Client,

This document describes our placement agent services, and provides certain disclosures as required by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17 as set forth in Notice 2012-25. Under new federal regulations, all underwriters and placement agents are now required to send the following disclosures to you as the borrower of the **Lease Purchase Agreement** (the “Securities”) in order to clarify the role of an underwriter or placement agent and other matters relating to a private placement of the Securities.

As the borrower of the Securities, you will be a party to certain legal documents to be entered into in connection with the authorization and advancement of the Securities and any material financial risks described in this letter will be borne by you, as set forth in those legal documents.

Our Role as Placement Agent:

In serving as placement agent for the Securities, these are some important disclosures that clarify our role and responsibilities:

1. MSRB Rule G-17 requires us to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors;
2. Our primary role is to act as a Placement Agent for borrower (the “Issuer”) with a view to arrange for a placement of the Securities on commercially reasonable rates and terms while we have financial and other interests that differ from your interests;
3. Unlike a municipal advisor, we do not have a fiduciary duty to you under the federal securities laws and we are, therefore, not required by federal law to act in your best interests without regard to our own financial or other interests;
4. We have a duty to place the Securities for you at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with our duty to sell the Securities to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable; and
5. If applicable, we will review the official statement for the issuance of the Securities in accordance with and as part of our responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of the transaction (however, we do not presently expect that an official statement will be prepared with respect to the Securities).

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Our Compensation:

Our compensation for serving as the placement agent for the Securities will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and will be based on the par amount of the Securities. The rules of the MSRB require us to inform you that compensation that is contingent on the closing of a transaction or par amount of a transaction presents a conflict of interest, because it may cause us to recommend a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

Risk Disclosures:

In accordance with the requirements of MSRB Rule G-17, attached to this letter as Appendix A is a description of the material aspects of typical fixed rate municipal bonds, as modified to reflect some of the unique characteristics of the Securities. Attached as Appendix B is a description of the material aspects of the Securities which may be considered unique and/or complex. This letter may be later supplemented if the material terms of the Securities change from what is described here.

If you have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to me at the contact information below. In addition, you should consult with your own financial, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent you deem appropriate.

Under MSRB Rules, we are required to seek your acknowledgement that you have received this letter. Accordingly, please send me an email to that effect, or sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter to our main office at the address below:

All American Investment Group
730 17th Street, Suite 830
Denver, CO 80202

Respectfully submitted,

All American Investment Group, LLC

Authorized Officer

ACCEPTED this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Authorized Officer

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Appendix A – Fixed Rate

The following is a general description of the financial characteristics and security structures of fixed rate municipal obligations, including the Securities (“Fixed Rate Obligations”), as well as a general description of certain financial risks that you should consider before deciding whether to issue Fixed Rate Obligations.

Financial Characteristics

Maturity and Interest. Obligations are interest-bearing debt securities issued by state and local governments, political subdivisions and agencies and authorities. Maturity dates for Fixed Rate Obligations are fixed at the time of issuance and may include serial maturities (specified principal amounts are payable on the same date in each year until final maturity) or one or more term maturities (specified principal amounts are payable on each term maturity date) or a combination of serial and term maturities.

Redemption. Obligations may be subject to optional redemption, which allows you, at your option, to redeem some or all of the Fixed Rate Obligations on a date prior to scheduled maturity, such as in connection with the issuance of refunding Fixed Rate Obligations to take advantage of lower interest rates.

Fixed Rate Obligations may be subject to redemption only after the passage of a specified period of time and upon payment of the redemption price set forth in the Fixed Rate Obligations, which may include a redemption premium.

Security

Payment of principal of and interest on a municipal security, including Fixed Rate Obligations, may be backed by various types of pledges and forms of security. The Securities have certain features in common with Annual Appropriation Obligations, described below, subject to the caveats described below. Your issuance of the Securities is referred to below as the “Obligations”:

Annual Appropriation Obligations. Annual Appropriation Obligations are not considered debt, but are securities whose repayment is subject to annual appropriation by the borrower. The issuer of annual appropriation obligations is not legally compelled to make payment of principal or interest on such securities beyond the current fiscal year.

In the event of default in the payments of interest or principal on annual appropriation obligations, the holders remedies are limited to the collateral specified in the financing documents.

In the case of the Securities, you are issuing annual appropriation obligations and as such, purchasers of the Securities are entitled to all payments appropriated for principal and interest on the Securities when due and may take possession of the collateral and lease the collateral to another party to recoup amounts remaining owed on the Securities.

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Financial Risk Considerations

Certain risks may arise in connection with your issuance of the Securities (referred to below as the “Obligations”), including some or all of the following:

Issuer Default Risk. You may be in default if the funds pledged to secure your Obligations are not sufficient to pay debt service on the Obligations when due. The consequences of a default may be serious for you and, depending on applicable state law and the terms of the authorizing documents, the holders of the Obligations, the trustee and any credit support provider may be able to exercise a range of available remedies against you. Other budgetary adjustments also may be necessary to enable you to provide sufficient funds to pay debt service on the Obligations. A default may negatively impact your credit ratings and may effectively limit your ability to publicly offer bonds or other securities at market interest rate levels. Further, if you are unable to provide sufficient funds to remedy the default, subject to applicable state law and the terms of the authorizing documents, you may find it necessary to consider available alternatives under state law, including (for some issuers) state-mandated receivership or bankruptcy. A default also may occur if you are unable to comply with covenants or other provisions agreed to in connection with the issuance of the Obligations.

This description is only a brief summary of issues relating to defaults and is not intended as legal advice. You should consult with your bond counsel for further information regarding defaults and remedies.

Redemption Risk. Your ability to redeem the Obligations prior to maturity may be limited, depending on the terms of any optional redemption provisions. In the event that interest rates decline, you may be unable to take advantage of the lower interest rates to reduce debt service.

In the case of the Securities, optional prepayment is permitted.

Refinancing Risk. If your financing plan contemplates refinancing some or all of the Obligations at maturity (for example, if you have term maturities or if you choose a shorter final maturity than might otherwise be permitted under the applicable federal tax rules), market conditions or changes in law may limit or prevent you from refinancing those Obligations when required. Further, limitations in the federal tax rules on advance refunding of Obligations (an advance refunding of Obligations occurs when tax-exempt Obligations are refunded more than 90 days prior to the date on which those Obligations may be retired) may restrict your ability to refund the Obligations to take advantage of lower interest rates.

Reinvestment Risk. You may have proceeds of the Obligations to invest prior to the time that you are able to spend those proceeds for the authorized purpose. Depending on market conditions, you may not be able to invest those proceeds at or near the rate of interest that you are paying on the Obligations, which is referred to as “negative arbitrage.”

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Tax Compliance Risk. The issuance of tax-exempt Obligations is subject to a number of requirements under the United States Internal Revenue Code, as enforced by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You must take certain steps and make certain representations prior to the issuance of tax-exempt Obligations. You also must covenant to take certain additional actions after issuance of the tax-exempt Obligations. A breach of your representations or your failure to comply with certain tax-related covenants may cause the interest on the Obligations to become taxable retroactively to the date of issuance of the Obligations, which may result in an increase in the interest rate that you pay on the Obligations or the mandatory redemption of the Obligations. The IRS also may audit you or your Obligations, in some cases on a random basis and in other cases targeted to specific types of Obligations issues or tax concerns. If the Obligations are declared taxable, or if you are subject to audit, the market price of your Obligations may be adversely affected. Further, your ability to issue other tax-exempt Obligations also may be limited.

This description of tax compliance risks is not intended as legal advice and you should consult with your bond counsel regarding tax implications of issuing the Obligations.

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Appendix B - Complex Risks

Financial Characteristics

The following is a general description of additional financial characteristics of the Securities, as well as a general description of certain financial risks that are known to us and reasonably foreseeable at this time and that you should consider before deciding whether to proceed with the Securities. If you have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to us. In addition, you should consult with your financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent you deem appropriate.

Description of Unique Qualities of Lease Purchase Agreement Securities. Some of the terms of the Securities are similar to terms of commercial bank loans, which tend to have different characteristics than traditional municipal bond financings in several respects. They often have triggers for events of default that differ from traditional municipal bonds and remedies that can also vary from those frequently used in the traditional bond market. The Securities may have some of these characteristics. Also see the covenants section of the documents, which may vary slightly from traditional municipal financings.

Description of the Maturity Structure. The Securities are currently structured with an approximate 5 year final maturity with principal payments until the final maturity date.

Financial Risk Considerations

Certain risks may arise in connection with a bank loan, including some or all of the following:

Bank Qualification. Pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code, banks may deduct 80% of the carrying cost of a “qualified tax-exempt obligation.” In order for Securities to be qualified tax-exempt obligations the bonds must be (i) issued by a “qualified small issuer,” (ii) issued for public purposes, and (iii) designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations. A “qualified small issuer” is (with respect to bonds issued during any calendar year) an issuer that issues no more than \$10 million of tax-exempt bonds during the calendar year. The Issuer must consult legal counsel as to the effectiveness of such installments, made in separate calendar years, in achieving “qualified” treatment of such obligations in this manner.

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Nominal Annual Rate: 3.390%

CASH FLOW DATA

Event	Date	Amount	Number	Period	End Date
1 Loan	12/15/2020	649,969.00	1		
2 Payment	7/15/2021	92,852.97	8	Annual	7/15/2028

	Date	Payment	Interest	Principal	Balance
Loan	12/15/2020				649,969.00
1	7/15/2021	92,852.97	12,975.55	79,877.42	570,091.58
2	7/15/2022	92,852.97	19,326.10	73,526.87	496,564.71
3	7/15/2023	92,852.97	16,833.54	76,019.43	420,545.28
4	7/15/2024	92,852.97	14,256.48	78,596.49	341,948.79
5	7/15/2025	92,852.97	11,592.06	81,260.91	260,687.88
6	7/15/2026	92,852.97	8,837.32	84,015.65	176,672.23
7	7/15/2027	92,852.97	5,989.19	86,863.78	89,808.45
8	7/15/2028	<u>92,852.97</u>	<u>3,044.52</u>	<u>89,808.45</u>	0.00
Grand Totals		742,823.76	92,854.76	649,969.00	

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CUSTOMER NO. 3317	CONTRACT NO. FIR-04	PHONE NO. (508)991-6105	SALESPERSON CHARLES POIRIER	CUSTOMER PO. NO.
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LINE NO.	ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY ORDERED	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MSAAG1FS442MA2C 0LAR	MSA G1 SCBA, 4500, QUICK CONNECT, SWIVEL, RECHARGEABLE	75	4,940.00	370,500.00
2	MSAOPTION	INTERGRATED TIC TO INCLUDE FULL 15 YEAR WARRANTY	12	943.00	11,316.00
3	MSA10175708	G1 CYLINDER 4500PSI 45 MIN W/QC ADAPTER LOW PROFILE	150	1,043.00	156,450.00
4	MSA10156459	G1 FACEPIECE,FS,MD NC,4PT C-HARNES, MEDIUM ALL SIZES, 4-POINT, NOSE CUP	218	282.00	61,476.00
5	MSA10162403	ADAPTER ASSY, QC TO 1/4 NPT F, 5000PSI	14	361.00	5,054.00
6	MSA10158385	G1 BATTERY CHARGING STATION	6	594.00	3,564.00
7	MSA10148741SP	G1 LI-ION RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PACK	38	296.00	11,248.00
8	MSA10009971	GERMACIDE CLEANER, 32oz. NO CHARGE ITEM	6	0.00	0.00
9	MSA10144231SP	KIT, FILTER ADAPTER ASSY, G1 FACEPIECE	215	0.00	0.00
10	MSA10042346	CARTRIDGE, OPTIFILTER, TYPE HE, 20/BX	14	380.00	5,320.00
11	TNOL2	RIT BAG	4	273.00	1,092.00

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12	MSA10206313	G1 RIT SYS, 4500, QC, QF, GAUGE, QA BYPASS, UEBSS. LESS CYL	4	3,641.00	14,564.00
13	MSA10175710	G1 CYLINDER 4500PSI 60 MIN W/QC ADAPTER	4	1,282.00	5,128.00
14	MSAA01	SPECIAL ITEM FOR PRODUCT GROUP 01 FULL 15 YEAR WARRANTY ON INTERGRATED ITIC, NO CHARGE ITEM	12	0.00	0.00
15	MSA10126741	BAG,ULTRA ELITE FACEPIECE,BLACK NO CHARGE ITEM	218	0.00	0.00
16	MSA10158407	G1 RFID READER/WRITER KIT	1	485.00	485.00
17	MSA10083875	TAGS ASSY, ELECTRONIC ID M7 AIR MASK	108	34.00	3,672.00
18	SIEAC10015	ADAPTER	2	50.00	100.00

Comments

Amount
By:

649,969.00
CHARLES POIRIER

MSA – The Safety Company

MSA G1 SCBA

Limited Warranty and Terms of Sale

Express Warranty — MSA - The Safety Company (MSA) warrants MSA G1 SCBA (SCBA) to be free from defects in materials and/or faulty workmanship for a period of fifteen (15) years from the date of sale by MSA. This warranty applies to all components* of the SCBA including all accessories and optional equipment purchased and supplied at the time of the original sale. MSA's obligation under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement, at MSA's option, of the SCBA or components shown to be defective in either workmanship or materials.

No agent, employee or representative of MSA may bind MSA to any affirmation, representation or modification of the warranty concerning the goods sold under this contract.

MSA shall be released from all obligations under this warranty in the event that repairs or modifications are made by persons other than its own or authorized service personnel, or if the warranty claim results from accident, alteration, misuse, or abuse.

*This warranty expressly excludes the G1 SCBA Integrated Thermal Imaging Camera. For warranty information regarding the G1 SCBA Integrated Thermal Imaging Camera please see the *G1 SCBA Integrated Thermal Imaging Camera Warranty*.

THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED, IMPLIED, OR STATUTORY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. IN ADDITION, MSA EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY FOR ECONOMIC, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SALE OR USE OF MSA PRODUCTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF ANTICIPATED PROFITS.



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Item Title:

COMMUNICATION-RE-APPOINTMENT-CELESTE PALEOLOGOS-ZBA

Item Detail:

M3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of CELESTE PALEOLOGOS, New Bedford, MA to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; this term will expire December 2025.

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
□ RE-APPOINTMENT-CELESTE PALEOLOGOS-ZBA	Cover Memo



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

December 1, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **RE-APPOINTMENT** of **CELESTE PALEOLOGOS**,
368 Whitlow Street, New Bedford, MA to the **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**. This term
will expire December 2025.

Attached is Mrs. Paleologos' attendance at board meetings from 2019 to present.

Sincerely,


Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds
attachment

cc: Celeste Paleologos
Zoning Board of Appeals



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MAYOR
JON MITCHELL
PLANNING DIRECTOR
TABITHA HARKIN

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
FROM: Angela Goncalves, Assistant Project Manager
RE: Celeste Paleologos REAPPOINTMENT
DATE: November 23, 2020

This is to advise you of Celeste Paleologos's attendance over a year and a half span ranging from April 2019 – October 2019 with respect to her service on the city's Zoning Board of Appeals. Her attendance on said board was, as follows:

Zoning Board of Appeals Attendance Summary		
Board Member	2019	2020
Celeste Paleologos	8 of 10	10 of 10

Mrs. Paleologos has served as a member of the Board for the past year and a half and remains a valuable member of the ZBA. Most recently, at the October 15, 2020 the board voted to elect Mrs. Paleologos to Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals

As such, and in light of her ongoing contribution to the Zoning Board of Appeals, I recommend Mrs. Paleologos for reappointment.

Should you have any questions concerning this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Item Title:

VETO of ORDINANCE, RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY OF CITY PERSONNEL

Item Detail:

M4. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a VETO of the Ordinance, Relative to the Residency of City Personnel; the proposed Ordinance would define Residency requirements for employees of the City of New Bedford.

M4a. AN ORDINANCE, (Passed to be Ordained – November 12, 2020, and VETOED by Mayor Mitchell November 25, 2020).

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
□ Letter from Mayor - VETO of Residency of City Personnel Ordinance	Cover Memo



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 24, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

CITY CLERKS OFFICE
NEW BEDFORD, MA

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CITY CLERK

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

For the reasons set forth below, I hereby veto *An Ordinance Relative to Residency of City Personnel* (#1304), which the Council passed on November 12, 2020.

As you are aware, since 1977, the City has required employees to reside in New Bedford, with certain exceptions established under state law and in collective bargaining agreements with the City's public employee unions. (City Code, Article II, Section 19-20 et seq.). The purpose of the residency requirement is to advance certain important public interests; that is, it creates a hiring preference for qualified New Bedford residents, cultivates a municipal workforce committed to the City, and encourages reinvestment of employee wages in the City through consumer spending and the payment of property taxes. Several other cities, especially in the Northeast, have residency requirements that are similarly structured.

The City Code of course contemplates that under certain circumstances it may be in the City's interest to relieve an employee of the residency requirement, and thus authorizes the City Council to issue a waiver of the requirement upon a two-thirds vote. In determining whether to submit a waiver for the Council's consideration, my Administration has adhered to a policy that carefully weighs the importance of employee residency against the need for City government to retain and attract the highest qualified candidates to its ranks. It goes without saying that the quality of municipal services depends directly on the level of skill and dedication of City employees, and from time to time, applicants have raised legitimate reasons why they cannot move into New Bedford. The most typical scenario has been when an applicant is a resident of a surrounding town, but family circumstances, such as the prospect of having to uproot children from their schools, has made it unduly burdensome for the applicant to move to New Bedford. Rather than lose the applicant in those circumstances, we have requested a waiver from the Council. Conversely, in those instances in which an out-of-town applicant lives beyond commuting distance from the City and must move in any case to take the position, we have not sought a waiver of residency and insisted instead that the person live in New Bedford.

The approach has been consistently applied over the last nine years, and it has served its purposes. The City has been able to attract considerable talent to important government

positions, while relatively few waivers have been issued. Out of a city workforce of over a thousand employees, there are currently only forty-two (less than five percent) who are the subject of a residency waiver.

Nevertheless, for many years, certain councilors have contended that the Council is asked to approve too many residency waivers, a lament that at times has been echoed by some residents. The problem lay, I respectfully submit, in the Council's practice of approving waivers for a period of only one year. That most of employees who are subject to waivers must come back before the Council annually, even if there has been no change in their circumstances, creates the appearance that the Council is constantly approving waivers, when in fact the Council has been approving largely the same set of waivers again and again. Nothing in the code limits waivers to one year. The Council could easily cease this practice, and thereby greatly reduce the number of waivers it must consider.

I fear that the sweeping residency ordinance passed by the Council will at once undermine the important policy goals of the residency requirement and make it more difficult for the City to attract talent. The ordinance's central feature is to eliminate the residency requirement for non-union employees, and establish a ten percent reduction in pay for employees who live outside the city. There can be no doubt that this will make it more difficult for us to attract talented candidates. A mandatory reduction in compensation from what is already an uncompetitive salary scale is hardly an enticement for applicants who have other professional options – as all highly qualified professionals do. And it will also make it harder to attract candidates for historically hard-to-fill positions, such as paramedics or lifeguards.

The pay reduction does not appear to be based on any finding about the effect it actually would have. One would expect that such a radical policy departure would be grounded in an analysis of the experience of other cities with a similar policy, or perhaps a survey of current City employees about how a pay reduction might affect their residency preferences. The council has offered up no such evidence – or even pointed to another city that has adopted a measure like this – and so one can only guess as whether it will make it easier or harder to attract talent to city government. The implications of not gathering and analyzing evidence to understand how this new policy would work are potentially significant. If it turns out that a pay cut for non-residents would make it harder to hire qualified candidates, city services will be diminished.

It is also difficult to justify the inclusion of a provision that would lift the ten percent pay reduction once an employee reaches ten years of service. How does this serve the City's interests? Is it conceivable that a job candidate would be more willing to take the job if the pay cut ended some ten years later? The provision seems rather like a reward for longevity. I fully support incentivizing employee retention, but not if the "reward" is to permit employees to leave the city, not out of necessity, but by choice. As we all would agree, we should adopt no policy that would tend to disaffirm the notion that New Bedford is a great place to live.

Moreover, in seeming contradiction to the elimination of the residency requirement, the Council preserved the residency requirement for eight management positions and all members of city boards and commissions, and *made this requirement un-waivable*. The basis for the Council's carving out these particular positions in this way is not evident. For example, why the Parking

Supervisor or the Purchasing Agent must be a city resident, but not the Police Chief or Fire Chief, is hard to reconcile. Do the positions subject to this provision really demand a deeper connection to the City than those that were excluded? More important, the un-waivability of residency for positions that require considerable expertise raises real concerns. For example, by categorically requiring residency for the health director, the Council has assumed that an ample supply of people with backgrounds in epidemiology or infectious disease may be found in New Bedford (or that our salary scale would entice someone with that background to move here). Based on the last hiring process for that position, in which there was not a single qualified candidate from New Bedford, there is cause for concern.

As the ordinance applies only to non-union employees, it also treats management and labor inconsistently. Even if the ordinance is ultimately enacted, the City's collective bargaining agreements will still require residency. Currently the fire and police contracts require full residency for ten years, and AFSCME employees are required to live in the city for the duration of their employment. The ordinance inevitably, and understandably, will be viewed as unfair by union employees.

As the Council further deliberates on this measure, careful consideration of the core assumptions underlying the Council's policy determinations is necessary. At the top of the list are the following:

- Would New Bedford be the first city to enact a pay reduction for non-resident employees, and if not, have cities with a similar policy found that it has improved their ability to attract highly qualified candidates?
- How do we reconcile this ordinance with the vastly different treatment of certain employees still subject to residency requirements, namely union employees, as well as those with no limitation on residency, namely those in the Port Authority, School Department, and Department of Housing and Community Development?
- Can the Council achieve the solution it appears to seek, that is, the reduction in the number of waivers it must consider, simply by granting waivers so long as the basis for the waiver remains valid, rather than for one year or some other specified period?

I believe that such an analysis will lead to a better outcome, and I remain ready to engage the Council in this continuing discussion.

Sincerely,



Jon Mitchell



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty

AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY OF CITY PERSONNEL

31- 509

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of New Bedford as follows:—

SECTION 1.

Article II of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking said Article, in its' entirety and inserting, in place thereof, the following new Article:

ARTICLE II. – EMPLOYEE RESIDENCY.

Sec. 19-20. - Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:

Employee: Any person:

1. Receiving monies from the city, subject to withholding taxes by the commonwealth or federal government;
2. Employed on a full- or part-time basis; or
3. Appointed, reappointed, elected, selected or chosen to serve on all authorities, boards, commissions or committees, whether compensated or not for such service.

Residence: The actual principal residence of the individual where such individual normally eats and sleeps and maintains such individual's normal personal and household effects. This article shall be deemed to affect both civil service and non-civil service employees of the city.

Sec. 19-22. - Maintenance of list of subject personnel.

The director of labor relations and personnel shall prepare and maintain a list of all persons subject to this article based on the position held by each respective person.

Sec. 19-23. – Residency and compensation.

1. All employees employed by the city shall receive the ordinary and regular compensation for the position held if said employee maintains their residence in the city.
2. Any employee who is not maintaining residence in the city and has not attained 10 years of total employment service to the city shall receive compensation equal to the ordinary and regular compensation for the position but adjusted by reducing said ordinary and regular compensation by 10%.
3. For any employee having their salary adjusted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this section, the adjustment shall no longer be applied upon either of the following occurring: -
 - (a) the employee attaining 10 years of total employment service to the city
 - or
 - (b) the employee becomes a resident of the city.
4. Every person who is reappointed, elected, selected or chosen to serve on an authority, board, commission, or committee, whether compensated or not for such service, shall maintain residence in the city regardless of whether said person has attained 10 years of service. This provision shall not apply to persons who are employed by the city on a part-time or full-time basis and by virtue of such employment are appointed to serve in an ex officio basis on an authority, board, commission, or committee.
5. Any person holding any of the following positions shall be required to live in the city of New Bedford and the provisions of section 19-23 (2) and (3) shall not apply: -
 - Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors;
 - City Planner;
 - Director of Human Resources/ Director of Personnel;
 - Director of Public Health;
 - Director of Purchasing/ Purchasing Agent;

First Assistant City Solicitor;
Parking Supervisor

19-24. - Exemptions.

The following shall be exempt from the provisions of section 19-23 (1) and (2).

1. Any person who is employed by the city on June 30, 2020 and who has received a waiver to the residency requirements in effect on June 30, 2020.
2. Any person receiving a waiver pursuant to section 19-25 during the duration of said waiver.

Sec. 19-25. - Waiver authorized.

In the event that the mayor and the city council determine it to be in the best interest of the public to do so, the provisions of section 19-23 (1) , (2) and (5) may be waived for a period of 6 consecutive months with respect to a particular person by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the city council. At the end of the 6 consecutive months of any approved waiver, the mayor and city council by 2/3 vote may extend the waiver to an additional 6 consecutive months if necessary. No person or employee shall receive more than 1 waiver and 1 extension. The employee shall receive the ordinary and regular compensation for the respective position during the time such waiver is effective. Such waiver shall not act to defeat the application of this article to every other person.

Sec. 19-26. – Notice of residency/filing certificate annually.

It shall be the responsibility of the employee to immediately notify their department head or like officer if they cease to maintain or establish residence in the city. Failing to do so may be grounds for termination.

In any event, annually, on July 1, every person subject to this article shall file with each such person's department head or like officer, a certificate signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, stating such person's name and place of residence as defined herein. Each department head shall forward all certificates to the director of labor relations and personnel.

The compensation of the employees who have not attained at least 10 years of employment service to the city who were so employed and have ceased to be residents of the city shall have their compensation adjusted pursuant to section 19-23 (2). The director of labor relations and personnel shall transmit the names of the employees, their respective position and the effective date of the adjustment or removal of an adjustment to the mayor and the city council.

Sec. 19-27. - Validity.

In the event that this article shall be deemed to be in conflict with a provision of any general or special law, the provision of that general or special law shall govern and shall not defeat the application of this article with respect to any position not governed by the law. Any action of a court of competent jurisdiction declaring this article invalid with respect to any position or person shall not be held to apply to any other person or position.

SECTION 2. Section 10-93 of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking, in the first sentence, the words "a resident of the City of New Bedford,"

SECTION 3. Section 19-2 of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking, in the first sentence, the words "a resident of the city,"

SECTION 4. Section 10-51 of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking said section in its' entirety and inserting, in place thereof the following section:

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Sec. 10-51. - Purchasing agent—Appointment; qualifications.

The executive officer of the purchasing department shall be the purchasing agent, who shall be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by the city council and shall qualify by oath before entrance upon the duties of the office. The purchasing agent shall have not less than five (5) years of general diversified business experience, which shall include experience in the purchasing of commodities.

SECTION 5. Section 2-82 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking, in the first sentence, the words "and must be a resident of the city"

SECTION 6. Subsection (a) of Section 2-47 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking the words "shall be subject to residency requirements under chapter 19 article II"

SECTION 7. Section 23-1 of Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking the first sentence and inserting in place thereof, the following sentence: -

"The mayor with the approval of the city council shall appoint the parking supervisor."

Section 8.

This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws.



Item Title:

REPORT - TRANSFER \$1,686,699 FY 21 TO WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Item Detail:

1. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$1,686,699.00 from WATER FREE CASH, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Water Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.

1a. AN ORDER, (Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 24, 2020.)

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▢ REPORT - Committee on Finance Transfer \$1,686,699 FY 21 Water Enterprise Fund Budget	Cover Memo



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

December 9, 2020

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Finance at a Meeting held on Monday, November 30, 2020, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$1,686,699, from WATER FREE CASH, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Water Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount. (Ref'd 11/24/2020)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$1,686,699, from WATER FREE CASH, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Water Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

IN COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson

LMM: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

November 24, 2020

ORDERED, that to balance the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 the sum of **ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$1,686,699)** now standing to the credit of the account from **WATER FREE CASH** be and is hereby assigned to the Fiscal Year 2021 Water Enterprise Fund budget, and that the portion raised by Water Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.



Item Title:

REPORT - TRANSFER \$3,503,036 FY 21 TO GENERAL BUDGET FUND

Item Detail:

2. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, AS AMENDED, for the TRANSFER of \$3,503,036.00 from FREE CASH to FISCAL YEAR 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts is reduced by the same amount.

2a. AN ORDER, (Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 24, 2020.)

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▢ REPORT - Committee on Finance -TRANSFER \$3,503,036 (As Amended) FY 21 to General Fund Budget	Cover Memo



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

December 9, 2020

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Finance at a Meeting held on Monday, November 30, 2020, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$3,893,036, from FREE CASH to FISCAL YEAR 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount. (Ref'd 11/24/2020)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED: To Amend the ORDER from \$3,898,036 to \$3,503,036. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, AS AMENDED, for the TRANSFER of \$3,503,036, from FREE CASH to FISCAL YEAR 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts is reduced by the same amount. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

IN COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Linda M. Morad

Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson

LMM: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

November 24, 2020

ORDERED, that to balance the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 the sum of **THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY THREE THOUSAND AND THIRTY SIX DOLLARS (\$3,893,036)** now standing to the credit of the account from **FREE CASH** be and is hereby assigned to the Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund budget, and that the portion raised by Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.



Item Title:

REPORT - TRANSFER \$489,174 FY 21 TO DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Item Detail:

3. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$489,174.00 from DOWNTOWN FREE CASH, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Enterprise Fund Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.

3a. AN ORDER, (Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 24, 2020.)

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Type
▢	REPORT - Committee on Finance - TRANSFER \$489,174 FY 21 to Downtown Enterprise Fund Budget	Cover Memo



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

December 9, 2020

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Finance at a Meeting held on Monday, November 30, 2020, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$489,174, from DOWNTOWN FREE CASH, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Enterprise Fund Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount. (Ref'd 11/24/2020)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Dunn, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$489,174, from DOWNTOWN FREE CASH, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Enterprise Fund Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

IN COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson

LMM: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

November 24, 2020

ORDERED, that to balance the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 the sum of **FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$489,174)** now standing to the credit of the account from **DOWNTOWN FREE CASH** be and is hereby assigned to the Fiscal Year 2021 Downtown Enterprise Fund budget, and that the portion raised by enterprise fund receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.



Item Title:

REPORT - TRANSFER \$1,300,000 FY 21 TO WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Item Detail:

4. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$1,300,000.00 from the SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Wastewater Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.

4a. AN ORDER, (Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 24, 2020.)

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Type
▣	REPORT - Committee on Finance TRANSFER \$1,300,000 FY 21 Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget	Cover Memo



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

December 9, 2020

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Finance at a Meeting held on Monday, November 30, 2020, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$1,300,000, from the SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Wastewater Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount. (Ref'd 11/24/2020)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$1,300,000, from the SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND, to the FISCAL YEAR 2021 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, and that the portion raised by Wastewater Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

IN COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Linda M. Morad

Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson

LMM: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

November 24, 2020

ORDERED, that to balance the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 the sum of **ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from the **SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND** be and is hereby assigned to the Fiscal Year 2021 Wastewater Enterprise Fund budget, and that the portion raised by Wastewater Receipts is hereby reduced by the same amount.



Item Title:

AN ORDINANCE - RELATIVE TO FOOD TRUCK LOCATIONS

Item Detail:

5. AN ORDINANCE, Relative to Food Truck Locations. (Passed to a Second Reading - November 12, 2020.)

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▣ AN ORDINANCE,	Cover Memo



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty

AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO FOOD TRUCK LOCATIONS

31- 509

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of New Bedford as follows:—

SECTION 1.

Subsection (d) of section 15-72 of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking said section in its' entirety and inserting, in place thereof, the following new subsection: -

(d) *Locations.*

(1) *Specifically designated locations.* Food trucks that have acquired the proper permits pursuant to this ordinance may operate on public property or, where applicable, on private property with permission of owner or person having control of said private property in the following areas only during the times designated for each area and 300 feet from food establishments:

Location A: Parks (paved areas of parks only, not to be established on grass covered areas), or city-owned ball fields (food trucks not operate within 300 feet of an "open" league run concession as if it were a restaurant) and in the industrial park or business park on private property with the permission of the owner or person in control of the private property so long as permitted truck is not obstructing traffic or endangering public safety.
Permitted hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location B: Working Waterfront District bordered by Route 18 (except that no such trucks shall stop on Route 18) as the furthest point westerly; from Interstate 195 south to Cove Road with the shoreline as the furthest point easterly.
Permitted hours: 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location C: Historic Downtown on Barker's Lane only or anywhere in the downtown on private property with the permission of the owner or person in control of the private property so long as permitted truck is not obstructing traffic or endangering public safety.

Permitted hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location D: Beaches. East Beach public lots except that said lots shall be limited to the first 3 permitted trucks to arrive on a given day and then each truck may be replaced on a first come first served basis as one or more of the three (3) trucks exits the public lot. One truck permitted on West Rodney French Boulevard on a first come first served basis.

Permitted hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(2) *Locations outside of specifically designated locations.* Food trucks that have acquired the proper permits pursuant to this ordinance may operate on any private property located outside of Locations A, B, C and D as described in subsection (d)(1) that is properly zoned for business use and the private property is held in common ownership with the owner of the licensed food truck operating on said private property. Food trucks, while operating under such a circumstance, shall not be required to keep any particular distance from a food establishment.

Permitted hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of section 15-72 of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking said paragraph (1) in its' entirety and inserting, in place thereof, the following new paragraph: -

- (1) Except when operating as described in section (d)(2) of this ordinance, food trucks shall not provide or allow any dining area, including but not limited to tables, chairs, booths, stools, benches and standup counters.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws.



Item Title:

WRITTEN MOTION - TAX TITLE SALE FOR PROPERTY

Item Detail:

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Morad, Abreu, Giesta, Council President Lopes, Councillors Carney, Lima and Markey, requesting that Chief Financial Officer Ari Sky appear before the Committee on Finance to discuss the Administration's intentions concerning another Tax Title sale for properties currently in arrears with regard to property taxes. (To be Referred to the Committee on Finance.)

Additional Information:



Item Title:

WRITTEN MOTION - AT HOME DELIVERY CANNABIS SERVICE ORDINANCE PROPOSED

Item Detail:

7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Giesta and Council President Lopes, requesting, that the New Bedford City Council and the Administration draft an Ordinance regarding the at-home delivery cannabis service recently approved and adopted by the State's Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) on November 30, 2020. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Cannabis Regulation and Host Community Agreements Review.)

7a. COMMUNICATION, Councillor Abreu, submitting the Cannabis Control Commission Final Regulations on at-home delivery cannabis service. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Cannabis Regulation and Host Community Agreements Review.)

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
📎 CCC Final Regulations,	Cover Memo



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November 25, 2020

In accordance with Sections 18-25 of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws and the [Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law](#), M.G.L Ch. 30A §20, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Cannabis Control Commission. The meeting will take place as noted below.

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

November 30, 2020
10:00AM

Remote Participation via [Microsoft Teams Live](#)*

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Commission Discussion and Votes
 - a. Third Party Platforms
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 - c. Final Regulations
- 3) New Business the Chair Did Not Anticipate at the Time of Posting
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*Closed captions available



935 CMR 500.000: ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA

500.002: Definitions

For the purposes of 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Third-party Technology Platform Provider means an individual or entity that provides or hosts an internet-based application or group of applications developed for the facilitation of ordering and delivering Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Branded Goods for sale or delivery by a Marijuana Retailer, Delivery Licensee-Holder, or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement to a Consumer. ~~A proprietary application developed by a Licensee exclusively for that Licensee’s use shall not be considered to be a Third-Party Party-Technology Platform Provider. A Third-Party Technology Platform Provider may not be an investor in a Delivery Licensee. A Third-party Technology Platform Provider with a financial interest in a Delivery License shall be considered a Person or Entity Having Direct Control.~~

500.050: Marijuana Establishments

(1) General Requirements.

(a) A Marijuana Establishment is required to be registered to do business in the Commonwealth as a domestic business corporation or another domestic business entity in compliance with 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* and to maintain the corporation or entity in good standing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, DOR, and DUA.

(b) Control Limitations.

1. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control shall be granted, or hold, more than three licenses in a particular class, except as otherwise specified in 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.

2. An Independent Testing Laboratory or Standards Laboratory Licensee, or any associated Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, may not have a License in any other class.

3. To the extent that persons or entities seek to operate a testing facility in the Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket, 935 CMR 500.200: *Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket* applies.

4. The Commission shall receive notice of any such interests as part of the application pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101: *Application Requirements*.

5. Any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, or Licensee, shall be limited to a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy distributed across no more than three cultivation Licenses under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* and three MTC Licenses. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative Licensee shall be limited to one license and a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy.

6. Limitations on the Number ~~and Control~~ ~~and Type~~ of Delivery Licenses.

~~a. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control shall be granted or hold more than a combined total of three Marijuana Retailer Licenses and/or Delivery Licenses.~~

a. No Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall be a Licensee, or that is a a Person or Entity with Direct or Indirect Control or a Person or Entity with Indirect Control ofn a shall be granted, or hold, more than one Delivery License.

b. A contract between a Delivery Licensee and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall be negotiated and entered into on an arm’s length basis. A Delivery Licensee may not accept any investment in a Delivery License by a Third-party Technology Platform Provider with which they have a contract.-

c. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control shall be granted or hold more than a combined total of two Delivery Operator and/or Marijuana Courier Licenses at any time.

~~e.d. No Delivery Licensee may share its profits of the sale of Marijuana or Marijuana Products with a Third-party Technology Platform Provider, or otherwise provide a percentage or portion of the sale of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to the Third-party Technology Platform Provider.~~

(c) License Classes are as follows:

1. Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor or Outdoor):
 - a. Tier 1: up to 5,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - b. Tier 2: 5,001 to 10,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - c. Tier 3: 10,001 to 20,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - d. Tier 4: 20,001 to 30,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - e. Tier 5: 30,001 to 40,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - f. Tier 6: 40,001 to 50,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - g. Tier 7: 50,001 to 60,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - h. Tier 8: 60,001 to 70,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - i. Tier 9: 70,001 to 80,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - j. Tier 10: 80,001 to 90,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - k. Tier 11: 90,001 to 100,000 square feet of Canopy.
2. Craft Marijuana Cooperative;
3. Marijuana Product Manufacturer;
4. Marijuana Microbusiness;
5. Independent Testing Laboratory and Standards Laboratory;
6. Marijuana Retailer;
7. Social Consumption Establishment;
8. Marijuana Transporter:
 - a. Existing Licensee Transporter;
 - b. Third-party Transporter;
9. Marijuana Delivery License Holder:
 - a. Marijuana Courier;
 - b. Marijuana Delivery Operator; and
10. Marijuana Research Facility.

(d) A Marijuana Establishment shall operate all activities authorized by the License only at the address(es) reported to the Commission for that license.

(e) All Marijuana Establishment Agents of the Marijuana Establishment shall be registered with the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.030: *Registration of Marijuana Establishment Agents.*

[...]

(8) Marijuana Retailer.

(a) General Requirements.

1. A Marijuana Retailer may purchase, transport, sell, Repackage, or otherwise Transfer Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Marijuana Establishments and sell to Consumers. A Marijuana Retailer ~~cannot~~ deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers in accordance with the regulations unless the Marijuana Retailer also has been issued a Delivery License., ~~nor may a~~ A Marijuana Retailer may not allow on-site social consumption by Consumers on the Premises of the Marijuana Establishment, ~~provided that a Retail Licensee's interests in Delivery Licenses shall be limited to a combined total of three licenses in either category of Retail or Delivery, subject to the limitations in 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b)6.~~

2. A retailer shall operate all Marijuana-related activities solely at the address identified in the license.

3. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in a Marijuana Retailer license shall be granted or hold more than a combined total of three Marijuana Retailer Licenses and ~~shall be /or Delivery Licenses;~~ subject to the limitations in 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b)6.:

(b) A Marijuana Retailer shall provide a retail location accessible to Consumers 21 years of age or older, or, if colocated with an MTC, Registered Qualifying Patients with the Medical Use of Marijuana Program in possession of a Medical Registration Card.

[...]

(11) Marijuana Delivery Operator.

(a) A Delivery Operator may Wholesale and Warehouse Finished Marijuana Products acquired from a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative and sell and deliver directly to Consumers. A Delivery Operator may be an Owner of or have a controlling interest in a Cultivation, Product Manufacturing, Social Consumption Establishment, Research, Transportation or Retail license, subject to the limitations stated in 935 CMR 500.050(11)(e).

(b) A Delivery Operator Licensee shall operate a warehouse for the purpose of storing Finished Marijuana Products.

(c) Notwithstanding that a Delivery Operator is not considered to be a Marijuana Retailer as defined under 935 CMR 500.002 or authorized to engage in permitted activities under 935 CMR 500.050(8), but is authorized to sell Finished Marijuana Products directly to consumers, a Delivery Operator shall register as a vendor with the Department of Revenue and collect and remit marijuana retail taxes in accordance with 830 CMR 64N.1.1: *Marijuana Retail Taxes*.

(d) Delivery Operator Licenses shall be limited on an exclusive basis to businesses controlled by and with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants or Social Equity Program Participants for a period of 36 months from the date the first Delivery Operator Licensee receives a notice to commence operations, provided, however, that the Commission may vote to extend that period following a determination that the goal of the exclusivity period to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law has not been met; and the Commission may vote to expand eligibility for Delivery Licenses during the exclusivity period pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(11)(d)4.

1. The Commission shall develop criteria for evaluating whether the goals of the exclusivity period are met, which shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Overall rates of participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law;

b. Overall rates of participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people of color;

c. Licenses granted to businesses with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants and Social Equity Program Participants;

d. Number of registered agents who are Social Equity Program Participants;

e. Number of Delivery Licensees in operation and business performance relative to other Marijuana Establishments;

f. Financial feasibility of continued participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law if exclusivity period ends; and

g. Any other information the Commission determines relevant.

2. The Commission shall collect and report on data measuring the criteria throughout the exclusivity period. The Commission shall begin evaluating whether the goals of the exclusivity period have been met at least eight months before the end of the 36-month period to provide adequate time to consider whether an extension of the 36-month period is necessary prior to

the conclusion of that time period.

3. The licenses shall generally be available to applicants after the 36-month period unless the Commissioners affirmatively votes to extend the period of exclusivity by a period of 12 months after the first 36-month period. Any subsequent extension of the exclusivity period would require the Commission affirmatively to find that the goals and objectives of the exclusivity period as set forth in 935 CMR 500.050(11)(d)1. have not been met.

4. If data collected by the Commission demonstrates progress toward the goals and objectives of the exclusivity period as set forth in 935 CMR 500.050(11)(d)1. and that demand for consumer delivery is likely to exceed the supply that could be provided by businesses that meet the exclusivity requirements during the exclusivity period, the Commission may vote during the exclusivity period to allow the following additional businesses to own Delivery Licenses:

- i. Worker-owned cooperatives organized to operate consistently with the Seven Cooperative Principles established by the International Cooperative Alliance in 1995; or
- ii. Massachusetts Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Veteran Business Enterprises (VBE) with valid certification from the Massachusetts Operational Services Division's SDO.

(e) No person or entity other than those disclosed in the application shall be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in a Delivery Operator License.

(f) No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in a Delivery Operator License shall obtain, or be granted, more than a combined total of ~~two (2)three~~ Delivery ~~and/or Marijuana Retail~~ Licenses, subject to the limitations in 935 CMR 050(1)(b): *Control Limitations*.

(g) Two years from the date the first Delivery Operator Licensee receives a notice to commence operations, the Commission or its designee shall commence an evaluation of the development of the Cannabis delivery market in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which may include assessing the competitiveness and concentration of the market, the repackaging and white labeling requirements, and any other matter as determined by the Commission. The Commission shall complete its evaluation within four months, unless the Commission determines that there is a reasonable basis for an extension. The Commission may take any action, including, but not limited to, issuing regulations or guidance, it deems necessary to address issues with market development.

500.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Retail Sale

[...]

(17) Prohibition on Monopolies

(a) It shall be a violation of these regulations, 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, for any Marijuana Retailer to or attempt to monopolize, or combine or conspire with any other person or entity, including but not limited to a Third-party Technology Platform Provider, to monopolize any part of licensed activities authorized under 935 CMR 500.000.

(a)(b) It shall be a violation of these regulations, 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, for any Marijuana Retailer engaged in activities authorized under 935 CMR 500.000 to make a contract for services with a Third-party Technology Platform Provider for the listing of a Marijuana Retailer's Finished Marijuana Products on the condition, agreement or understanding that the parties to the contract shall not deal in Marijuana or Marijuana Products, either generally or specific brands or categories of Finished Marijuana Products, of a competitor or competitors of the parties where the effect of such contract or such condition, agreement or understanding may be to lessen substantially competition or tend to

create a monopoly in any activity engaged in under 935 CMR. 500.000.

500.145: Additional Operational Requirements for Delivery of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods to Consumers and as Permitted, to Patients or Caregivers

(1) General Requirements.

(g) A Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and Marijuana Retailer may use a Third-party Technology Platform Provider to facilitate orders by Consumers, and as permitted Patients or Caregivers.

1. All agreements between a Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall be submitted to the Commission prior to Final Licensure available for inspection as part of the requirements for licensure in 935 CMR 500.101 and shall be subject to the control limitations under 935 CMR 500.050(1)(a).

2. The Commission shall be notified in writing within five days of the following:

- a. Any Substantial Modification to an agreement.
- b. Any new or additional or assigned agreements between a Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider.

3. Contracts between Delivery Licensees and Third-party Technology Platform Providers shall be negotiated at arm's length and entered into knowingly and willingly by both parties.

- a. The terms of a contract between a Delivery Licensee and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall be transparent and shall describe the methodology for determining the placement of Delivery Licensees in search results.
- b. The terms of a contract between a Delivery Licensee and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall define the fee structure for payment of services provided under the contract.
- c. The terms of a contract between a Delivery Licensee and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall include that the placement of Delivery Licensees in search results shall be based on objective, consumer-oriented criteria which may include, but shall not be limited to, time to deliver to the consumer; Finished Marijuana Product price; and Finished Marijuana Product availability.
- d. Inducements intended to influence the placement of Delivery Licensees shall be strictly prohibited. No Delivery Licensee shall directly or indirectly give, permit other people or entities to give, receive or otherwise accept, an inducement in any effort to persuade or influence a Third-party Technology Platform Provider to list any particular Delivery Licensee, brand or of Finished Marijuana Product, or to persuade or influence a Third-party Technology Platform Provider from listing any particular Delivery Licensee, brand or kind of Finished Marijuana Product.
- e. Advertising by a Delivery Licensee on a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall not be considered to be an inducement, provided:
 - i. The contract terms for advertising clearly state that

the decision by a Delivery Licensee to advertise or not to advertise on a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall not influence the placement of that Delivery Licensee in search results.

ii. Any advertisement shall include a clear and conspicuous disclosure on the face of the advertisement that it is paid advertising.

iii. No Delivery Licensee may advertise or market Marijuana or Marijuana Products in conjunction with a Third-party Technology Platform Provider outside of the technology platform, and shall ensure that the Third-party Technology Platform Provider does not use the Delivery Licensee's license number, legal business name or Brand Name on any advertisement or marketing that primarily promotes the services of the technology platform.

4. A Delivery Licensee, in its engagement with Any-a Third-party Technology Platform Provider, shall ensure compliance with the consumer and patient protection standards established by G.L. c. 94G and c. 94I and the associated regulations, including, ~~including,~~ but not limited to 935 CMR 500.820: *Confidentiality* and 501.820: *Confidentiality*, and other applicable state laws.

5. A Delivery Licensee shall ensure minimum identifying information regarding the Delivery Licensee and its products, including but not limited to the Delivery Licensee's business name and license number, and as specified by the Commission, is on its menu and any receipt provided to Consumers placing an order for Marijuana and Marijuana Products through the technology platform.

[...]

500.146 Additional Operational Requirements for Marijuana Delivery Operators

[...]

(12) Prohibition on Monopolies

(a) It shall be a violation of these regulations, 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, for any Delivery Operator to or attempt to monopolize, or combine or conspire with any other person or entity, including but not limited to a Third-party Technology Platform Provider, to monopolize any part of licensed activities authorized under 935 CMR 500.000.

(~~a~~)^(b) It shall be a violation of these regulations, 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, for any Delivery Operator engaged in activities authorized under 935 CMR 500.000 to make a contract for services with a Third-party Technology Platform Provider for the listing of a Delivery Operator or a Delivery Operator's Finished Marijuana Products on the condition, agreement or understanding that the parties to the contract shall not deal in Marijuana or Marijuana Products, either generally or specific brands or categories of Finished Marijuana Products, of a competitor or competitors of the parties where the effect of such contract or such condition, agreement or understanding may be to lessen substantially competition or tend to create a monopoly in any activity engaged in under 935 CMR. 500.000.

500.450: Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Renewal Applications

Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for suspending or revoking a Marijuana Establishment's License or denying a renewal application for a Marijuana Establishment License.

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- (1) The Marijuana Establishment is not operational within the time projected in the License application or the time otherwise approved by the Commission.
- (2) Information provided by the Marijuana Establishment was deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure.
- (3) The Marijuana Establishment has failed to comply with any requirement of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G or 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, or any applicable law or regulation including, but not limited to, the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, child support, workers' compensation, and professional and commercial insurance coverage.
- (4) The Marijuana Establishment has failed to submit a plan of correction as required or to implement the plan as submitted pursuant to 935 CMR 500.320: *Plans of Correction*.
- (5) The Marijuana Establishment has assigned or attempted to change ownership or assign its License to another entity without prior approval of the Commission under 935 CMR 500.104: *Notification and Approval of Changes*.
- (6) The Licensee failed to comply with the control limitations listed in 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b) or would likely fail to comply with such limitations if a renewal License were granted.
- (7) There has been a lack of responsible operation of the Marijuana Establishment, as shown by, but not limited to, one or more of the following:
 - (a) Failure to maintain the Marijuana Establishment in a clean, orderly, and sanitary fashion;
 - (b) Permitting a Marijuana Establishment Agent to use a Registration Card belonging to a different person;
 - (c) Failure to make substantial progress toward the Marijuana Establishment's submitted diversity plan or positive impact plan;
 - (d) Repeated sales of Marijuana Products to individuals younger than 21 years old, unless in each instance, the Marijuana Establishment Agent reasonably relied on validly issued government-issued identification card in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 9(b);
 - (e) Repeated failure to verify the age of an individual prior to permitting that individual on the Premises of a Marijuana Establishment or making sales of Marijuana Products to that individual; or
 - (f) Other incompetent or negligent operation.
- (8) The financial management of the Marijuana Establishment has resulted in the filing of a petition for a Court Appointee related to the financial solvency of the Marijuana Establishment.
- (9) A Licensee fails to satisfy the requirements of 935 CMR 500.104(3) or (4), as applicable.
- (10) A person on a Marijuana Establishment License has maintained a substandard level of compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements for the operation of a Marijuana Establishment in an Other Jurisdiction including, but not limited to: a failure to correct deficiencies, a limitation on, or a suspension, revocation or refusal to grant or renew a registration or License to operate.
- (11) The conduct or practices of the Marijuana Establishment demonstrate a lack of suitability as specified in 935 CMR 500.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration* and 935 CMR 500.801: *Suitability Standard for Licensure*.

(12) An individual or entity on a Marijuana Establishment License or Marijuana Establishment Agent has a history of criminal conduct as evidenced by any criminal proceedings that resulted in conviction, guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission to sufficient facts in the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions.

(13) An individual or entity listed on a Marijuana Establishment License has committed, permitted, aided or abetted, or conspired to commit any illegal practice(s) in the operation of any Marijuana Establishment including, but not limited to, engaging in the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

(14) The Marijuana Establishment has failed to cooperate or give information to a law enforcement official acting within his or her lawful jurisdiction related to any matter arising out of conduct at any Marijuana Establishment.

~~(15)~~ The conduct or practices of the Marijuana Establishment have been detrimental to the safety, health, or welfare of the public.

~~(15)~~(16) The conduct or practices of the Marijuana Establishment violate 935 CMR 500.145(1)(g)(3) or 935 CMR 500.146(12).

~~(16)~~(17) Any other ground that serves the purposes of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55 or 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.

Add to 935 CMR 500.002: *Definitions*:

Inducement means money or any other thing of substantial value intended to persuade or influence a person or entity to take an action or refrain from taking an action.

Proposed language:

500.103: Licensure and Renewal

(1) Provisional License.

[...]

(g) As a component of the renewal application, a Marijuana Establishment shall provide an attestation that:

1. the licensee understands the Commission's regulations with respect to limitations on ownership and direct or indirect control; and
2. the licensee has not undertaken any efforts to circumvent or violate those limitations.

500.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration

(1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xii), (xiv), and § 21(a)(ii), the Commission may make, in an exercise of its discretion, a suitability or cure determination based on a factual basis.

[...]

(4) Suitability Review Process.

(a) Designated Enforcement staff (staff) shall conduct background checks and gather information and evidence applicable to a subject's suitability and make a recommendation as to suitability and as appropriate, a cure. Staff may make an adverse suitability recommendation on finding information and evidence that would result in a Mandatory Disqualification, Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination or that would support a Negative Suitability Recommendation.

[...]

(d) The notice of an adverse suitability recommendation shall provide an opportunity to cure the suitability issue by removing the subject from its application. To the extent that an applicant ~~removes-can propose a~~ cure by for example, removing a subject from an application, the ~~removal-cure~~ shall be done in a manner determined by the Commission.

501.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Patient Sales

[...]

(13) Prohibition on Monopolies

(a) It shall be a violation of these regulations, 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, for any MTC to or attempt to monopolize, or combine or conspire with any other person or entity, including but not limited to a Third-party Technology Platform Provider, to monopolize any part of licensed activities authorized under 935 CMR 501.000.

(b) It shall be a violation of these regulations, 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, for any MTC engaged in activities authorized under 935 CMR 501.000 to make a contract for services with a Third-party Technology Platform Provider for the listing of a MTC's Marijuana or Marijuana Products on the condition, agreement or understanding that the parties to the contract shall not deal in Marijuana or Marijuana Products, either generally or specific brands or categories of Finished Marijuana Products, of a competitor or competitors of the parties where the effect of such contract or such condition, agreement or understanding may be to lessen substantially competition or tend to create a monopoly in any activity engaged in under 935 CMR. 501.000.

935 CMR 501.000: MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA

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501.001: Purpose

The purpose of 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* is to implement St. 2017, c. 55: *An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana*; M.G.L. c. 94G and M.G.L. c. 94I.

501.002: Definitions

For the purposes of 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Administrative Hold means a hold requiring temporary isolation of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or Marijuana-infused Products (MIPs), by a Licensee or Registrant pending further investigation.

Adult-use Cannabis or Marijuana means Marijuana that is cultivated, Processed, Transferred, tested or sold to adults 21 years of age or older pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G.

Adult-use Cannabis or Marijuana Products means ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana Products that are Processed Manufactured, Transferred, tested or sold to adults 21 years of age or older pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G.

Advanced Core Curriculum means the advanced training curriculum taught by a Responsible Vendor Trainer that may be taken by MTC Agents after completing the Basic Core Curriculum under 935 CMR 501.105(2)(b).

Advertising means a form of marketing communication that employs a sponsored, non-personal message to sell or promote an MTC, MTC Branded Good, service, product or idea.

Affixed means the attachment of a label or other packaging material so that it is not easily removed or lost.

Agent Registration Card ~~or Medical Medical Use Agent Registration Card~~ means an identification card ~~formerly and validly issued by the DPH or~~ currently and validly issued by the Commission to an Marijuana Establishment, MTC or Laboratory Agent. The Agent Registration Card allows access into Commission supported databases. The ~~r~~Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities of those individuals exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under M.G.L. c. 94G and 94I, and 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

Area of Disproportionate Impact means a geographic area identified by the Commission for the purposes identified in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(iv), and 935 CMR 500.040: *Leadership Rating Program for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana-related Businesses* and 500.101: *Application Requirements*, and which has had historically high rates of arrest, conviction, and incarceration related to Marijuana crimes.

Arming Station means a device that allows control of a security alarm system.

Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors means a contractual agreement with a third-party by which the Licensee assigns all of its assets and liabilities to such third-party in order to satisfy the Licensee's obligations to its creditors by liquidating the assets.

Basic Core Curriculum means the foundational training curriculum required of all MTC Agents taught by a Responsible Vendor Trainer under 935 CMR 501.105(2)(b).

Beverage means a liquid intended for drinking.

Bona Fide Healthcare Provider - Patient Relationship means a relationship between a Certifying Healthcare Provider, acting in the usual course of their professional practice,

and a patient in which the healthcare provider has conducted a clinical visit, completed and documented a full assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition, has explained the potential benefits and risks of Marijuana use, and has a role in the ongoing care and treatment of the patient.

Brand Name means a brand name (alone or in conjunction with any other word), trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or any other identifiable marker associated with an MTC.

Brand Name Sponsorship means the payment by an MTC in exchange for use of a Brand Name (1) to sponsor an athletic, musical, artistic, or other social or cultural event or (2) to identify, advertise, or promote such event or an entrant or participant of such event.

Cannabinoid means any of several compounds produced by Marijuana plants that have medical and psychotropic effects.

Cannabinoid Profile means the amounts, expressed as the dry-weight percentages, of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol, cannabidiol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid and cannabidiolic acid in a ~~Cannabis~~ or Marijuana Product. Amounts of other Cannabinoids may be required by the Commission.

~~Cannabis or Marijuana~~ means Marijuana as defined herein, all parts of any plant of the genus Cannabis, not excepted in 935 CMR 501.002: ~~Cannabis or Marijuana(a) through (e) and whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; and resin extracted from any part of the plant; Clones of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant; its seeds or resin including tetrahydrocannabinol as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 1; provided that Cannabis shall not include:~~

~~Cannabis or Marijuana Accessories~~ means equipment, products, devices or materials of any kind that are intended or designed for use in planting, Propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, Processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing Cannabis or Marijuana into the human body.

Card Holder means a Registered Qualifying Patient, Personal Caregiver, Marijuana Establishment Agent, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC) Agent, or Laboratory Agent who holds a valid ~~P~~patient or Agent Registration Card.

Caregiver means a Personal Caregiver or Institutional Caregiver.

Caregiving Institution means a hospice program, long term care facility, or hospital duly registered ~~formerly and validly by the DPH~~ or currently and validly by the Commission, providing care to a Registered Qualifying Patient on the premises of the facility or through a hospice program.

Cease and Desist Order means an order to stop or restrict operations including, but not limited to, cultivation, product manufacturing, Transfer, sale, delivery, or testing, of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or Marijuana-infused Products (MIPs) by a Licensee or Registrant to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

Ceases to Operate means a Marijuana Establishment, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC) or Independent Testing Laboratory that closes and does not transact business for a period greater than 60 days with no substantial action taken to reopen. The Commission may determine that an establishment has Ceased to Operate based on its actual or apparent termination of operations.

Certificate of Licensure means the certificate issued by the Commission that confirms that an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory has met all applicable requirements pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* and is currently and validly licensed by the Commission. An MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory may be eligible for a provisional or final Certificate of Licensure.

Certificate of Registration means a certificate ~~formerly and validly issued by the~~ Commission, that confirms an ~~MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory,~~ individual or pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94I, ~~and~~ 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* and is registered by the Commission. ~~An MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory may have~~

Certifying Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP) means a Massachusetts licensed certified nurse practitioner licensed pursuant to 244 CMR 4.00: *Advanced Practice Registered Nursing*, who certifies that in their professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for a Qualifying Patient.

Certifying Healthcare Provider means a Certifying CNP, a Certifying Physician or a Certifying Physician Assistant.

Certifying Physician means a Massachusetts licensed physician (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy) who certifies that in their professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for a Qualifying Patient.

Certifying Physician Assistant means a Massachusetts physician assistant licensed pursuant to 263 CMR 3.00: *Licensure of Individual Physician Assistants*, who certifies that in their professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for a Qualifying Patient.

Clinical Visit means ~~an in-person or telehealth visit during which a Certifying Healthcare Provider establishes a Bona Fide Healthcare Provider Patient Relationship and conducts a full assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition, including the Debilitating Medical Condition, and explains the potential benefits and risks of Marijuana use. A Clinical Visit for an initial Certificate of Registration shall be performed in-person.~~

Clone means a clipping from a Cannabis or Marijuana plant that can be rooted and grown.

Close Associate means a Person who holds a relevant managerial, operational or financial interest in the business of an applicant or Licensee and, by virtue of that interest or power, is able to exercise a significant influence over the ~~management, operations or finances~~corporate governance of a Marijuana Establishment, an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory licensed under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*. A Close Associate is deemed to be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control.

Colocated Marijuana Operations (CMO) means an MTC operating under a License ~~or registration~~ pursuant to 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* and a Marijuana Establishment operating under at least one License pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, on the same Premises. Colocated Marijuana Operations pertain to cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses, but not any other adult use License.

Commission means the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, as established by M.G.L. c. 10, § 76, or its representatives. The Commission has authority to implement the state Marijuana laws, which include, but are not limited to, St. 2016, c. 334: *The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act*, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55: *An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana*; M.G.L. 10, § 76; M.G.L. c. 94G; M.G.L. c. 94I; 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*; ~~and~~ 935 CMR 501.000; ~~and~~ 935 CMR 502.000: ~~Colocated Adult use and Medical-use Marijuana Operations~~.

Commission Delegee(s) means other state or local officials or agencies working in cooperation with the Commission by agreement, to carry out the Commission's responsibilities and to ensure compliance with the adult-use, medical-use, and ~~colocated-operations~~CMO laws, and any other applicable federal or state laws.

Confidential Application Materials means any electronic or written document, communication or other record pertaining to an application for licensure or registration that is required to be confidential or protected from disclosure by law, which includes, but

is not limited to, personally identifiable information concerning an applicant, Registrant, or Licensee; background check information or Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) as defined by 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions, or Criminal History Record Information (CHRI)* as defined by 803 CMR 7.02: *Definitions*; and information that implicates security concerns.

Confidential Database means the Commission database that holds data concerning:

- (a) Qualifying Patients issued a Registration Card for medical use of Marijuana;
- (b) Healthcare professionals registered to issue Written Certifications;
- (c) MTCs;
- (d) Quantity of medical-use Marijuana dispensed to a Card Holder; and
- (e) Any other pertinent information.

Confidential Information means information that is legally required to be kept confidential, or that is protected from disclosure by a legally recognized privilege. This includes, but is not limited to, M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26 and M.G.L. c. 94I, § 3.

Confidential Investigative Materials means any electronic or written document, communication or other record pertaining to an investigation which concerns:

- (a) A possible violation of a statute, regulation, rule, practice or procedure, or professional or industry standard, administered or enforced by the Commission;
- (b) An ongoing investigation that could alert subjects to the activities of an investigation;
- (c) Any details in witness statements, which if released create a grave risk of directly or indirectly identifying a private citizen who volunteers as a witness;
- (d) Investigative techniques the disclosure of which would prejudice the Commission's future investigative efforts or pose a risk to the public health, safety or welfare; or
- (e) The background of any person the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Confidential Records means any electronic or written record required to be kept confidential or protected from disclosure by law, which includes, but is not limited to, Confidential Application Materials, Confidential Social Equity Application Materials (~~as defined in 935 CMR 500.002: *Definitions*~~), Confidential Investigative Materials, and Protected Patient Records.

Confidential Social Equity Application Materials means any electronic or written document, communication or other record pertaining to an application for the Social Equity Program that is required to be confidential or protected from disclosure by law which includes, but is not limited to, CORI as defined by 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*, or CHRI as defined in 803 CMR 7.02: *Definitions*.

Consumer means a person who is 21 years of age or older.

Court Appointee shall mean a person or entity appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction to exercise court oversight with respect to the property, assets, management, or operations of a Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee, including, without limitation, a receiver, custodian, guardian, trustee, and executor or administrator of estate. This could include a person or entity preapproved or recommended by the Commission or its delegee appointed by the court.

Court Supervised Proceeding shall mean a proceeding where a court of competent jurisdiction supervises the property, assets, management, or operations of a Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee through a Court Appointee.

Craft Marijuana Cooperative means a Marijuana Cultivator comprised of residents of the Commonwealth and organized as a limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or cooperative corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth. A cooperative is licensed to cultivate, obtain, Manufacture, Process, package, brand and Transfer Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Marijuana Establishments, but not to

Consumers.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) shall have the same meaning as defined by 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*.

Cultivation Batch means a collection of Cannabis or Marijuana plants from the same seed or plant stock that are cultivated and harvested together, and receive an identical Propagation and cultivation treatment including, but not limited to: growing media, ambient conditions, watering and light regimes and agricultural or hydroponic inputs. Clones that come from the same plant are one batch. The ~~Marijuana~~ Licensee shall assign and record a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier to each Cultivation Batch for the purposes of production tracking, product labeling and product recalls.

Debilitating means causing weakness, cachexia, wasting syndrome, intractable pain, or nausea, or impairing strength or ability, and progressing to such an extent that one or more of a patient's major life activities is substantially limited.

Debilitating Medical Condition means cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, and multiple sclerosis (MS), when such diseases are debilitating, and other debilitating conditions as determined in writing by a Qualifying Patient's healthcare provider.

Delivery Agreement means a contract between a licensed Marijuana Establishment and a Delivery License holder or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement to deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products from the Marijuana Establishment directly to Consumers and as permitted, Marijuana Couriers to Patients and Caregivers, under the provisions of a Delivery License.

Delivery Endorsement means authorization granted to Licensees in categories of Marijuana Establishments identified by the Commission to perform deliveries directly from the establishment to Consumers.

~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee means an entity that is authorized to deliver Marijuana and Marijuana Products directly to Consumers and as permitted, Limited Delivery Licensee ~~Marijuana Couriers to Patients and Caregivers, from a Marijuana Retailer or Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from an MTC and that does not provide a retail location accessible to the public.~~ License

Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) means the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, unless otherwise specified. MDAR has jurisdiction over Hemp and Pesticides.

Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) means the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services, unless otherwise specified. DCJIS shall have the same meaning as defined in 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*.

Department of Public Health (DPH) means the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, unless otherwise specified. DPH is the agency that administered the Medical Use of Marijuana Program prior to 2019.

Department of Revenue (DOR) means the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, unless otherwise specified.

Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) means the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance, unless otherwise specified.

Duress Alarm means a silent security alarm signal generated by the entry of a designated code into an Arming Station that signals an alarm user is under duress and turns off the system.

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant (EEA) means an applicant who, as an entity or

~~through an individual demonstrated certified by the Commission as such in 2018, meets and meet demonstrate~~ three or more of the following six criteria, at least one of which shall be a equity-ownership criterion:

1. Majority-Equity-Ownership Criteria:

- a. A majority (more than 50%) of ownership belongs to people who have lived for five of the preceding ten years in an Area of Disproportionate Impact, as determined by the Commission.
- b. A majority (more than 50%) of ownership has held one or more previous positions where the primary population served were disproportionately impacted, or where primary responsibilities included economic education, resource provision or empowerment to disproportionately impacted individuals or communities.
- ~~a-c.~~ A majority (more than 50%) of the ownership is made up of individuals from Black, African American, Hispanic or Latino descent.

2. Additional Criteria:-

- ~~b-a.~~ At least 51% of current employees or subcontractors reside in Areas of Disproportionate Impact and by the first day of business, the ratio will meet or exceed 75%.
- ~~e-b.~~ At least 51% of employees or subcontractors have drug-related CORI and are otherwise legally employable in Cannabis enterprises.
- ~~d-c.~~ Other significant articulable demonstration of past experience in or business practices that promote economic empowerment in Areas of Disproportionate Impact.

This applicant has priority for the purposes of the review of its license application.

Edibles Marijuana infused Products (Edible MIPs) means a Marijuana infused Product (MIP) that is to be consumed by humans by eating or drinking. These products, when created or sold by a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC, shall not be considered a food or a drug as defined in M.G.L. c. 94, § 1.

Electronic Certification means a document signed or executed electronically by a Certifying Healthcare Provider, stating that in the healthcare professional's professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the Qualifying Patient. Such certification shall be made only in the course of a *Bona Fide* Healthcare Provider Patient Relationship and shall specify the Qualifying Patient's Debilitating Medical Condition. Electronic Certifications, on submission by a Certifying Healthcare Provider to the Commission, shall automatically generate a temporary registration.

Enclosed Area means an indoor or outdoor area equipped with locks or other security devices, which is accessible only to Qualifying Patients, MTC Agents, Registered Qualifying Patients, or Caregivers.

Equity Holder means a person or entity that holds, or ~~will~~ may hold as a result of one or more of the following, including, without limitation, vesting, conversion, exercising an option, a right of first refusal, or any agreement that would trigger an automatic transfer of or conversion to equity, any amount of equity in a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC.

Executive means members of the board of directors, ~~chief~~ executive officers, executive director, ~~manager president, and any other officer, or their of equivalent, of the a~~ Marijuana Establishment, MTC, or Independent Testing Laboratory.

Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) means the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, unless otherwise specified.

Existing Licensee Transporter means an entity that is otherwise licensed by the Commission and also licensed to purchase, obtain, and possess Marijuana or Marijuana Products solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution on behalf of other Marijuana Establishments or MTCs to other establishments, but not to Consumers.

Expedited Applicant means an applicant for a Marijuana Microbusiness, Marijuana Craft Cooperative, Independent Testing Laboratory, or Outdoor Marijuana Cultivator license; a Social Equity Participant; a minority-, woman-, and/or veteran-owned business; eligible for expedited review prior to other General Applicants.

Finished Marijuana means Usable Marijuana, Cannabis resin or Cannabis concentrate.

Fingerprint-based Background Check Trust Fund means a fund established under M.G.L. c. 29, § 2HHH, in which fees for fingerprint background checks are deposited.

Finished Marijuana Product means a Marijuana Product that is completely manufactured and ready for retail sale and shall include Finished Marijuana that has been separated into individual packages or containers- for sale.

Flowering means the gametophytic or reproductive state of Cannabis or Marijuana in which the plant produces flowers, trichomes, and Cannabinoids characteristic of Marijuana.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

General Applicant means an applicant that has not been certified as an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant or an MTC Priority Applicant; and is not eligible to be an Expedited Applicant.

Greenhouse means ~~a structure or thermally isolated Enclosed Area of a building that maintains a specialized sunlit environment used for and essential to the cultivation, protection or maintenance of plants, an Enclosed Area where Cannabis or Marijuana plants are cultivated that has been inspected by the Commission and determined to be a~~ Greenhouse.

Hardship Cultivation Registration means a registration issued to a Registered Qualifying Patient under the requirements of 935 CMR 501.027: Hardship Cultivation Registration.

Healthcare Clinician or Provider means a Certifying Physician, Certifying Certified Nurse Practitioner or Certifying Physician's Assistant qualified under 935 CMR 501.000; Medical use of Marijuana to issue Written Certifications for the medical-use of Marijuana.

Hemp means the plant of the *genus* Cannabis or any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed 0.3% on a dry weight basis of any part of the plant of the *genus* Cannabis, or per volume or weight of ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana Product, or the combined percent of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant of the *genus* Cannabis, regardless of moisture content. MDAR has jurisdiction over Hemp.

Holdup Alarm means a silent alarm signal generated by the manual activation of a device that signals a robbery in progress.

Horticultural Lighting Equipment (HLE) means any lighting equipment (*e.g.*, fixtures, bulbs, ballasts, controls, *etc.*) that uses energy for the cultivation of plants, at any stage of growth (*e.g.*, germination, cloning/Mother Plants, Propagation, Vegetation, Flowering, and harvest).

Horticulture Lighting Square Footage (HLSF) means ~~Canopy~~ an area to be calculated in square feet and measured using clearly identifiable boundaries of all areas(s) that will contain ~~mature~~ plants at any point in time, at any stage of growth, including all of the space(s) within the boundaries, HLSF may be noncontiguous, but each unique area included in the total HLSF calculations shall be separated by an identifiable boundary which includes, but is not limited to: interior walls, shelves, Greenhouse walls, hoop house walls, garden benches, hedge rows, fencing, garden beds, or garden plots. If plants are being cultivated using a shelving system, the surface area of each level shall be included in the total HLSF calculation.

Host Community means a municipality in which a Marijuana Establishment, MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory is located or in which an applicant has proposed locating an establishment.

Immature Plant means a rooted plant in the Vegetation stage of development.

Immediate Family Member means a spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, including in-laws.

Impassible Barrier means, for the purposes of determining the 500 foot buffer zone, a highway, public or private way or path, inaccessible structure, body of water, or other obstruction that renders any part of the 500-foot straight-line distance between an MTC Entrance and a School Entrance inaccessible by a pedestrian or automobile.

Independent Testing Laboratory means a laboratory that is licensed or registered by the Commission and is:

- (a) Currently and validly licensed under 935 CMR 500.101: *Application Requirements*, or formerly and validly registered by the Commission;
- (b) Accredited to ISO 17025:2017 or the most current International Organization for Standardization 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Accrediting Cooperation mutual recognition arrangement or that is otherwise approved by the Commission;
- (c) Independent financially from any MTC, Marijuana Establishment or Licensee; and
- (d) Qualified to test Marijuana and Marijuana Products, including MIPs, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34; M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15; 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*; 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*; and Commission protocol(s).

Individual Order means a delineated amount of ~~Finished Marijuana~~ or Marijuana Products to be delivered by a ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery License Holdere or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement to an individual Consumer and as permitted, a Marijuana Courier to a Patient or Caregiver, and not to exceed the individual possession amount limits as determined by statute.

Informed Consent means the consent obtained by a Research Licensee from potential participants in a research project that explains to potential participants the risks and potential benefits of a study, and the rights and responsibilities of the parties involved.

Informed Consent Form means the document provided to potential participants in a research project that explains to potential participants the risks and potential benefits of a study, and the rights and responsibilities of the parties involved.

Institutional Caregiver means an employee of a hospice program, long-term care facility, or hospital providing care to a Registered Qualifying Patient on the Premises of a long-term care facility, hospital, or through a hospice program.

Institutional Review Board means a specifically constituted administrative body established or designated by a Marijuana Research Facility to review and oversee the design and methods of a research project and, where human or animal subject are a component of the research, to protect the rights and welfare of persons recruited to participate in research.

Known Allergen means milk, egg, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, and soybeans, or such other allergen identified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commission.

Laboratory Agent means an employee of an Independent Testing Laboratory who transports, possesses or tests medical-use Marijuana or MIPs in compliance with 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. For the purposes of testing for the medical-use program, a Laboratory Agent may register under 935 CMR 501.029: *Registration and Conduct of Independent Testing Laboratory Agents* or 935 CMR 500.029: *Registration*

and Conduct of Laboratory Agents.

Law Enforcement Authorities means local law enforcement including, but not limited to, the local police and fire departments within the municipality where the Licensee is sited, unless otherwise indicated.

License means the certificate issued by the Commission that confirms that an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory has met all applicable requirements pursuant to St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana. An MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory may hold a provisional or final License.

Licensee means a person or entity on the application and licensed by the Commission to operate an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory under St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana. Any person or entity that solely provides initial capital to establish or operate the establishment and to whom, in return for the initial capital, requires only repayment of the loan and does not have any ownership or direct or indirect authority to control the MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory, will not be a Licensee.

Life-Limiting Illness means a Debilitating Medical Condition that does not respond to curative treatments, where reasonable estimates of prognosis suggest death may occur within two years.

Lighting Power Density (HLPD) means a measure of total watts of Horticultural Lighting Equipment per total Horticulture Lighting Square Footage, (HLE/HLSF = HLPD) expressed as number of watts per square foot.

Limitation on Sales means a limitation on the sales of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs by a Licensee or Registrant arising from the regulations and until substantial compliance by a Licensee or Registrant with a law, regulation, guidance or other requirement for licensure or registration.

Limited Access Area means an indoor or outdoor area on the Premises of an MTC where ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana ~~or~~ MIPs, or their byproducts are cultivated, stored, weighed, packaged, Processed, or disposed, under the control of an MTC, with access limited to only to those MTC Agents and Laboratory Agents designated by the MTC after receipt of a Final License.

Manufacture means to compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

Marijuana (or Cannabis) means all parts of any plant of the genus Cannabis, not excepted in 935 CMR 501.002: Marijuana (a) through (c) and whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; and resin extracted from any part of the plant; Clones of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant; its seeds or resin including tetrahydrocannabinol as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 1; provided that Cannabis shall not include:

- (a) The mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature stalks, fiber, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant or the sterilized seed of the plant that is incapable of germination;
- (b) Hemp; or
- (c) The weight of any other ingredient combined with Cannabis or Marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or other products.

~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana Accessories (or Cannabis Accessories) means equipment, products, devices or materials of any kind that are intended or designed for use in planting, Propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, Manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, Processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, Repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing Cannabis or Marijuana into the human body.

Marijuana Courier means an entity licensed to deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Branded Goods directly to Consumers from a Marijuana Retailer, or directly to Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from an MTC, but is not authorized to sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products directly to Consumers, Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers and is not authorized to Wholesale, Warehouse, Process, Repackage, or White Label. A Marijuana Courier is an additional license type under G.L. c. 94G, § 4(b)(1) that allows for limited delivery of marijuana or marijuana products to consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer under 935 CMR 500.002: Definitions or 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments and shall be subject to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b): Control Limitations.

Marijuana Cultivator means an entity licensed to cultivate, Process and package Marijuana, and to Transfer Marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to Consumers. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative is a type of Marijuana Cultivator.

Marijuana Establishment means a Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor or Outdoor), Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Microbusiness, Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Retailer, Marijuana Transporter, ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee, Marijuana Research Facility (as defined in 935 CMR ~~500~~501.002: ~~Definitions~~ Marijuana Research Facility), Social Consumption Establishment (as defined in 935 CMR ~~500~~501.002: Social Consumption Establishment), or any other type of licensed Marijuana-related business subject to the regulations in 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.

Marijuana Establishment Agent means ~~any board member, director~~ Owner, employee, Executive, ~~manager~~, or volunteer of a Marijuana Establishment, who is 21 years of age or older. Employee includes a consultant or contractor who provides on-site services to a Marijuana Establishment related to the cultivation, harvesting, preparation, packaging, storage, testing, or dispensing of Marijuana.

Marijuana-infused Product (MIP) means a Marijuana Product infused with Marijuana that is intended for use or consumption including, but not limited to, Edibles ~~Marijuana-infused Products~~, ointments, aerosols, oils, and Tinctures. A Marijuana-infused Product (MIP), when created or sold by a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC, shall not be considered a food or a drug as defined in M.G.L. c. 94, § 1. MIPs are a type of Marijuana Product.

~~Cannabis or Marijuana Products (or Cannabis Products) means Cannabis or Marijuana and its products, unless otherwise indicated. Cannabis or Marijuana Products includes products that have been Manufactured and contain Cannabis, Marijuana or an extract from Cannabis or Marijuana, including concentrated forms of Marijuana and products composed of Marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including Edibles Products, Beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and Tinctures. Cannabis or Marijuana Products include Marijuana-infused Products (MIPs) defined in 935 CMR 501.002: Marijuana-infused Products.~~

Marijuana Product Manufacturer means an entity licensed to obtain, Manufacture, Process and package Marijuana or Marijuana Products and to Transfer these products to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to Consumers.

Marijuana Regulation Fund means the fund established under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 14, in which fees, fines, and other monies collected by the Commission are deposited, except for fees collected by the Commission on behalf of other state agencies.

Marijuana Research Facility means ~~the Premises at which a Marijuana Research Facility Licensee is approved to conduct research an entity licensed to engage in research projects by the Commission.~~

Marijuana Research Facility Licensee or Research Licensee means an academic institution, nonprofit corporation or domestic corporation or entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth, including a licensed Marijuana Establishment or MTC.

that is licensed to conduct research.

Marijuana Retailer means an entity licensed to purchase, Repackage, and transport Marijuana Cannabis or Marijuana Product from Marijuana Establishments and to Transfer or otherwise Transfer this product to Marijuana Establishments and to sell to Consumers. Unless licensed, retailers are prohibited from offering Marijuana or Marijuana Products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the Premises of a Marijuana Establishment.

Marijuana Transporter means an entity, not otherwise licensed by the Commission, that is licensed to possess Cannabis or Marijuana Products solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution to Marijuana Establishments or MTCs, but not to Consumers. Marijuana Transporters may be an Existing Licensee Transporter or Third-party Transporter.

Marijuana Vaporizer Device means a product containing concentrated marijuana oil that is converted into inhalable marijuana aerosolized vapors

Massachusetts Resident means a person whose primary Residence is in Massachusetts.

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC), (formerly known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD)), means an entity licensed under 935 CMR 501.101: Application Requirements that acquires, cultivates, possesses, Processes (including development of related products such as Edibles Marijuana or Marijuana Products, MIPs, Tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), Repackages, transports, sells, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or administers Marijuana, products containing Cannabis or Marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to Registered Qualifying Patients or their Personal Caregivers for medical use. Unless otherwise specified, MTC refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of Cannabis or Marijuana for medical use.

Medical-use Cannabis or Marijuana means Marijuana that is cultivated, Processed, Transferred, tested or sold in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

Medical-use Marijuana or Marijuana Products means Marijuana Products that are Manufactured, Transferred, tested or sold in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

~~Medical Registration Card means an identification card issued formerly and validly by the DPH or currently and validly by the Commission, by the Medical Use of Marijuana Program, to a Registered Qualifying Patient, Personal Caregiver, Institutional Caregiver, MTC Agent or Laboratory Agent. The Medical Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, the identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under St. 2016, c. 334 as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, and M.G.L. c. 94G.~~

Microbusiness means an entity that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or Marijuana Product Manufacturer or both, in compliance with the operating procedures for each license and, if in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement issued by the Commission, may deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products produced at the licensed location directly to Consumers in compliance with established regulatory requirements for retail sale as it relates to delivery. A Microbusiness that is a Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase no more than 2,000 pounds of Marijuana per year from other Marijuana Establishments for the purpose of Marijuana Product manufacturing by the Licensee.

Mother Plant means a marijuana plant that is grown or maintained for the purpose of generating Clones, and that will not be used to produce plant material for sale to another Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC).

MTC Agent, ~~Formerly an RMD Agent,~~ means any Owner, board member, director, employee, Executive, manager, or volunteer of an MTC, who shall be 21 years of age or

older. Employee includes a consultant or contractor who provides on-site services to an MTC related to the cultivation, harvesting, preparation, packaging, storage, testing, or dispensing of Marijuana for medical purposes.

MTC Branded Good means a merchandise item offered for sale by an MTC, and identifiable as being of a particular MTC, distinct from those of other entities, by having the MTC's Brand Name. An MTC Branded Good does not include Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or Marijuana Accessories. It may include apparel, water bottles or other similar non-edible merchandise.

MTC Entrance means the entrance or entrances that provides ingress and egress to Consumers, Registered Qualifying Patients and Caregivers, to the MTC.

MTC Priority Applicant means a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC) (previously, Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD)) certified by the Commission as an MTC Priority Applicant in 2018 upon demonstrating that it had at least a provisional Certification of Registration prior to April 1, 2018. This applicant has priority for the purposes of the review of its license application.

Mycotoxin means a secondary metabolite of a microfungus that is capable of causing death or illness in humans and other animals. For purposes of 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, Mycotoxin shall include aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin B2, aflatoxin G1, aflatoxin G2, and ochratoxin A.

Order to Show Cause means an order issued by the Commission or a Commission Delegee on a determination that there are grounds to suspend or revoke a License or registration.

Other Jurisdiction shall mean the United States, another state, or foreign jurisdiction, or a military, territorial or Native American tribal authority.

Outdoor Cultivation shall mean the cultivation of mature Cannabis without the use of artificial lighting in the Canopy area at any point in time. Artificial lighting is permissible only to maintain immature or vegetative Mother Plants.

Owner means any Equity Holder that possesses 10% equity or more in a Marijuana Establishment, MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory.

Panic Alarm means an audible security alarm signal generated by the manual activation of a device that signals a life threatening or emergency situation and calls for a law enforcement response.

Paraphernalia means "drug paraphernalia" as defined in M.G.L. c. 94C, § 1.

Patient Registration Card means ~~a Registration Card formerly and validly issued by DPH or~~ a temporary or an annual Registration Card currently and validly issued by the Commission, to a Registered Qualifying Patient. The Patient Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities, of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical use of Marijuana* through Commission-supported databases. A Temporary Patient Registration issued to a Qualifying Patient shall be deemed a Registration Card.

Person means an individual or entity under the laws of the Commonwealth.

Personal Caregiver means a person, registered by the Commission, who ~~is~~ shall be 21 years of age or older, who has agreed to assist with a Registered Qualifying Patient's medical use of Marijuana, and is not the Registered Qualifying Patient's Certifying Healthcare Provider. A visiting nurse, personal care attendant, or home health aide providing care to a Registered Qualifying Patient may serve as a Personal Caregiver, including as a second Personal Caregiver to patients younger than 18 years old.

Personal Caregiver Registration Card means ~~a Registration Card formerly and validly~~ currently and validly issued by the Commission to a Personal Caregiver. The Registration Card allows access into Commission supported databases. The Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. A temporary registration issued to a Personal Caregiver shall be deemed a Registration Card.

Persons or Entities Having Direct Control means any person or entity having direct control over the operations of an MTC, which satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) An Owner that possesses a financial interest in the form of equity of 10% or greater in an MTC;
- (b) A Person or Entity that possesses a voting interest of 10% or greater in an MTC or a right to veto significant events;
- (c) A Close Associate;
- (d) A Person or Entity that has the right to control, or authority through contract, or otherwise including, but not limited to:
 - 1. To make decisions regarding operations and strategic planning, capital allocations, acquisitions and divestments;
 - 2. To appoint more than 50% of the directors or their equivalent;
 - 3. To appoint or remove Corporate-level officers or their equivalent;
 - 4. To make major marketing, production, and financial decisions;
 - 5. To execute significant (in aggregate of \$10,000 or greater) or exclusive contracts; or
 - 6. To earn 10% or more of the profits or collect more than 10% of the dividends.
- (e) A Court Appointee or assignee pursuant to an agreement for a general assignment or assignment for the benefit of creditors.

Persons or Entities Having Indirect Control means any person or entity having indirect control over operations of MTC. It specifically includes persons or entities having control over an indirect holding or parent company of the applicant, and the chief executive officer and executive director of those companies, or any person or entity in a position indirectly to control the decision-making of MTC.

Pesticide means a substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest, and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant; provided that Pesticide shall not include any article that is a "new animal drug" within the meaning of § 201(v) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 321(v)), or that has been determined by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services not to be a new animal drug by a regulation establishing conditions of use for the article, or that is an "animal feed" within the meaning of § 201(w) of such act (21 U.S.C. § 321 (w)).

Preapproved Court Appointee means a person or entity preapproved by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.104(3)(c) to serve as a Court Appointee over a Licensee or its delegee which may be recommended to a court of competent jurisdiction.

Pre-certification Application means an application reviewed by the Commission for pre-certification prior to provisional licensure. The Pre-certification Application may be available in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Pre-verification means the process of an MTC examining the identification presented by an individual Registered Qualifying Patient to confirm that the identification is valid and matches the individual presenting it and collecting the information required by these regulations prior to that Registered Qualifying Patient being able to receive deliveries of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to the Registered Qualifying Patient or Caregiver's Residence.

Premises means any indoor or outdoor location over which an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory or its agents may lawfully exert substantial supervision or control over

entry or access to the property or the conduct of persons.

Priority Applicant means an MTC Priority Applicant (formerly a Registered Marijuana Dispensary or RMD Priority Applicant) or an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant.

Process or Processing means to harvest, dry, cure, trim and separate parts of the Cannabis or Marijuana plant by manual or mechanical means, except it shall not include Manufacture as defined in 935 CMR 501.002: Manufacture.

Product Database means a Commission-operated technology platform displaying information about Marijuana Products produced by licensed Marijuana Product Manufacturers and sold by licensed Marijuana Retailer pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical use of Marijuana.

Production Area means a Limited Access Area within the MTC where Cannabis or Marijuana is handled or produced in preparation for sale.

Production Batch means a batch of finished plant material, Cannabis resin, Cannabis concentrate, or Marijuana-infused Product made at the same time, using the same methods, equipment and ingredients. The Licensee shall assign and record a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier to each Production Batch for the purposes of production tracking, product labeling and product recalls. All Production Batches shall be traceable to one or more Cannabis or Marijuana Cultivation Batches.

Program Transfer means the transfer of the medical use of Marijuana program pursuant to St. 2017, c. 55, §§ 64 through 71, and 82, and M.G.L. c. 94I.

Propagation means the reproduction of Cannabis or Marijuana plants by seeds, cuttings, or grafting.

Protected Patient Records means any document, record or electronic or written communication related to their care provided by a medical-use Marijuana Licensee or establishment or by a Certifying Healthcare Provider ~~registered healthcare professional~~ that is required to be confidential or protected from disclosure by law.

Provisional Medical Marijuana Treatment Center License means a License issued by the Commission confirming that an MTC has completed the application process and satisfied the qualifications for initial licensure.

Qualifying Patient means (i) a Massachusetts Resident or a non-Massachusetts Resident receiving end-of-life or palliative care or cancer treatment in Massachusetts as determined by a Certifying Healthcare Provider, who is 18 years of age or older who has been diagnosed by a Certifying Healthcare Provider as having a Debilitating Medical Condition; or (ii) a Massachusetts Resident, or a non-Massachusetts Resident receiving end-of-life or palliative care or cancer treatment in Massachusetts as determined by a Certifying Healthcare Provider, who is younger than 18 years old who has been diagnosed by two Massachusetts licensed Certifying Physicians, at least one of whom is a board-certified pediatrician, or board-certified pediatric subspecialist, oncologist, neurologist, or family physician as having a Debilitating Medical Condition that is also a Life-limiting Illness, subject to 935 CMR 501.010(10).

Quality Control Sample means a sample of Marijuana or Marijuana Product developed by a Marijuana Cultivator, a Marijuana Product Manufacturer, a Microbusiness, or a Craft Marijuana Cooperative that is provided internally to employees for purposes of ensuring product quality and making determinations about whether to sell the Marijuana or Marijuana Product.

Quarantine Order means an order to quarantine or otherwise restrict the sales or use of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs by a Licensee or Registrant to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

Registered Qualifying Patient means a Qualifying Patient who ~~was formerly and validly~~ issued a temporary or an annual Registration Card by the Commission.

Registrant means the holder of a Registration Card ~~formerly and validly registered with the DPH or~~ currently and validly registered with the Commission. ~~It also means an RMD holder of Certificate of Registration formally and validly registered with the DPH or the Commission. After November 1, 2019, new and renewal MTC Licenses, as applicable, may be issued.~~

Registration Card means an identification card ~~formerly and validly issued by the DPH or~~ currently and validly issued by the Commission, to a Registered Qualifying Patient, Personal Caregiver, Institutional Caregiver, MTC or Laboratory Agent. The Registration Card allows access into Commission supported databases. The Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, the identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

Removal of Product means an order issued against an MTC to remove and prohibit sales of categories of products, product types, specific product types or specific brands of products after notice and on a determination that the Marijuana or Marijuana Product poses a substantial risk to the public health, safety or welfare including, but not limited to, when the product is especially appealing to persons younger than 21 years old.

Repackage means to uniformly wrap or seal Marijuana that has already been wrapped or sealed, into a ready-made product for retail sale, without combining, infusing, or changing the chemical composition of the Marijuana.

Research Permit means a certificate indicating Commission approval to conduct a specified research project over a specified and finite period of time. To the extent that a Research Licensee is subject to other IRB, institutional, industry, or professional standards, they shall demonstrate compliance with those standards.

Residence means a house, condominium or apartment, and excludes, unless otherwise authorized by law, dormitories or other on-campus college or university housing; bed-and-breakfast establishments, hotels, motels or other commercial hospitality operations; and federal public housing identified at <https://resources.hud.gov/>, shelters or residential programs.

Residual Solvent means a volatile organic chemical used in the Manufacture of a ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana Product that is not completely removed by practical manufacturing techniques.

Responsible Vendor means an MTC that the Commission has determined to have completed the initial training requirements and has maintained its training requirement under 935 CMR 501.105(2): MTC Agent Training.

Responsible Vendor Trainer means an independent business entity certified by the Commission to provide Responsible Vendor Training Program courses. No owner, manager, or employee of a Responsible Vendor Trainer may be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control of an MTC.

Responsible Vendor Training (RVT) Program means a mandatory program that provides training courses taught by a Responsible Vendor Trainer for MTC Agents in order to satisfy the minimum training hours required under 935 CMR 501.105(2) MTC Agent Training.

School Entrance means the entrance(s) that provide ingress and egress to students of the pre-existing public or private or private school providing education in kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12 at the time of the newspaper publication of the proposed MTC's community outreach meeting under 935 CMR 501.101(1)(a)9.a..

SDO means the Supplier Diversity Office of the Massachusetts Operational Services Division (OSD).

Second Confirmatory Test means a second full panel of tests performed for reanalysis of a sample of Marijuana or Marijuana Products that failed an initial test for contaminants.

Seed-to-sale Electronic Tracking System means a system designated by the Commission as the system of record (Seed-to-sale SOR) or a secondary electronic tracking system used by a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC or an Independent Testing Laboratory. This system shall capture everything that happens to an individual Marijuana plant, from seed and cultivation, through growth, harvest and Manufacture of Marijuana Products and MIPs, including transportation, if any, to final sale of finished products. Seed-to-sale Electronic Tracking System shall utilize a unique-plant identification and unique-batch identification. It will also be able to track agents' and Registrants' involvement with the Marijuana Product. Any secondary system used by the Marijuana Establishment or an MTC or an Independent Testing Laboratory ~~must~~ shall integrate with the SOR in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Seed-to-sale-System of Record (Seed-to-sale SOR) means the electronic tracking system designated and required by the Commission to perform a process.

Shelf-stable means able to be safely stored at room temperature in a sealed container. Shelf-stable does not include "Time/Temperature Controlled for Safety Food" as it is defined in the 2013 *Food Code* as adopted under 105 CMR 590.001(A).

Small Business means, for the purposes of 935 CMR 500.005(1)(b), an applicant or Licensee that (i) currently employs a combined total of 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees in all locations or employees work less than a combined total of 2,600 hours per quarter; and (ii) has gross revenues of \$45 million or less, as reported to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue the year prior to the date of the Licensee's initial ~~or~~ renewal application or as otherwise demonstrated in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Social Consumption Establishment means an entity licensed to sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products and allow Consumers to consume Marijuana or Marijuana Products solely on its Premises.

Social Consumption Pilot Program means a limited number of Social Consumption Establishments, specifically Social Consumption Establishments, in certified municipalities.

Social Equity Program Participant means an individual who qualified to participate in the Social Equity Program and is designated as a program participant by the Commission.

Substantial Modification means a material change to a term of a contract that a reasonable person would understand alters the relationship between the parties. A Substantial Modification shall include, but is not limited to, shifting responsibility for the performance of a contract term or increasing or decreasing the amount of consideration being paid for performance of the contract above an amount that is de minimis.

Summary Suspension means the suspension of any License or registration issued under 935 CMR 501.000; Medical Use of Marijuana and the cessation of all operations in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Temporary Patient Registration means an interim registration document for patients and their Personal Caregivers generated automatically upon the Commission's receipt of a Certifying Healthcare Provider's Electronic Certification. The temporary registration document shall constitute a Registration Card for patients and their Personal Caregivers to access an MTC. Temporary registration shall expire 14 days after the Commission issues the Registration Card or on the issuance and receipt of an annual Registration Card,

whichever occurs first.

Third-party Technology Platform Provider means an individual or entity that provides or hosts an internet-based application or group of applications developed for the facilitation of ordering and delivering Marijuana or Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Branded Goods for delivery through by a Marijuana Courier or an MTC to a Registered Qualifying Patient or Caregiver. A Third-party Technology Platform Provider with a financial interest in a Delivery License shall be considered a Person or Entity Having Direct Control.

Tincture means a Cannabis-infused alcohol or oils concentrate administered orally in small amounts using a dropper or measuring spoon. Tinctures are not considered an Edibles ~~MHP~~ under 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

Transfer means the sale of Marijuana or Marijuana Products from a Marijuana Establishment to a separate Marijuana Establishment, Independent Testing Laboratory or MTC (but not to Consumers) subject to entry of the transaction in the Commission's Seed-to-sale SOR.

United States (US) means the United States of America.

Unreasonably Impracticable means that the measures necessary to comply with the regulations, ordinances or bylaws adopted pursuant to St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana or 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana subject Licensees to unreasonable risk or require such a high investment of risk, money, time or any other resource or asset that a reasonably prudent businessperson would not operate a Marijuana Establishment.

Usable Marijuana means the fresh or dried leaves and flowers of the female Marijuana plant and any mixture or preparation thereof, including Marijuana, Marijuana Products or MIPs, but does not include the seedlings, seeds, stalks, roots of the plant, or Marijuana rendered unusable in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal.

Vault means a secured, limited access storage room within an MTC that is outfitted with adequate security features for the purposes of storing Marijuana or Marijuana Products or cash. A vault must be adequately sized to store inventory that is not being actively handled for purposes of dispensing, packaging, processing or transportation.

Vegetation means the sporophytic state of the Cannabis or Marijuana plant, which is a form of asexual reproduction in plants during which plants do not produce resin or flowers and are bulking up to a desired production size for Flowering.

Vendor Sample means a sample of Marijuana or Marijuana Product developed by a Marijuana Cultivator or a Marijuana Product Manufacturer licensed under the provisions of 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, that is provided to a Marijuana Product Manufacturer or a Marijuana Retailer for to promote product awareness.

Verified Financial Hardship means that an individual is a recipient of MassHealth, or Supplemental Security Income, or the individual's income does not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level, adjusted for family size.

Veteran means a person who served in the active military, naval or air service of the United States and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

Visitor means an individual, other than an MTC Agent or Laboratory Agent, authorized by the MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory to be on the Premises of an MTC for a purpose related to its operations and consistent with the objectives of M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

Visitor Identification Badge means a badge issued by an MTC, Marijuana Establishment or the Commission to be used at all times while on the Premises of a Marijuana

Establishment or an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory. These identification badges ~~must~~ shall be issued in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Waiver of Consent means the document signed by potential participants or the legal guardians of potential participants that waives one or more elements of consent.

Written Certification means a form submitted to ~~the Department of Public Health (DPH)~~ or the Commission by a Massachusetts licensed Certifying Healthcare Provider describing the Qualifying Patient's pertinent symptoms, specifying the patient's Debilitating Medical Condition, and stating that in the physician's professional opinion the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the patient.

14-day Supply means that amount of Marijuana, or equivalent amount of Marijuana in MIPs, that a Registered Qualifying Patient would reasonably be expected to need over a period of 14 calendar days for ~~his or her~~ the Patient's personal medical use, which is 2.5 ounces, subject to 935 CMR 501.010(9), unless otherwise determined by a Certifying Healthcare Provider.

60-day Supply means that amount of Marijuana, or equivalent amount of Marijuana in MIPs, that a Registered Qualifying Patient would reasonably be expected to need over a period of 60 calendar days for his or her personal medical use, which is ten ounces, subject to 935 CMR 501.010(9), unless otherwise determined by a Certifying Healthcare Provider.

501.003: Colocated Marijuana Operations (CMOs)

An MTC may also be licensed to conduct adult-use operations as a Cultivator, Product Manufacturer and Retailer, as defined in 935 CMR 500.002: *Cultivator, Product Manufacturer, and Retailer*. No other MTC license or registration type qualifies for CMOs. Unless otherwise specified, CMOs shall comply with the requirements of each the adult-use and medical-use license or registration located on the Premises of the CMO.

501.005: Fees.

- (1) Each Qualifying Patient is subject to the following nonrefundable fees. If the fee poses a Verified Financial Hardship, the Qualifying Patient may request a waiver of the fee in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Patients	Fee
Medical Use ID Card Replacement	\$10
Medical Use Hardship Cultivation	\$100

- (2) Each of the individuals and entities identified below is subject to the following nonrefundable fees.

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC):

MTC Agent Registration, Annual	\$500
MTC Application Fee	\$3,500
MTC Initial and Annual License Fee	\$50,000

Caregiving and Caregiving Institutions:

Registration of Caregiving Institutions	None
Registration of Institutional Caregivers	None

(3) Other Fees (Cost per License).

Change in Name Fee	\$1,000
Change in Location Fee	\$10,000
Change in Building Structure Fee	\$1,000
Change in Ownership or Control Fee (involving at least one entity gaining ownership/control)	\$5000 per entity, per License
Change in Ownership or Control Fee (involving individuals, e.g., change of Board Member)	\$500 per person
Architectural Review Request Fee	\$1,500
<u>Packaging and Labeling Pre-Approval Application Fee</u>	<u>\$50 per product</u>

(4) These fees do not include the costs associated with the Seed-to-sale SOR, which includes a monthly program fee and fees for plant and package tags. These fees do not include the costs associated with criminal background checks as required under 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana. These fees do not include the costs associated with packaging and label approval.

(5) All persons required to complete a background check pursuant to 935 CMR 501.101(1)(b) shall be responsible for reimbursement and/or payment of fees relating to criminal and background investigations as necessary for the purpose of evaluating Licensees, agents and applicants for licensure in accordance with 935 CMR 501.101(1)(b).

(6) For CMOs, an applicant or Licensee shall pay the applicable fees for each Marijuana Establishment set forth in 935 CMR 500.005: Fees and MTC set forth in 935 CMR 501.005: Fees.

(7) Preapproved Court Appointees.

(a) Each applicant seeking to be Preapproved Court Appointee shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$500 with any such application.

(b) A Preapproved Court Appointee seeking to renew its designation shall pay a renewal fee of \$400.

501.006: Registration of Certifying Physicians

(1) A physician who wishes to issue a Written Certification for a Qualifying Patient shall have at least one established place of practice in Massachusetts and shall hold:

- (a) An active full license, with no prescribing restriction, to practice medicine in Massachusetts; and
- (b) A Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration from the DPH.

(2) To register as a Certifying Physician, a physician shall submit, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, the physician's:

- (a) Full name and business address;
- (b) License number issued by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine;
- (c) Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration number; and
- (d) Any other information required by the Commission.

(3) Once registered by the ~~DPH~~ Commission, a Certifying Physician will retain indefinitely a registration to certify a Debilitating Medical Condition for a Qualifying Patient unless:

- (a) The physician's license to practice medicine in Massachusetts is suspended, revoked, or restricted with regard to prescribing, or the physician has voluntarily

- agreed not to practice medicine in Massachusetts;
 - (b) The physician's Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration is suspended or revoked;
 - (c) The physician has fraudulently issued a Written Certification of a Debilitating Medical Condition;
 - (d) The physician has certified a Qualifying Patient for a Debilitating Medical Condition without appropriate completion of continuing professional development credits pursuant to 935 CMR 501.010(1); or
 - (e) The physician surrenders his or her registration.
- (4) After registering, a Certifying Physician is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, within five business days after any changes to the physician's information.

501.007: Registration of Certifying Certified Nurse Practitioners

- (1) A Certifying CNP who wishes to issue a Written Certification for a Qualifying Patient shall have at least one established place of practice in Massachusetts and shall hold:
- (a) An active full license, with no prescribing restriction, to practice nursing in Massachusetts;
 - (b) A board authorization by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing to practice as a CNP; and
 - (c) A Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration from the DPH.
- (2) To register as a Certifying CNP, a CNP shall submit, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, the Certifying CNP's:
- (a) Full name and business address;
 - (b) License number issued by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing;
 - (c) Board Authorization by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing;
 - (d) Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration number;
 - (e) An attestation by the supervising physician for the CNP that the CNP is certifying patients for medical use of Marijuana pursuant to the mutually agreed upon guidelines between the CNP and physician supervising the CNP's prescriptive practice; and
 - (f) Any other information required by the Commission.
- (3) Once registered by the ~~DPH~~ Commission, a Certifying CNP will retain indefinitely a registration to certify a Debilitating Medical Condition for a Qualifying Patient, unless:
- (a) The CNP's license to practice nursing in Massachusetts is suspended, revoked, or restricted with regard to prescribing, or the CNP has voluntarily agreed not to practice nursing in Massachusetts;
 - (b) The CNP's Board Authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse in Massachusetts is suspended, revoked or restricted with regard to prescribing;
 - (c) The CNP's Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration is suspended or revoked;
 - (d) The CNP has fraudulently issued a Written Certification of a Debilitating Medical Condition;
 - (e) The CNP has certified a Qualifying Patient for a Debilitating Medical Condition without appropriate completion of continuing professional development credits pursuant to 935 CMR 501.010(1); or
 - (f) The CNP surrenders his or her registration.
- (4) After registering, a Certifying CNP is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, within five business days after any changes to the CNP's information including, but not limited to, changes to his or her supervising physician.

501.008: Registration of Certifying Physician Assistants

- (1) A Certifying Physician Assistant who wishes to issue a Written Certification for a

Qualifying Patient shall have at least one established place of practice in Massachusetts and shall hold:

- (a) An active full license, with no prescribing restriction, to practice as a physician assistant in Massachusetts;
 - (b) A board authorization by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants to practice as a physician assistant; and
 - (c) A Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration from the DPH.
- (2) To register as a Certifying Physician Assistant, a physician assistant shall submit, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, the Certifying Physician Assistant's:
- (a) Full name and business address;
 - (b) License number issued by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants;
 - (c) Board Authorization by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants;
 - (d) Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration number;
 - (e) An attestation by the supervising physician for the physician assistant that the physician assistant is certifying patients for medical use of Marijuana pursuant to the mutually agreed upon guidelines between the physician assistant and physician supervising the physician assistant's prescriptive practice; and
 - (f) Any other information required by the Commission.
- (3) Once registered by the Commission, a Certifying Physician Assistant will retain indefinitely a registration to certify a Debilitating Medical Condition for a Qualifying Patient, unless:
- (a) The physician assistant's license to practice as a physician assistant in Massachusetts is suspended, revoked, or restricted with regard to prescribing, or the physician assistant has voluntarily agreed not to practice medicine in Massachusetts;
 - (b) The physician assistant's Board Authorization to practice as a physician assistant in Massachusetts is suspended, revoked or restricted with regard to prescribing;
 - (c) The physician assistant's Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration is suspended or revoked;
 - (d) The physician assistant has fraudulently issued a Written Certification of a Debilitating Medical Condition;
 - (e) The physician assistant has certified a Qualifying Patient for a Debilitating Medical Condition on or after the effective date of the transfer of the program, without appropriate completion of continuing professional development credits pursuant to 935 CMR 501.010(1); or
 - (f) The physician assistant surrenders his or her registration.
- (4) After registering, a Certifying Physician Assistant is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, within five business days after any changes to the physician assistant's information including, but not limited to, changes to the Certifying Physician Assistant's license to practice or to his or her supervising physician.

501.010: Written Certification of a Debilitating Medical Condition for a Qualifying Patient

- (1) A Certifying Healthcare Provider shall complete a program that explains the proper use of Marijuana, including side effects, dosage, and contraindications, including with psychotropic drugs, as well as on substance abuse recognition, diagnosis, and treatment related to Marijuana, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (a) A Certifying Physician issuing a Written Certification ~~must shall~~ have completed a minimum of 2.0 Category 1 continuing professional development credits as defined in 243 CMR 2.06(6)(a)1.
 - (b) A Certifying CNP issuing a Written Certification ~~shall must~~ have completed a minimum of one program meeting the requirements of 244 CMR 5.00: *Continuing Education* and 244 CMR 6.00: *Approval of Nursing Education Programs and the General Conduct Thereof*.
 - (c) A Certifying Physician Assistant issuing a Written Certification ~~shall must~~ have completed a minimum of one program meeting the requirements of 263 CMR

3.05(3).

- (2) A Certifying Healthcare Provider shall issue a Written Certification that complies with generally accepted standards of medical practice including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) A Certifying Physician issuing a Written Certification shall comply with generally accepted standards of medical practice, including regulations of the Board of Registration in Medicine at 243 CMR 1.00 through 3.00, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 5, and
 - (b) M.G.L. c. 111, § 203.
 - (c) A Certifying CNP issuing a Written Certification shall comply with generally accepted standards of nursing practice, including the regulations of the Board of Registration in Nursing at 244 CMR 9.00: *Standards of Conduct for Nurses*.
 - (d) A Certifying Physician Assistant issuing a Written Certification shall comply with generally accepted standards of practice for physician assistants, including regulations of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants at 263 CMR 5.09: *Standards of Conduct for Physician Assistants*.
- (3) A Certifying Healthcare Provider may not delegate to any other healthcare professional or any other person, authority to diagnose a patient as having a Debilitating Medical Condition.
- (4) A Certifying Healthcare Provider shall have a program to provide a discount to patients with documented Verified Financial Hardship. The plan shall outline the goals, programs, and measurements the Certifying Healthcare Provider will pursue as part of the plan. A Certifying Healthcare Provider may apply for a waiver under 935 CMR 501.850: Waivers to waive this requirement by demonstrating that the Certifying Healthcare Provider does not have control over the costs to its patients.
- (5) A Certifying Healthcare Provider may issue a Written Certification only for a Qualifying Patient with whom the healthcare provider has a *Bona Fide* Healthcare Provider Patient Relationship.
- (6) Before issuing a Written Certification, a Certifying Healthcare Provider ~~shall~~ must utilize the Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program, unless otherwise specified by the Commission, to review the Qualifying Patient's prescription history.
- (7) A patient who has had a diagnosis of a Debilitating Medical Condition in the past, but does not have an active condition, unless the symptoms related to such condition are mitigated by Marijuana for medical use, and is not undergoing treatment for such condition, is not suffering from a Debilitating Medical Condition for which the medical use of Marijuana is authorized.
- (8) An initial or renewal Written Certification submitted before a ~~Clinical~~ Visit is prohibited. ~~A renewal Written Certification may be submitted after a clinical visit or a telephonic consultation, however a clinical visit must occur no less than once per year.~~
- (a) A Clinical Visit may occur in-person or by telehealth means, provided that a Clinical Visit for issuing an initial Certificate of Registration must be conducted in-person.
 - ~~(a)~~(b) If a Clinical Visit is conducted by telehealth means, the Certifying Healthcare Provider shall ensure that there is an ability to deliver the service using telehealth with the same standard of care and in compliance with licensure and registration requirements as is applicable to in-person services to patients and shall comply with any additional requirements established by the Commission.
- (9) A certification ~~shall~~ must indicate the time period for which the certification is valid, and ~~may~~ shall not be less than 15 calendar days or longer than one year, except that in the following circumstances, the certification may be valid for two years:
- (a) A Certifying Healthcare Provider verifies and represents to the Commission that a Qualifying Patient is receiving Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income, or

- (b) A Certifying Healthcare Provider diagnoses a Qualifying Patient after an in-person clinical visit with a terminal illness, or permanent disability and certifies the patient for two years.

~~(9)~~(10) A Certifying Healthcare Provider may determine and certify that a Qualifying Patient requires an amount of Marijuana other than 2.5 ounces as a 14-day Supply or ten ounces as a 60-day Supply and shall document the amount and the rationale in the medical record and in the Written Certification. For that Qualifying Patient, that amount of Marijuana constitutes a 14-day Supply or 60-day Supply.

~~(10)~~(11) A Qualifying Patient who is younger than 18 years old and has been diagnosed by two Massachusetts licensed Certifying Physicians, at least one of whom is a board certified pediatrician, ~~or a board certified~~ pediatric subspecialist, oncologist, neurologist, or family physician, with a debilitating Life-limiting Illness, may receive a Written Certification, provided however, that the physicians may certify a Qualifying Patient who is younger than 18 years old who has a Debilitating Medical Condition that is not a Life-limiting Illness if those physicians determine that the benefits of the medical use of Marijuana outweigh the risks. This ~~shall~~ must include a discussion of the potential negative impacts on neurological development with the parent or legal guardian of the Qualifying Patient, written consent of the parent or legal guardian, and documentation of the rationale in the medical record and the Written Certification.

~~(11)~~(12) A Certifying Healthcare Provider, and such healthcare provider's co-worker, employee, or ~~Immediate F~~family ~~M~~member, may shall not:

- (a) Have ever directly or indirectly accepted or solicited from, or offered to an MTC, a board member or Executive of an MTC, any MTC personnel, or any other individual associated with an MTC, or a Personal Caregiver, anything of value;
- (b) Offer a discount or any other thing of value to a Qualifying Patient based on the patient's agreement or decision to use a particular Personal Caregiver or MTC;
- (c) Examine or counsel a patient, or issue a Written Certification, at an MTC;
- (d) Be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control for an MTC; or
- (e) Directly or indirectly benefit from a patient obtaining a Written Certification, which may shall not prohibit the healthcare provider from charging an appropriate fee for the clinical visit.

~~(12)~~(13) A Certifying Healthcare Provider may shall not issue a Written Certification for himself or herself or for his or her ~~Immediate F~~family ~~M~~members.

~~(13)~~(14) A Certifying Healthcare Provider issuing a Written Certification for their employees or coworkers shall do so in accordance with 935 CMR 501.010: Written Certification of a Debilitating Medical Condition for a Qualifying Patient, including conducting a clinical visit, completing and documenting a full assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition, explaining the potential benefits and risks of Marijuana use, and maintaining a role in the ongoing care and treatment of the patient.

~~(14) — The Commission will accept Written Certifications validly issued prior to the Program Transfer for a year after the transfer. Thereafter, a Written Certification shall be issued in a form and manner determined by the Commission.~~

501.015: Temporary and Annual Registration of Qualifying Patients

- (1) A Qualifying Patient shall must apply for a temporary or annual registration according to the procedures set out in 935 CMR 501.015: Temporary and Annual Registration of Qualifying Patients, unless otherwise provided by the Commission.
- (2) To obtain a temporary or an annual Registration Card, a Qualifying Patient shall must first obtain electronic or Written Certification(s) from the Qualifying Patient's Certifying Healthcare Provider(s).
- (3) Temporary Registration Card. A patient's Certifying Healthcare Provider(s) shall provide a Qualifying Patient who has not been issued a temporary Patient Registration Card in the

365-day period preceding the date of certification, a temporary registration in a form and a manner determined by the Commission, which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) To generate a temporary Registration Card, a Certifying Healthcare Provider shall obtain from a Qualifying Patient, and electronically submit the information required by the Commission as part of the temporary electronic certification process;
 - (b) At a minimum, a Certifying Healthcare Provider shall submit the information required in 935 CMR 501.015(5)(a) through (d) and (f);
 - (c) On submission of the requisite information, the provider shall ~~print-provide~~ a packet of information for the patient, which includes:
 - 1. A temporary Patient Registration Card,
 - 2. ~~A~~ caregiver authorization form and instructions;
 - 3. Guidance on patient confidentiality;
 - 4. Written instructions in a form and manner determined by the Commission that the patient needs to complete the registration process with the Commission in order to obtain an annual Registration card, and,
 - 2.5. If requested, a paper copy of the Commission registration form for an annual Registration Card;
 - (~~e~~)(d) The temporary Registration Card shall constitute a Registration Card for patients for the purposes of accessing MTCs and purchasing medical—use Marijuana and MIPs;
 - (~~e~~)(e) A temporary Registration Card shall expire either 14 days after the issuance of the temporary Registration Card or on the issuance and receipt of an annual Registration Card, whichever occurs first;
 - (~~e~~)(f) A patient is limited to one 14-day temporary registration during any 365-day period, unless otherwise approved by the Commission;
 - (~~e~~)(g) No more than 2.5 ounces of Marijuana may be dispensed by an MTC to a Qualifying Patient with a 14-day temporary registration except a Certifying Healthcare Provider may determine and certify that a Qualifying Patient requires an amount of Marijuana other than
 - (~~e~~)(h) 2.5 ounces as a 14-day Supply and shall document the amount and the rationale in the medical record and in the Written Certification;
 - (~~h~~)(i) It is the obligation of the MTC to track and dispense only the amount allowed for a 14-day Supply; and
 - (~~h~~)(j) To obtain an annual Registration Card after receiving a temporary Registration Card, a Qualifying Patient ~~shall must~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.015(5): Annual Patient Registration Card and complete the ~~electronic~~ registration process for review by the Commission.
- (4) To access MTCs and obtain medical-use Marijuana and MIPs, the patient ~~shall must~~ present their temporary Registration Card in addition to a government-issued identification ~~card~~. MTCs are responsible for ensuring that patients present proper documentation and verifying that the temporary Registration Card is valid, before the patient accesses the MTC and purchases Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs.
- (5) Annual Patient Registration Card: To obtain an annual Registration Card, a Qualifying Patient shall submit or verify, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, the following information:
- (a) The Qualifying Patient's full name, date of birth, address, telephone number, and email address if any, and a statement indicating his or her age ~~and that his or her primary residence is in Massachusetts~~:
 - 1. If the Qualifying Patient is younger than 18 years old, an attestation from a parent or legal guardian granting permission for the child to register with the Commission; and
 - 2. If the Qualifying Patient is younger than 18 years old, that Qualifying Patient ~~shall must~~ have a designated Personal Caregiver, who shall be his or her parent or legal guardian.
 - (b) Electronic or Written Certification(s) for the Qualifying Patient from the Qualifying Patient's Certifying Healthcare Provider(s);
 - (c) name, address, and telephone number of the Qualifying Patient's Certifying Healthcare Provider(s);

- (d) Full name, date of birth, and address of the Qualifying Patient's Personal Caregiver(s), if any;
~~A statement of whether the Qualifying Patient will be applying for a Hardship Cultivation Registration;~~
 - (e) A copy of the Qualifying Patient's ~~Massachusetts driver's license~~, government-issued identification card, or other verifiable identity document acceptable to the Commission, except in the case of a Qualifying Patient younger than 18 years old who does not have to comply with such requirement;
 - (f) Written acknowledgement of the limitations on his or her authorization to cultivate, possess, and use Marijuana for medical purposes in the Commonwealth;
 - (g) An attestation that the Registered Qualifying Patient shall not engage in the diversion of Marijuana and that the patient understands that protections conferred by M.G.L. c. 94I, for possession of Marijuana for medical use are applicable only within Massachusetts; and
 - (h) Any other information required by the Commission.
- (6) After obtaining a Registration Card, a Qualifying Patient is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, within five business days after any change to the information that he or she was previously required to submit to the Commission, or after he or she discovers that his or her Registration Card has been lost or stolen.
- (7) A Registered Qualifying Patient ~~shall must~~ carry his or her Registration Card at all times while in possession of medical-use Marijuana or MIPs.

501.020: Temporary and Annual Registration of Personal Caregivers

- (1) A Personal Caregiver ~~shall must~~ apply for a temporary or annual Registration Card according to the procedures set out in 935 CMR 501.020: Temporary and Annual Registration of Personal Caregivers, unless otherwise provided by the Commission. An individual ~~shall must~~ be granted a temporary or an annual Registration Card prior to serving as a Personal Caregiver for any Registered Qualifying Patient.
- (2) Temporary Caregiver Registration Authorization.
- (a) A temporary caregiver authorization will allow the Caregiver, during the interim period during which the patient has an effective and valid temporary Patient Registration Card, to serve as a caregiver to a Qualifying Patient and access MTCs and obtain medical-use Marijuana, Marijuana Products and MIPs on behalf of a patient before the patient and Caregiver are issued annual Registration Cards by the Commission.
 - (b) During the time a Qualifying Patient has a temporary Patient Registration Card pursuant to 935 CMR 501.015(3): Temporary Registration Card, the patient may authorize a Personal Caregiver, who is 21 years of age or older, as their temporary caregiver. To authorize an individual as a temporary caregiver, the patient ~~shall must~~ complete the temporary caregiver authorization form, generated by the patient's healthcare provider or printed from the electronic patient portal by the patient, sign the form, and provide the authorization form to the designated caregiver.
 - (c) To access MTCs and obtain medical-use Marijuana, Marijuana Products and MIPs on behalf of a patient, the Caregiver ~~shall must~~ present the patient's temporary Registration Card, a completed and signed temporary caregiver authorization form, and a government-issued identification document.
 - (d) MTCs are responsible for ensuring that Caregivers present proper documentation and verifying that the temporary Registration Card is valid, before the Caregiver accesses the MTC and purchases Marijuana, Marijuana Products or MIPs.
 - (e) It is the obligation of the MTC to track and dispense only the amount allowed for a 14-day Supply.
 - (f) To obtain an annual Registration Card after receiving a temporary Registration Card, a caregiver ~~shall must~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.020(3): Annual Caregiver Registration Card and complete the electronic registration process for review by the Commission.

- (3) Annual Caregiver Registration Card. To obtain an annual Registration Card for a Personal Caregiver, a Registered Qualifying Patient shall submit, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, the following:
- (a) The Personal Caregiver's full name, date of birth, address, telephone number, and email address if any, and a statement that the individual is 21 years of age or older;
 - (b) Full name, date of birth, and address of the Registered Qualifying Patient for whom the Personal Caregiver will be providing assistance with the use of Marijuana for medical purposes;
 - (c) A copy of the Personal Caregiver's driver's license, government--issued identification card, or other verifiable identity document acceptable to the Commission;
 - (d) A statement of whether the Caregiver will be cultivating Marijuana for the patient, and at what address, ~~if the patient is granted a Hardship Cultivation Registration;~~
 - (e) Written acknowledgment by the Personal Caregiver of the limitations on his or her authorization to cultivate, possess, and dispense to his or her Registered Qualifying Patient, Marijuana for medical purposes in the Commonwealth;
 - (f) An attestation by the Personal Caregiver that he or she shall not engage in the diversion of Marijuana and that he or she understands that protections conferred by M.G.L. c. 94I, for possession of Marijuana for medical use are applicable only within Massachusetts; and
 - (g) Any other information required by the Commission.
- (4) An annual Registration Card will be valid for one year from the date of issue of the temporary Registration Card, unless otherwise specified by the Commission, and may be renewed, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, which includes, but is not limited to, meeting the requirements in 935 CMR 501.020(3): Annual Caregiver Registration Card. The Commission will accept Registration Cards validly issued prior to the Program Transfer. This Registration Card will remain valid until its one--year anniversary date or until a new Registration Card is issued by the Commission, whichever occurs first. On the issuance of a new Registration Card, the holder of the Registration Card shall destroy any previously issued Registration Card(s) in a responsible manner that would prevent it from being used as an identification or Registration Card.
- (5) Except in the case of a visiting nurse, home health aide, personal care attendant, or ~~Immediate F~~family ~~M~~member of more than one Registered Qualifying Patient, an individual may not serve as a Personal Caregiver for more than ~~one ten~~five Registered Qualifying Patient at one time. If a Personal Caregiver wants to serve more than five patients, the Personal Caregiver must seek a waiver pursuant to 935 CMR 501.850: Waivers.
- (6) A Registered Qualifying Patient may designate up to two Personal Caregivers. ~~If the Registered Qualifying Patient has been granted a Hardship Cultivation Registration, the~~ Personal Caregiver(s) may cultivate Marijuana on behalf of the Registered Qualifying Patient at only one location. Cultivation pursuant to a Hardship Cultivation Registration by a Personal Caregiver constitutes agreement to comply with the requirements of Hardship Cultivation Registration under 935 CMR 501.027: Hardship Cultivation Registration~~consent for such inspection of the cultivation site.~~
- (7) ~~If a Registered Qualifying Patient has been granted a Hardship Cultivation Registration, the~~ A Personal Caregiver may cultivate a limited number of plants sufficient to maintain a 60-day supply of marijuana for each Registered Qualifying Patient solely for that patient's use, except that under no circumstances may a Personal Caregiver cultivate plants in excess of 500 square feet of Canopy.
- (8) A Registered Qualifying Patient may add a second caregiver or change Personal Caregiver(s) by providing notification in a form and manner determined by the Commission, and providing the information required in 935 CMR 501.020(3): Annual Caregiver Registration Card for registration of Personal Caregivers.
- (9) After obtaining a Registration Card, the Personal Caregiver is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, within five business

days after any change to the information that his or her Registered Qualifying Patient was previously required to submit to the Commission, or after the Personal Caregiver discovers that their Registration Card has been lost or stolen.

- (10) A Personal Caregiver ~~shall must~~ carry his or her temporary or annual Registration Card at all times while in possession of Marijuana.

501.021: Registration of Caregiving Institutions

- (1) Prior to facilitating the medical use of Marijuana to a Registered Qualifying Patient, a hospice program, long term care facility, or hospital shall obtain a Certificate of Registration as a Caregiving Institution. To obtain a Certificate of Registration as a Caregiving Institution, the institution shall submit, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, the following:
- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the institution, as well as the telephone number and email address for the primary contact for that Caregiving Institution;
 - (b) A copy of the Caregiving Institution's current facility licensure or certification from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
 - (c) Written acknowledgement by the authorized signatory of the Caregiving Institution of the limitations on the institution's authorization to cultivate, possess, and dispense to Registered Qualifying Patients, Marijuana for medical purposes in the Commonwealth;
 - ~~(d) A nonrefundable registration fee, as required by the Commission;~~
 - ~~(+)(e)~~ Any other information required by the Commission.
- (2) A Caregiving Institution ~~shall must~~ be granted a Certificate of Registration by the Commission prior to serving as a Caregiving Institution for any Registered Qualifying Patient. The Commission will accept certificates of registration validly issued prior to the Program Transfer. This certificate will remain valid until a new certificate is issued by the Commission. On the issuance of a new certificate, the holder of the certificate shall destroy any previously issued certificate in a responsible manner that would prevent it from being used as a certificate.
- (3) An employee of the Caregiving Institution may serve as a Caregiver for more than one Registered Qualifying Patient at one time.
- (4) An employee of the Caregiving Institution may not cultivate Marijuana for a Registered Qualifying Patient under the care of the Caregiving Institution.
- (5) A Caregiving Institution ~~shall must~~ maintain records on all Marijuana received by the institution on behalf of a Registered Qualifying Patient and the administration of such Marijuana to the Registered Qualifying Patient, and such records should be produced to the Commission upon request as permitted by law.
- (6) A Certificate of Registration for a Caregiving Institution will remain valid, unless and until the Caregiving Institution's current facility licensure or certification from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is no longer active, or is suspended, revoked, or restricted.

501.022: Registration of Institutional Caregivers

- (1) A Caregiving Institution shall apply for an Institutional Caregiver registration for all employees that will be facilitating a Registered Qualifying Patient's use of Marijuana for medical purposes. All such individuals ~~shall must~~ be 21 years of age or older.
- (2) A Caregiving Institution seeking registration of an Institutional Caregiver shall file an application, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, which shall include:
- (a) The full name, date of birth and address of the individual;
 - (b) Written acknowledgment by the individual of the limitations on his or her authorization to possess, transport, and facilitate the use of Marijuana for medical

- purposes in the Commonwealth;
- (c) Written acknowledgment by the individual of the prohibition against cultivation in his or her role as an Institutional Caregiver;
 - (d) A copy of the Institutional Caregiver's driver's license, government-issued identification card, or other verifiable identity document acceptable to the Commission;
 - (e) An attestation that the individual shall not engage in the diversion of Marijuana;
 - (f) A nonrefundable application fee, as required by the Commission; and
 - (g) Any other information required by the Commission.
- (3) A Caregiving Institution ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ notify the Commission no more than one business day after an Institutional Caregiver ceases to be associated with the Caregiving Institution. The Institutional Caregiver's registration shall be immediately void when he or she is no longer associated with the Caregiving Institution.
- (4) A Registration Card for an Institutional Caregiver will be valid for one year from the date of issue, and may be renewed, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, on an annual basis by meeting the requirements in 935 CMR 501.022(1) and (2). The Commission will accept Registration Cards validly issued prior to the Program Transfer. This Registration Card will remain valid until its one-year anniversary date or until a new Registration Card is issued by the Commission, whichever occurs first. On the issuance of a new Registration Card, the holder of the Registration Card shall destroy any previously issued Registration Card(s) in a responsible manner that would prevent it from being used as a registration or identification card.
- (5) An Institutional Caregiver ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ apply for registration according to the procedures set out in 935 CMR 501.022: Registration of Institutional Caregivers, unless otherwise provided by the Commission.
- (6) After obtaining a Registration Card for an Institutional Caregiver, a Caregiving Institution is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, as soon as possible, but in any event, within five business days after any changes to the information that the Caregiving Institution was previously required to submit to the Commission, or after discovery that a Registration Card has been lost or stolen.
- (7) An Institutional Caregiver ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ carry his or her Registration Card at all times while in possession of Marijuana.
- (8) An Institutional Caregiver affiliated with multiple Caregiving Institutions ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ be registered as an Institutional Caregiver by each Caregiving Institution.

501.025: Responsibilities of Caregivers

- (1) Personal Caregivers.
- (a) A Personal Caregiver may:
1. Transport a Registered Qualifying Patient to and from an MTC;
 2. Obtain and transport Marijuana from an MTC on behalf of a Registered Qualifying Patient;
 3. Cultivate Marijuana, subject to the plant limitations of 935 CMR 501.027(8), on behalf of a maximum of one Registered Qualifying Patient who has not obtained a Hardship Cultivation Registration, unless the Personal Caregiver is a visiting nurse, personal care attendant, or home health aide serving as a Personal Caregiver;
 4. Cultivate Marijuana on behalf of a Registered Qualifying Patient who has obtained a Hardship Cultivation Registration, unless the Personal Caregiver is a visiting nurse, personal care attendant, or home health aide serving as a Personal Caregiver;
 5. Prepare Marijuana for consumption by a Registered Qualifying Patient; and
 6. Administer Marijuana to a Registered Qualifying Patient;-
 7. Receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the provision

of services as a Caregiver, including transportation and cultivation expenses directly related to the care of a Registered Qualifying Patient, so long as the expenses are documented and available for inspection by the Commission on request. A Caregiver may not receive reimbursement or payment for the Caregiver's time. In the case of an individual who serves as a Personal Caregiver for more than one Registered Qualifying Patient, the individual may receive partial reimbursement from multiple patients so long as the total reimbursement received does not exceed the Caregiver's total documented expenses.

(b) A Personal Caregiver may not:

1. Consume, by any means, Marijuana that has been dispensed to or cultivated on behalf of a Registered Qualifying Patient;
2. Sell or otherwise divert Marijuana that has been dispensed to or cultivated on behalf of a Registered Qualifying Patient;
3. Unless otherwise authorized by law or by the Commission, cultivate Marijuana for the Personal Caregiver's own use, ~~unless the Personal Caregiver is also a Registered Qualifying Patient who has obtained a Hardship Cultivation Registration;~~
4. Unless otherwise authorized by law, cultivate Marijuana for purposes of selling or providing Marijuana to anyone other than the Registered Qualifying Patient;
5. Allow a Registered Qualifying Patient who is younger than 18 years old to possess Marijuana at any time when not in the presence of the Personal Caregiver;
6. Cultivate Marijuana for Registered Qualifying Patient if the Personal Caregiver is a visiting nurse, personal care attendant, or home health aide serving as a Personal Caregiver; ~~or~~
7. Offer a discount or any other thing of value to a Registered Qualifying Patient based on the representation that a patient will's agreement or decision to use a particular product or MTC;
8. Directly or indirectly accept or solicit from an MTC, a board member or Executive of an MTC, any MTC personnel, or any other individual associated with an MTC, anything of value based on the decision of representation that a Registered Qualifying Patient to agree or decide to will use a particular product or MTC;
9. Receive payment or other compensation for services rendered as a Personal Caregiver other than reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the provision of services as a Caregiver, provided however, that a caregiver's time is not considered a reasonable expense. In the case of a visiting nurse, personal care attendant, or home health aide serving as a Personal Caregiver, such individual may not receive payment or compensation above and beyond their regular wages; ~~or-~~
10. Participate in paid advertising.

(c) A Personal Caregiver ~~shall must~~ notify the Commission within five calendar days upon the death of a Personal Caregiver's Registered Qualifying Patient.

(d) A Personal Caregiver engaging in cultivation for a Registered Qualifying Patient shall

1. Maintain a log of the costs associated with growing and make that log available to the Commission upon request;
2. Provide annual written notice of the Personal Caregiver's cultivation conditions to the Registered Qualifying Patient and additional written notice of any change to those conditions.

(e) A Personal Caregiver engaging in Hardship Cultivation shall comply with all applicable municipal or state requirements for electrical usage and fire safety, and shall document its fire safety plan and electrical and fire inspections.

(2) Institutional Caregivers.

- (a) An Institutional Caregiver may:
 1. Receive Marijuana delivered to the Caregiving Institution for a Registered Qualifying Patient;
 2. Prepare Marijuana for consumption by a Registered Qualifying Patient; and
 3. Administer Marijuana to a Registered Qualifying Patient or facilitate consumption of Marijuana for medical use by the Qualifying Patient.
- (b) An Institutional Caregiver may not:
 1. Consume, by any means, Marijuana that has been dispensed to or cultivated on behalf of a Registered Qualifying Patient;
 2. Sell, provide, or otherwise divert Marijuana that has been dispensed to or cultivated on behalf of a Registered Qualifying Patient;
 3. Cultivate Marijuana for a Registered Qualifying Patient;
 4. Allow a Registered Qualifying Patient who is younger than 18 years old to possess Marijuana at any time when not in the presence of a Caregiver; or
 5. Receive payment or compensation above and beyond his or her regular wages; ~~or-~~
 6. Participate in paid advertising.
- (c) An Institutional Caregiver ~~shall must~~ notify their employing Caregiving Institution of any changes in his or her registration information within 24 hours of the change.

501.027: Hardship Cultivation Registration

- (1) A Qualifying Patient registered with the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 501.015; Temporary and Annual Registration of Qualifying Patients may apply for a Hardship Cultivation Registration if such patient can demonstrate that his or her access to an MTC is limited by:
 - (a) Verified financial hardship;
 - (b) Physical incapacity to access reasonable transportation, as demonstrated by an inability to use public transportation or drive oneself, lack of a Personal Caregiver with a reliable source of transportation, and lack of an MTC that will deliver Marijuana to the patient's or Personal Caregiver's primary address; or
 - (c) Lack of an MTC within a reasonable distance of the patient's primary residence and lack of an MTC that will deliver Marijuana to the patient's or Personal Caregiver's primary address.
 - (d) Lack of access to a medicine essential for the Qualifying Patient's treatment plan.
- (2) To obtain a Hardship Cultivation Registration, a Registered Qualifying Patient shall, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, submit the following:
 - ~~(a) A nonrefundable registration fee, unless waived pursuant to 935 CMR 501.015(1)(g);~~
 - ~~(b)~~ An explanation, including lack of feasible alternatives, to mitigate the limitation claimed under 935 CMR 501.027(1);
 - ~~(c)~~ A description and address of the single location that shall be used for the cultivation of Marijuana, which shall be either the Registered Qualifying Patient's or one Personal Caregiver's primary residence;
 - ~~(d)~~ A written explanation of how the Registered Qualifying Patient will cultivate Marijuana in accordance with the requirements of 935 CMR 501.027; Hardship Cultivation Registration;
 - ~~(e)~~ A description of the device or system that will be used to ensure security and prevent diversion of the Marijuana plants being cultivated;
 - ~~(f)~~ Written acknowledgment of the limitations on their authorization to cultivate, possess, and use Marijuana for medical purposes in the Commonwealth; and
 - ~~(g)~~ Any other information required by the Commission.
- (3) The Commission shall review and approve or deny an application for a Hardship Cultivation Registration within 30 calendar days of receipt of a completed application.
- (4) A Registered Qualifying Patient with a Hardship Cultivation Registration, or their Personal Caregiver(s), may cultivate only at the location specified in the application approved by

the Commission.

~~(5)~~ ~~At any given location, cultivation may occur pursuant to only one Hardship Cultivation Registration, absent proof that more than one Registered Qualifying Patient resides at the location.~~

~~(6)~~(5) A Hardship Cultivation Registration will be valid for one year from the date of issue. ~~The Commission will accept certificates of registration validly issued prior to the Program Transfer. A certificate will remain valid until a new certificate is issued by the Commission.~~ On the issuance of a new certificate, the holder of the certificate shall destroy any previously issued certificate in a responsible manner that would prevent it from being used as a certificate.

~~(7)~~(6) A Hardship Cultivation Registration may be renewed, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, on an annual basis, which includes, but is not limited to, meeting the requirements in 935 CMR 501.027(2).

~~(8)~~(7) A Hardship Cultivation Registration shall allow the Registered Qualifying Patient or their Personal Caregiver(s) to cultivate a limited number of plants sufficient to maintain a 60-day Supply of Marijuana solely for that patient's use.

~~(9)~~(8) A Registered Qualifying Patient is prohibited from possessing or cultivating more than 12 Flowering plants and 12 Immature or vegetative plants, excluding Clones and cuttings, without a Hardship Cultivation Registration.

~~(10)~~(9) Cultivation and storage of Marijuana shall be in an enclosed, locked area accessible only to the Registered Qualifying Patient or their Personal Caregiver(s), subject to 935 CMR 501.840: Non-conflict with Other Laws-. Marijuana ~~may shall~~ not be visible from the street or other public areas.

~~(11)~~(10) A Registered Qualifying Patient engaging in Hardship Cultivation shall comply with all applicable municipal or state requirements for electrical usage and fire safety, and shall document its fire safety plan and electrical and fire inspections.

~~(12)~~(11) A Registered Qualifying Patient or their Personal Caregiver(s) cultivating Marijuana pursuant to a Hardship Cultivation Registration shall adhere to ~~industry best practices in the cultivation of Marijuana plants and storage of finished product, and~~ any standards specified by the Commission.

~~(13)~~(12) A Registered Qualifying Patient and their Personal Caregiver(s) are prohibited from selling, bartering, giving away or distributing in any manner Marijuana ~~or Paraphernalia~~ cultivated pursuant to a Hardship Cultivation Registration.

~~(14)~~(13) The Commission may inspect the cultivation site of a Registered Qualifying Patient with a Hardship Cultivation Registration, or the cultivation site of their Personal Caregiver(s), at a reasonable time, with reasonable notice as defined by the Commission, taking into consideration the circumstances of the Registered Qualifying Patient. Acceptance of a Hardship Cultivation Registration by a Registered Qualifying Patient constitutes consent for such inspection of the cultivation site. The Commission may not provide notice in cases of suspected diversion, where the Commission is working with Law Enforcement Authorities.

~~(15)~~(14) Registration for hardship cultivation may be available in a form and manner determined by the Commission. If, prior to the Program Transfer, a Registered Qualifying Patient received Written Certification of a Debilitating Medical Condition from a physician and used that Written Certification as a limited cultivation registration, the initial limited cultivation registration will remain valid until the application for the Hardship Cultivation Registration card is approved or denied by the Commission.

~~(16)~~(15) After obtaining a Hardship Cultivation Registration, a Registered Qualifying Patient is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, within five business days after any change to the information that they or their Personal Caregiver(s) was previously required to submit to the Commission.

~~(17)~~(16) A Registered Qualifying Patient with a Hardship Cultivation Registration, or their Personal Caregiver(s) if applicable, ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ have the registration available at the site of cultivation. The Commission may make such registration available on request of the Registered Qualifying Patient or other government agency acting within their lawful authority.

~~(18) — A Registered Qualifying Patient with a Hardship Cultivation Registration, or their Personal Caregiver(s) if applicable, is prohibited from purchasing Marijuana from an MTC, provided however, that such individuals may purchase seeds.~~

501.029: Registration and Conduct of Independent Testing Laboratory Agents

- (1) An Independent Testing Laboratory providing testing services for an MTC or Marijuana Establishment in compliance with 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, or 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, shall apply for Laboratory Agent registration for any of its employees, consultants or volunteers that will be in possession of Marijuana for medical use on behalf the Independent Testing Laboratory.
- (2) An application for registration of a Laboratory Agent, submitted to the Commission by an Independent Testing Laboratory, shall include:
 - (a) The full name, date of birth and address of the individual;
 - (b) All aliases used previously or currently in use by the individual, including maiden name, if any;
 - (c) Written acknowledgment by the individual of the limitations on his or her authorization to possess, transport, and Process Marijuana for medical use for testing purposes in the Commonwealth;
 - (d) A copy of the applicant's driver's license, government-issued identification card, or other verifiable identity document acceptable to the Commission;
 - (e) An attestation signed by the applicant that the applicant will not engage in the diversion of Marijuana and Marijuana Products;
 - (f) A nonrefundable application fee, as required by the Commission; and
 - (g) Any other information required by the Commission.
- (3) An Independent Testing Laboratory Person Having Direct Control registered with the Massachusetts DCJIS pursuant to 803 CMR 2.04: *iCORI Registration* shall submit to the Commission a CORI report and any other background check information required by the Commission for each individual for whom the Independent Testing Laboratory seeks a Laboratory Agent registration, obtained within 30 calendar days prior to submission.
- (4) An Independent Testing Laboratory shall notify the Commission no more than one business day after a Laboratory Agent ceases to be associated with the Independent Testing Laboratory. The Laboratory Agent's registration shall be immediately void when the agent is no longer associated with the Independent Testing Laboratory.
- (5) A Registration Card shall be valid for one year from the date of issue. The Commission will accept Registration Cards validly issued prior to the Program Transfer. A Registration Card will remain valid until its one-year anniversary date or until a new Registration Card is issued by the Commission, whichever occurs first. On the issuance of a new Registration Card, the holder of the Registration Card shall be destroyed any previously issued Registration Card(s) in a responsible manner that would prevent it from being used as an identification or Registration Card.
- (6) A Registration Card may be renewed on an annual basis on a determination by the Commission that the applicant for renewal continues to be suitable for registration based on satisfaction of the requirements included in 935 CMR 501.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration* and 935 CMR 501.801: *Suitability Standard for Licensure* or 935 CMR 501.803: *Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent*.
- (7) After obtaining a Registration Card for a Laboratory Agent, an Independent Testing

Laboratory is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, as soon as possible, but in any event, within five business days of any changes to the information that the Independent Testing Laboratory was previously required to submit to the Commission or after discovery that a Registration Card has been lost or stolen.

- (8) A Laboratory Agent shall always carry the Registration Card associated with the appropriate Independent Testing Laboratory while in possession of Marijuana Products, including at all times while at an Independent Testing Laboratory, or while transporting Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

501.030: Registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents

- (1) An MTC shall apply for MTC agent registration for all its, ~~board members, directors,~~ employees, Executives, ~~Owners, managers,~~ and volunteers who are associated with that MTC. The Commission shall issue an Agent Registration Card to each individual determined to be suitable for registration. All such individuals shall:
- (a) Be 21 years of age or older;
 - (b) Have not been convicted of an offense in the Commonwealth involving the distribution of controlled substances to minors, or a like violation of the laws of other jurisdictions; and
 - (c) Be determined suitable for registration consistent with the provisions of 935 CMR 500.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration* and 935 CMR 500.801: *Suitability Standard for Licensure* or 935 CMR 500.802: *Suitability Standard for Registration as a Marijuana Establishment Agent*.
- (2) An application for registration of an MTC agent shall include:
- (a) The full name, date of birth and address of the individual;
 - (b) All aliases used previously or currently in use by the individual, including maiden name, if any;
 - (c) A copy of the applicant's driver's license, government-issued identification card, liquor purchase identification card issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 34B, or other verifiable identity document acceptable to the Commission;
 - (d) An attestation that the individual will not engage in the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
 - (e) Written acknowledgment by the individual of the limitations on their authorization to cultivate, harvest, prepare, package, possess, transport, and dispense marijuana for medical purposes in the Commonwealth;
 - (f) ~~A copy of the applicant's driver's license, government issued identification card, or other verifiable identity document acceptable to the Commission;~~background information, including, as applicable:
 1. A description and the relevant dates of any criminal action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, whether for a felony or misdemeanor and which resulted in conviction, or guilty plea, or plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission of sufficient facts;
 2. A description and the relevant dates of any civil or administrative action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, relating to any professional or occupational or fraudulent practices;
 3. A description and relevant dates of any past or pending denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or registration, or the denial of a renewal of a license or registration, for any type of business or profession, by any federal, state, or local government, or any foreign jurisdiction;
 4. A description and relevant dates of any past discipline by, or a pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint by, the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, with regard to any professional license or registration held by the applicant; and
 - ~~(g) An attestation that the individual will not engage in the diversion of marijuana or marijuana products;~~
 - ~~(h)~~ (h) Any other information required by the Commission
- (3) An MTC Executive registered with DCJIS pursuant to 803 CMR 2.04: *iCORI Registration*,

shall submit to the Commission a CORI report and any other background check information required by the Commission for each individual for whom the MTC seeks an MTC agent registration, obtained within 30 calendar days prior to submission.

- (a) The CORI report obtained by the MTC shall provide information authorized under Required Access Level 2 pursuant to 803 CMR 2.05(3)(a)2.
 - (b) The MTC's collection, storage, dissemination and usage of any CORI report or background check information obtained for MTC Agent registrations shall comply with 803 CMR 2.00: Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI).
- (4) An MTC shall notify the Commission no more than one business day after an MTC agent ceases to be associated with the MTC. The registration shall be immediately void when the agent is no longer associated with the MTC.
- (5) An Agent Registration Card shall be valid for one year from the date of issue and may be renewed thereafter on a tri-annual basis on a determination by the Commission that the applicant for renewal continues to be suitable for registration.
~~The Commission will accept Registration Cards validly issued prior to the Program Transfer. A Registration Card will remain valid until its one year anniversary date or until a new Registration Card is issued by the Commission, whichever occurs first. On the issuance of a new Registration Card, the holder of the Registration Card shall destroy any previously issued Registration Card(s) in a responsible manner that would prevent it from being used as an identification or registration card.~~
- (6) After obtaining a Registration Card for an MTC agent, an MTC is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, as soon as possible, but in any event, within five business days of any changes to the information that the MTC was previously required to submit to the Commission, or after discovery that a Registration Card has been lost or stolen.
- (7) An MTC agent shall always carry a Registration Card associated with the appropriate Marijuana Establishment while in possession of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, including at all times while at an MTC or while transporting Marijuana or Marijuana Products. ~~(9) An MTC agent affiliated with multiple MTCs shall be registered as an MTC agent by each MTC.~~
- (8) An Agent working in a CMO may only perform tasks and duties permitted by the license under which they are registered and may only perform both medical- and adult-use tasks and duties if registered under both 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana and 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

501.031: Denial of a Registration Card or Hardship Cultivation Registration

Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for denial of a temporary or an annual Registration Card for a Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver, or a Registration Card for an MTC agent, including Laboratory Agents, or a Hardship Cultivation Registration:

- (1) Failure to provide the information required in 935 CMR 501.029: Registration and Conduct of Independent Testing Laboratory Agents or 935 CMR 501.030: Registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents for an Agent Registration Card or Hardship Cultivation Registration;
- (2) Provision of information on the application that is deceptive, misleading, false, or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure;
- (3) Failure to meet the requirements set forth in 935 CMR 501.029: Registration and Conduct of Independent Testing Laboratory Agents or 935 CMR 501.030: Registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents for an Agent Registration Card or Hardship Cultivation Registration;

- (4) Revocation or suspension of an Agent Registration Card or Hardship Cultivation Registration in the previous six months;
- (5) Failure by the MTC to pay all applicable fees; or
- (6) Other grounds, as the Commission may determine in the exercise of its discretion, that are directly related to the applicant's ability to serve as an MTC agent, or that make the applicant unsuitable for registration; however, the Commission will provide notice to the applicant of the grounds prior to the denial of the Agent Registration Card and a reasonable opportunity to correct these grounds.
 - (a) The Commission may delegate Registrants' suitability determinations to the Executive Director, who may appoint a Suitability Review Committee, in accordance with 935 CMR 501.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration. Suitability determinations shall be based on credible and reliable information.
 - (b) The Executive Director may institute a suitability review based on a recommendation from Enforcement staff that background check information would result in or could support an adverse suitability determination. All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 501.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration.

501.032: Revocation of a Registration Card or Hardship Cultivation Registration

- (1) Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for revocation of a temporary or an annual Registration Card issued to a Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver or a Registration Card issued to an MTC agent, Laboratory Agent or a Hardship Cultivation Registration:
 - (a) Submission of information in the application or renewal application that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure;
 - (b) Violation of the requirements of the state Marijuana laws, including 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana;
 - (c) Fraudulent use of a Registration Card including, but not limited to, tampering, falsifying, altering, modifying, duplicating, or allowing another person to use, tamper, falsify, alter, modify, or duplicate an Agent Registration Card or Hardship Cultivation Registration;
 - (d) Selling, Transferring, distributing, or giving Marijuana to any unauthorized person;
 - (e) Failure to notify the Commission within five business days after becoming aware that the Agent Registration Card has been lost, stolen, or destroyed;
 - (f) Failure to notify the Commission within five business days after a change in the registration information contained in the application or required by the Commission to have been submitted in connection with the application an Agent Registration Card, including open investigations or pending actions as delineated in 935 CMR 501.802: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agent, as applicable, that may otherwise affect the status of the suitability for registration of the MTC agent;
 - (g) Conviction, guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission to sufficient facts of a felony drug offense involving distribution to a minor in the Commonwealth, or a like violation of the laws of an Other Jurisdiction; or
 - (h) Conviction, guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere* or admission to sufficient facts in the Commonwealth, or a like violation of the laws of another state, to an offense as delineated in 935 CMR 501.802: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agent or 935 CMR 501.803: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent, as applicable, that may otherwise affect the status of the suitability for registration of the MTC agent.
- (2) In addition to the grounds in 935 CMR 501.032(1), each of the following, in and of itself, shall be adequate grounds for the revocation of a Patient Registration Card:
 - (a) The Qualifying Patient is no longer a resident of the Commonwealth;
 - (b) The Qualifying Patient, taking into account the amounts of Marijuana, Marijuana

Products or MIPs obtained by his or her Personal Caregiver, if applicable, knowingly and intends to subvert, seeks to obtain or obtains more of such amounts than is allowable under 935 CMR 501.105: *General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers*; or

- (c) The Qualifying Patient has used Marijuana in a manner that puts at risk the health, safety, or welfare of others, or has failed to take reasonable precautions to avoid putting others at such risk.
- (3) In addition to the grounds in 935 CMR 501.032(1), a conviction of a felony drug offense in the Commonwealth, or a like violation of the laws of an Other Jurisdictions shall be adequate grounds for the revocation of an MTC Agent Registration Card.
- (4) In addition to the grounds in 935 CMR 501.032(1), the purchase of Marijuana from an MTC by a Registered Qualifying Patient with a Hardship Cultivation Registration, or his or her Personal Caregiver, shall be adequate grounds for the revocation of a Hardship Cultivation Registration.
- (5) In addition to the applicable grounds in 935 CMR 501.032(1) through (3), any other ground that serves the purposes of M.G.L. c. 94I, or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical use of Marijuana* shall be sufficient to revoke a Registration Card or Hardship Cultivation Registration.
- (6) Other grounds as the Commission may determine in the exercise of its discretion, that are directly related to the applicant's ability to serve as an MTC agent, that make the Registrant unsuitable for registration. The Commission will provide notice to the Registrant of the grounds prior to the revocation of an Agent Registration Card and a reasonable opportunity to correct these grounds.
- (a) The Commission may delegate Registrants' suitability determinations to the Executive Director, who may appoint a Suitability Review Committee, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.801: *Suitability Standard for Licensure*. Suitability determinations shall be based on credible and reliable information.
 - (b) The Executive Director may institute a suitability review based on a recommendation from Enforcement staff that background check information would result in or could support an adverse suitability determination. All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 501.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration*.

501.033: Void Registration Cards

- (1) A Registration Card validly issued prior to the Program Transfer shall be void on the issuance of a new Registration Card.
- (2) A Registration Card issued to an MTC agent shall be void when:
 - (a) The agent has ceased to be associated with the MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory that applied for and received the agent's Registration Card;
 - (b) The card has not been surrendered on the issuance of a new Registration Card based on new information; or
 - (c) The MTC agent is deceased.
- (3) A Patient Registration Card, including a Hardship Cultivation Registration, shall be void when:
 - (a) The card has not been surrendered upon the issuance of a new Registration Card;
 - (b) The Qualifying Patient is no longer a resident of Massachusetts; or
 - (c) The patient is deceased.
- (4) A Personal Caregiver Registration Card is void:
 - (a) When the Registered Qualifying Patient has notified the Commission that the individual registered as the Personal Caregiver is no longer the Personal Caregiver for that patient;

- (b) When the sole Registered Qualifying Patient for whom the Personal Caregiver serves as such is no longer registered with the Commission; or
- (c) Five days after the death of the Registered Qualifying Patient, to allow for appropriate disposal of Marijuana pursuant to 935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

(5) A void temporary or annual Registration Card is inactive and invalid.

501.034: Revocation of a Certifying Healthcare Provider Registration

- (1) Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for revoking a Certifying Healthcare Provider registration:
 - (a) The Certifying Healthcare Provider fraudulently issued a Written Certification;
 - (b) The Certifying Healthcare Provider failed to comply with the requirements of M.G.L. c 94I, or any applicable provisions of 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana; ~~or any applicable provisions of 935 CMR 502.000: Colocated Adult Use and Medical Use Marijuana Operations~~;
 - (c) The Certifying Healthcare Provider issued a Written Certification without completion of continuing professional development credits pursuant to 935 CMR 501.010(1); or
 - (d) Any other ground that serves the purposes of M.G.L. c. 94I, or 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

501.035: Void Certifying Physician Registration

- (1) When a Certifying Healthcare Provider's license to practice medicine or nursing, as applicable, in Massachusetts is no longer active, or is summarily suspended, suspended, revoked, or restricted with regard to prescribing, or the Certifying Healthcare Provider has voluntarily agreed not to practice medicine, or nursing, in Massachusetts, as applicable, or the Certifying Healthcare Provider's Massachusetts controlled substances registration is suspended or revoked, the Certifying Healthcare Provider's registration to certify a Debilitating Medical Condition for a Qualifying Patient is immediately void.
- (2) When a Certifying Healthcare Provider surrenders his or her registration, the registration is void.
- (3) A void Certifying Healthcare Provider registration is inactive and invalid.

501.040: Leadership Rating Program for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

- (1) Leadership Rating Categories. In a time and manner to be determined by the Commission, Licensees will be eligible to earn leadership ratings in the following categories:
 - (a) Social Justice Leader;
 - (b) Local Employment Leader;
 - (c) Energy and Environmental Leader;
 - (d) Compliance Leader; and
 - (e) Medical Treatment Center Leader.
- (2) Leadership Rating Application.
 - (a) MTCs annually submit information, in a time and manner determined by the Commission, demonstrating their eligibility for the applicable leadership rating.
 - (b) All information submitted is subject to verification and audit by the Commission prior to the award of a leadership rating.

(c) Award of a leadership rating in one year does not entitle the applicant to a leadership rating for any other year.

(3) Leadership Rating Criteria.

(a) Social Justice Leader. In the year preceding the date of application for a leadership rating a licensee satisfies at least two of the following:

1. Upon the Legislature's establishment of a dedicated Social Equity or Technical Assistance Fund (Fund) or a similar fund, one percent of the MTC's gross revenue is donated to the Fund. This requirement will not go into effect until such a Fund is created; and
2. The Licensee has conducted 50 hours of educational seminars targeted to residents of Areas of Disproportionate Impact in one or more of the following: Marijuana cultivation, Marijuana Product manufacturing, Marijuana retailing, or Marijuana business training. A Social Justice Leader may use a logo or symbol created by the Commission to indicate its leadership status.
3. The Licensee can demonstrate that a majority of employees have a conviction or continuance without a finding for an offense under M.G.L. c. 94C or an equivalent conviction in Other Jurisdictions;
4. Sixty-six percent (66%) or more of the Licensees employees are people of color, including Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, Asian/Pacific American, and Indigenous people, women, Veterans, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people;
5. The Licensee has developed, and can demonstrate execution of, a Diversity Plan or Positive Impact Plan recognized as exemplary by the Commission in its discretion.
6. The Licensee can demonstrate that in a year, at least one percent of its gross revenue or a minimum of 20 hours of each staff member's paid time is contributed to ~~local community development initiatives~~ supporting Qualifying Patients and Caregivers in a year.

(b) Local Employment Leader. In the year preceding the date of application for a leadership rating:

1. 51% or more of the Licensee's employees have been a Massachusetts Resident for 12 months or more, as determined by the Commission; and
- ~~2. 51% or more of the Licensee's Executives have been a Massachusetts Resident for 12 months or more, as determined by the Commission.~~
3. 51% or more of ancillary business service expenditures purchased by the Licensee have been from businesses with its primary place of businesses within Massachusetts.

(c) Energy and Environmental Leader. In the year preceding the date of application for a leadership rating, the licensee has met the energy and environmental goals in one or more subcategories in compliance with criteria published as Appendix B in the *Energy & Environment Compiled Guidance*:

1. Energy
2. Recycling & Waste Disposal
3. Transportation
4. Water Usage
5. Soil Sampling

(d) Compliance Leader. In the year preceding the date of application for a leadership rating:

1. All Licensee employees have completed all required trainings for their positions within 90 days of hire;
2. The Licensee has no unresolved written deficiency statements;
3. The Licensee has not been the subject of a Cease and Desist Order or a Quarantine Order;
4. The Licensee has not had its license suspended; and
5. The Licensee has met all timelines required by the Commission.

(e) Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Leader. In the year preceding the date of application for a leadership rating:

1. The MTC has met or exceeded their goals outlined in their submitted verified financial hardship program according to 935 CMR 501.050(1)(h).
2. Demonstrated a consistent availability of Marijuana-infused Products in

servicing sizes above 5mg of THC and greater than 100mg of THC per package.

3. Maintained a consistent patient supply as per 935 CMR 5021.140(912): Patient Supply and reserved a quantity and variety of Marijuana and Marijuana Products beyond what is required.

4. Demonstrated accessibility in multiple forms including foreign languages, developmental disabilities, patients with mental and/or physical disabilities, homebound patients, pediatric patients, and patients on hospice.

5. Conducted community outreach to Qualifying Patient communities to educate those communities on the benefits of registering with the medical program.

6. Has no disciplinary actions related to treatment of Qualifying Patients.

7. Offers meaningful pediatric patient programs or specializes in collaboratively working with families/patients that need specialized Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(e)(f) Leadership ratings will be taken into consideration by the Commission in assessing fines pursuant to 935 CMR 501.360: Fines and disciplinary action pursuant to 935 CMR 501.450: Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Registration or License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Renewal Applications.

501.050: Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs)

(1) General Requirements.

(a) An MTC is required to be registered to do business in the Commonwealth as a domestic business corporation or another domestic business entity in compliance with 935 CMR

501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana and to maintain the corporation or entity in good standing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, DOR, and DUA.

(b) Control Limitations.

1. No Person or Entity with Direct or Indirect Control shall be granted, or hold, more than three MTC Licenses.

2. An Independent Testing Laboratory or Standards Laboratory Licensee, or any associated Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, may not have a License in any other class.

3. To the extent that persons or entities seek to operate a testing facility in the Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket, 935 CMR 501.200: Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket applies.

4. The Commission shall receive notice of any such interests as part of the application pursuant to 935 CMR 501.101: Application Requirements.

5. Any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, or Licensee, shall be limited to a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy distributed across no more than three cultivation Licenses under 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana and three MTC Licenses.

(c) At least one Executive of the entity seeking licensure as an MTC ~~shall~~ must register with DCJIS on behalf of the entity as an organization user of iCORI.

(d) An MTC applicant ~~shall~~ must demonstrate initial capital resources of \$500,000 for its first application for licensure as an MTC. An MTC applicant ~~shall~~ must demonstrate initial capital resources of \$400,000 for its subsequent application(s) for licensure as an MTC.

(e) Under a single License, an MTC may not operate more than two locations in Massachusetts at which Marijuana is cultivated, MIPs are prepared, and Marijuana is dispensed.

(f) An MTC shall operate all activities authorized by the License only at the address(es) reported to the Commission for that license.

(g) All agents of the MTC ~~shall~~ must be registered with the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 501.030: Registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents.

(h) An MTC ~~shall~~ must have a program to provide reduced cost or free Marijuana to patients with documented Verified Financial Hardship. The plan shall outline

the goals, programs, and measurements the MTC will pursue as part of the plan.

(2) Cultivation Operations.

(a) An MTC may perform cultivation operations only at the address approved to do so by the Commission. At the cultivation location, MTCs may cultivate, Process, and package Marijuana, to transport Marijuana to MTCs and to Transfer Marijuana to other MTCs, but not to patients.

(b) MTCs shall select a cultivation tier in their initial application for licensure, or if one has not been previously selected, shall do so in their next application for License renewal. Cultivation tiers are based on the square footage of Canopy:

1. Tier 1: up to 5,000;
2. Tier 2: 5,001 to 10,000;
3. Tier 3: 10,001 to 20,000;
4. Tier 4: 20,001 to 30,000;
5. Tier 5: 30,001 to 40,000;
6. Tier 6: 40,001 to 50,000;
7. Tier 7: 50,001 to 60,000;
8. Tier 8: 60,001 to 70,000;
9. Tier 9: 70,001 to 80,000;
10. Tier 10: 80,001 to 90,000; or
11. Tier 11: 90,001 to 100,000.

(c) Tier Expansion. An MTC may submit an application, in a time and manner determined by the Commission, to change the tier in which it is classified. An MTC may change tiers to either expand or reduce production. If an MTC is applying to expand production, it ~~shall must~~ demonstrate that while cultivating at the top of its production tier, it has sold 85% of its product consistently over the six months preceding the application for expanded production for an indoor cultivator, or during the harvest season, prior to the application for expanded production for an outdoor cultivator.

(d) Tier Relegation. In connection with the License renewal process for MTC, the Commission will review the records of the MTC during the six months prior to the application for renewal for an indoor cultivator or during the harvest season prior to the application for renewal for an outdoor cultivator. The Commission may reduce the Licensee's maximum Canopy to a lower tier if the Licensee sold less than 70% of what it produced during the six months prior to the application for renewal for an indoor cultivator or during the harvest season prior to the application for renewal for an outdoor cultivator.

(e) Tier Factors. When determining whether to allow expansion or relegate a Licensee to a different tier, the Commission may consider factors including, but not limited to:

1. Cultivation and production history, including whether the plants/inventory suffered a catastrophic event during the licensing period;
2. Transfer, sales, and excise tax payment history;
3. Existing inventory and inventory history;
4. Sales contracts; and
5. Any other factors relevant to ensuring responsible cultivation, production, and inventory management.

(3) Product Manufacturing Operations. An MTC may perform manufacturing operations only at the address approved to do so by the Commission. At the Processing location, MTCs may obtain, Manufacture, Process and package Marijuana Products, to transport Marijuana Products to MTCs and to Transfer Marijuana Products to other MTCs, but not to patients.

(4) Dispensing Operations.

(a) An MTC may perform dispensing operations only at the address approved to do so by the Commission. At the dispensing location, the MTC may purchase and transport Marijuana Products from MTCs and transport, sell, Repackage, or otherwise transfer Marijuana Products to MTCs and to Registered Qualifying Patients.

(b) MTCs may perform home deliveries to Registered Qualifying Patients or Personal Caregivers from their dispensing location if approved by the

Commission to do so. An MTC shall only deliver to an Institutional Caregiver at their Caregiving Institution.

501.052: Independent Testing Laboratories

- (1) An Independent Testing Laboratory shall apply for licensure in the manner prescribed in 935 CMR 500.101: *Application Requirements*.
- (2) The Commission will accept certificates of registration for Independent Testing Laboratories validly issued prior to the Program Transfer. A certificate will remain valid until the certificate expires or the laboratory is licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101: *Application Requirements*, whichever occurs first.
- (3) An Independent Testing Laboratory may not cultivate Marijuana.
- (4) An Independent Testing Laboratory may not possess, transport or Process Marijuana other than that necessary for the purposes of testing in compliance with 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. Laboratories registered prior to the Program Transfer and that have not been licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101: *Application Requirements*, are limited to possessing, transporting or Processing Marijuana for the purposes of testing in compliance with 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical use of Marijuana*.
- (5) An Executive or Member of an MTC is prohibited from being a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in an Independent Testing Laboratory providing testing services for any MTC, except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 501.200: *Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket*.
- (6) No individual employee of a laboratory providing testing services for MTCs may receive direct or indirect financial compensation from any MTC, except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 501.200: *Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket*.

500.100: Application for Licensing of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs)

500.101: Application Requirements

- (1) New Applicants. An MTC applicant shall file, in a form and manner specified by the Commission, an application for licensure as an MTC. The application requirements outlined in 935 CMR 501.101(1): *New Applicants* will apply to all MTC applications submitted on or after November 1, 2019. The application shall consist of three sections: Application of Intent; Background Check; and Management and Operations Profile, except as otherwise provided. The applicant may complete any section of the application in any order. Once all sections of the application have been completed, the application may be submitted. Application materials, including attachments, may be subject to release pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26.
 - (a) Application of Intent. An applicant for licensure as an MTC shall submit the following as part of the Application of Intent:
 1. Documentation that the MTC is an entity registered to do business in Massachusetts and a list of all Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control. In addition, the applicant shall submit any contractual, management, or other written document that explicitly or implicitly conveys direct or indirect control over the MTC to the listed person or entity pursuant to 935 CMR ~~500~~501.050(1)(b);
 2. A disclosure of an interest of each individual named in the application in any Marijuana Establishment or MTC application for licensure or Licensee in Massachusetts;
 3. Documentation disclosing whether any individual named in the

application have past or present business interests in Other Jurisdictions;

4. Documentation detailing the amounts and sources of capital resources available to the applicant from any individual or entity that will be contributing capital resources to the applicant for purposes of establishing or operating the identified MTC for each License applied for. If any person or entity contributing initial capital, either in cash or in kind, would be classified as a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, in exchange for the initial capital, they ~~shall must~~ also be listed pursuant to 935 CMR 501.101(1)(a)1. Information submitted shall be subject to review and verification by the Commission as a component of the application process. Required documentation shall include:

- a. The proper name of any individual or registered business name of any entity;
- b. The street address, provided however, that the address ~~may shall~~ not be a post office box;
- c. The primary telephone number;
- d. Electronic mail;
- e. The amount and source of capital provided or promised;
- f. A bank record dated within 60 days of the application submission date verifying the existence of capital;
- g. Certification that funds used to invest in or finance the MTC were lawfully earned or obtained; and
- h. Any contractual or written agreement pertaining to a loan of initial capital, if applicable.

5. Documentation of a bond or an escrow account in an amount set by 935 CMR 501.105(16); ~~Bond~~;

6. Identification of the proposed address for the License;

7. Documentation of a property interest in the proposed address. The proposed MTC ~~shall must~~ be identified in the documentation as the entity that has the property interest. Interest may be demonstrated by one of the following:

- a. Clear legal title to the proposed site;
- b. An option to purchase the proposed site;
- c. A legally enforceable agreement to give such title; or
- d. Documentation evidencing permission to use the Premises.

8. Documentation in the form of a single-page certification signed by the contracting authorities for the municipality (or municipalities) and applicant evidencing that the applicant for licensure and host municipality in which the address of the MTC is located have executed a Host Community agreement;

9. Documentation that the applicant has conducted a community outreach meeting consistent with the Commission's *Guidance for License Applicants on Community Outreach* within the six months prior to the application submission date. If the MTC will be located in two locations under this License, the applicant ~~shall must~~ hold separate and distinct community outreach meetings in each municipality. Documentation ~~shall must~~ include:

- a. Copy of a notice of the time, place and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the MTC, that was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town at least 14 calendar days prior to the meeting;
- b. Copy of the meeting notice filed with the city or town clerk, the planning board, the contracting authority for the municipality and local cannabis licensing authority, if applicable;
- c. Attestation that at least one meeting was held within the municipality where the MTC is proposed to be located;
- d. Attestation that at least one meeting was held after normal business hours;
- e. Attestation that notice of the time, place and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the MTC, was mailed at least seven calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to abutters of the proposed address of the MTC, and residents within 300 feet of the property line of the petitioner as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such Owner is

located in another city or town;

f. Information presented at the community outreach meeting, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- i. The proposed address of the MTC with the declaration that the proposed MTC is a "Medical Marijuana Treatment Center";
- ii. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location(s) will be maintained securely;
- iii. Steps to be taken by the MTC to prevent diversion to minors;
- iv. A plan by the MTC to provide reduced cost or free Marijuana to patients with documented Verified Financial Hardship, as defined by the Commission. The plan shall outline the goals, programs, and measurements the MTC will pursue once licensed;
- v. A plan by the Marijuana Establishment to positively impact the community;
- vi. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will not constitute a nuisance as defined by law; and
- vii. An attestation that community members were permitted to ask questions and receive answers from representatives of the MTC.

10. A description of plans to ensure that the MTC is or will be compliant with local codes, ordinances, and bylaws for the physical address of the MTC, which shall include, but not be limited to, the identification of all local licensing requirements for the medical use of Marijuana;

11. A plan by the MTC to positively impact Areas of Disproportionate Impact, as defined by the Commission, for the purposes established in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(iv). The plan shall outline the goals, programs, and measurements the MTC will pursue once licensed;

12. The requisite nonrefundable application fee pursuant to 935 CMR 501.005: *Fees*; and

13. Any other information required by the Commission.

(b) Background Check. Prior to an application being considered complete, each applicant for licensure ~~shall~~ **must** submit the following information:

1. The list of individuals and entities in 935 CMR 501.101(1)(a)1.;
2. Information for each individual identified in 935 CMR 501.101(1)(a)1., which shall include:
 - a. The individual's full legal name and any aliases;
 - b. The individual's address;
 - c. The individual's date of birth;
 - d. A photocopy of the individual's driver's license or other government-issued identification card;
 - e. A CORI Acknowledgment Form, pursuant to 803 CMR 2.09: *Requirements for Requestors to Request CORI*, provided by the Commission, signed by the individual and notarized; and
 - f. Any other authorization or disclosure, deemed necessary by the Commission, for the purposes of conducting a background check.

3. Relevant Background Check Information. All Persons and Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control, ~~including and~~ those individuals and entities contributing 10% or more in the form of a loan, shall provide information detailing involvement in any of the following criminal, civil, or administrative matters:

- a. A description and the relevant dates of any criminal action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, whether for a felony or misdemeanor including, but not limited to, action against any health care facility or facility for providing Marijuana for medical or adult-use purposes, in which those individuals either owned shares of stock or served as board member, Executive, officer, director or member, and which resulted in conviction, or guilty plea, or plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission of sufficient facts;
- b. A description and the relevant dates of any civil action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction including, but not limited to, a complaint relating to any professional or occupational or fraudulent practices;

c. A description and relevant dates of any past or pending legal or ~~enforcement disciplinary~~ actions in the Commonwealth or any other state against an entity whom the applicant served as a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, related to the cultivation, Processing, distribution, or sale of Marijuana for medical or adult-use purposes;

d. A description and the relevant dates of any administrative action ~~with regard to any professional license, registration, or certification,~~ including any complaint, order, stipulated agreement or settlement, or disciplinary action, by the Commonwealth, or like action in an Other Jurisdiction including, but not limited to:

i. ~~any complaint or issuance of an order relating to~~ the denial, suspension, or revocation, ~~or other action with regard to of a~~ professional or occupational ~~of a~~ license, registration, or certification or the surrender of a license;

ii. administrative actions with regard to unfair labor practices, employment discrimination, or other prohibited labor practices; and

iii. administrative actions with regard to financial fraud, securities regulation, or consumer protection.

~~e. A description and relevant dates of any administrative action, including any complaint, order or disciplinary action, by the Commonwealth, or a like action by Other Jurisdictions with regard to any professional license, registration, or certification, held by any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, if any;~~

~~g.f.~~ Any other information required by the Commission.

(c) Management and Operations Profile. Each applicant shall submit, with respect to each application, a response in a form and manner specified by the Commission, which includes:

1. Detailed information regarding its business registration with the Commonwealth, including the legal name, a copy of the articles of organization and bylaws as well as the identification of any doing-business-as names;

2. A certificate of good standing, issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the Corporations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth;

3. A certificate of good standing or certificate of tax compliance issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the DOR;

4. A certificate of good standing, issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the DUA, if applicable. If not applicable, a written statement to this effect is required;

5. A proposed timeline for achieving operation of the MTC and evidence that the MTC will be ready to operate within the proposed timeline after notification by the Commission that the applicant qualifies for licensure;

6. A description of the MTC's plan to obtain a liability insurance policy or otherwise meet the requirements of 935 CMR 501.105(10): Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow;

7. A detailed summary of the business plan for the MTC;

8. A detailed summary of operating policies and procedures for the MTC, which shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for:

a. Security;

b. Prevention of Diversion;

c. Storage of Marijuana;

d. Transportation of Marijuana;

e. Inventory procedures;

f. Procedures for quality control and testing of product for potential contaminants;

g. Personnel policies;

h. Dispensing procedures;

i. Record-keeping procedures;

j. Maintenance of financial records; and

k. Diversity plans to promote equity among minorities people of color.

particularly Black, African American, Latinx, and Indigenous people, women, Veterans, ~~people~~ persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ ~~people of all gender identities and sexual orientation~~, in the operation of the MTC. The plan shall outline the goals, programs, and measurements the MTC will pursue once licensed.

9. A detailed description of qualifications and intended training(s) for MTC agents who will be employees;
10. The Management and Operation Profile submitted in accordance with 935 CMR 501.101(1)(c) shall demonstrate compliance with the operational requirements set forth in 935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers through 935 CMR 501.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products, as applicable;
11. Disclosure of the proposed hours of operation, and the names and contact information for individuals that will be the emergency contacts for the MTC;
12. The identification of whether the MTC will perform home deliveries to ~~P~~patients and ~~C~~caregivers. If so, a detailed summary of the policies and procedures ~~to ensure the safe delivery of for home delivery of Marijuana and Finished Marijuana Products to Ppatients and Ccaregivers, including procedures for how Individual Orders will be filled and procedures for reconciling Individual Orders at the close of the business day, shall~~ must be provided;
13. A detailed operation plan for the cultivation of Marijuana, including a detailed summary of policies and procedures for cultivation, consistent with state and local law including, but not limited to, the Commission's guidance in effect November 1, 2019;
14. A list of all products that MTC plans to produce, including the following information:
 - a. A description of the types and forms of Marijuana Products that the MTC intends to produce;
 - b. The methods of production;
 - c. A safety plan for the manufacture and production of Marijuana Products; and
 - d. A sample of any unique identifying mark that will appear on any product produced by the applicant as a branding device.
15. A detailed summary of the proposed program to provide reduced cost or free Marijuana to patients with documented financial hardship; and
16. Any other information required by the Commission.

(2) Application Requirements for MTC Applicants that Submit an Application of Intent prior to November 1, 2019.

- (a) Application of Intent. An applicant for an MTC License shall submit the following as part of the Application of Intent:
 1. Documentation that it is an entity in good standing as specified in 935 CMR 501.050: Medical Marijuana treatment Centers (MTCs), as well as a list of all Executives of the proposed MTC, and a list of all members, if any, of the entity;
 2. Documentation that it has at least \$500,000 in its control and available, as evidenced by bank statements, lines of credit, or the equivalent, to ensure that the applicant has sufficient resources to operate. 935 CMR 501.101(2): Application Requirements for MTC Applicants that submit an Application of Intent prior to November 1, 2019 may be fulfilled through demonstration of pooled resources among the individuals or entities affiliated with the applicant. If an entity is submitting more than one application, the capital requirement shall be \$400,000 for each subsequent application;
 3. An attestation signed by an authorized designee of the entity that if the entity is allowed to proceed to the Management and Operations Profile, the entity is prepared to pay a nonrefundable application fee as specified in the applicable notice;
 4. The requisite nonrefundable application fee; and
 5. Any other information required by the Commission.
- (b) Management and Operations Profile. Within 45 days after receipt of an

invitation to the Management and Operations Profile, the applicant shall submit a response in a form and manner specified by the Commission, which includes:

1. Detailed information regarding entity, including the legal name, a copy of the articles of organization and bylaws;
2. The name, address, date of birth, and résumés of each Executive of the applicant and of the members, if any, of the entity, along with a photocopy of their driver's licenses or other government-issued identification cards, and background check information in a form and manner determined by the Commission;
3. List of all Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control over the management or policies of the MTC;
4. A description of the MTC's plan to obtain a liability insurance policy or otherwise meet the requirements of 935 CMR 501.105(10): *Liability Insurance Coverage and Maintenance of Escrow*;
5. A detailed summary of the business plan for the MTC;
6. An operational plan for the cultivation of Marijuana, including a detailed summary of policies and procedures for cultivation;
7. If the MTC intends to produce MIPs, a description of the types and forms of MIPs that the MTC intends to produce, and the methods of production;
8. A detailed summary of operating policies and procedures for the MTC, which shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for security, prevention of diversion, storage of Marijuana, transportation of Marijuana, inventory procedures, including plans for integrating any existing electronic tracking systems with the Seed-to-sale SOR, procedures for quality control and testing of product for potential contaminants, procedures for maintaining confidentiality as required by law, personnel policies, dispensing procedures, record-keeping procedures, plans for patient education, and any plans for patient or Personal Caregiver home delivery;
9. A detailed summary of the MTC's policies and procedures for the provision of Marijuana to Registered Qualifying Patients with Verified Financial Hardship without charge or at less than the market price, as required by 935 CMR 501.050: *Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs)*;
10. A detailed description of all intended training(s) for MTC agents;
11. Evidence that the applicant is responsible and suitable to maintain an MTC. Information including, but not limited to, the following factors shall be considered in determining the responsibility and suitability of the applicant to maintain an MTC:
 - a. Demonstrated experience running a business;
 - b. History of providing healthcare services or services providing Marijuana for medical purposes, including provision of services in other states;
 - c. History of response to correction orders issued under the laws or regulations of the Commonwealth or other states;
 - d. Whether the applicant ~~is in compliance~~ complies with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes and child support and whether the applicant will have workers' compensation and professional and commercial insurance coverage;
 - e. A description and the relevant dates of any criminal action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or Other Jurisdictions, whether for a felony or misdemeanor including, but not limited to, action against any health care facility or facility for providing Marijuana for medical- or adult-use purposes, in which those individuals either owned shares of stock or served as board member, Executive, officer, director or member, and which resulted in conviction, or guilty plea, or plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission of sufficient facts;
 - f. A description and the relevant dates of any civil action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or Other Jurisdictions including, but not limited to, a complaint relating to any professional or occupational or fraudulent practices;
 - i. Fraudulent billing practices;

- ii. Past or pending legal or ~~enforcement-disciplinary~~ actions in any against any officer, Executive, director, or board member of the applicant or its members, or against any other entity owned or controlled in whole or in part by them, related to the cultivation, Processing, distribution, or sale of Marijuana for medical purposes;
 - iii. Past or pending denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or registration, or the denial of a renewal of a license or registration, for any type of business or profession, by the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions, including denial, suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew certification for Medicaid or Medicare;
 - iv. Past discipline by, or a pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint by the Commonwealth, or a like action or complaint by Other Jurisdictions, with regard to any professional license or registration of an Executive of the applicant, as well as by any member of the entity, if any; or
 - g. A description and relevant dates of actions against a license to prescribe or distribute controlled substances or legend drugs held by any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control that is part of the applicant's application, if any; and
 - h. Any attempt to obtain a registration, license, or approval to operate in any state by fraud, misrepresentation, or the submission of false information;
12. Any other information required by the Commission.

(c) Siting Profile. Within 12 months after receipt of an invitation to submit the Siting Profile, the applicant shall submit a response in a form and manner specified by the Commission, which includes:

1. The county, city or town in which the proposed MTC would be sited, and if known, the physical address of the proposed MTC. If Marijuana will be cultivated or MIPs will be prepared at any location other than the dispensing location of the proposed MTC, the physical address of the one additional location where Marijuana will be cultivated or MIPs will be prepared, if known;
2. The applicant shall provide evidence of interest in the subject property or properties. Interest may be demonstrated by one of the following:
 - a. Clear legal title to the proposed site;
 - b. An option to purchase the proposed site;
 - c. A legally enforceable agreement to give such title; or
 - d. Documentation evidencing permission to use the premises;
3. Documentation in the form of a single-page certification signed by the contracting authorities for the municipality (or municipalities) and applicant evidencing that the applicant for licensure and host municipality in which the address of the MTC is located have executed a Host Community agreement(s);
4. A description of plans to ensure that the MTC is or shall be compliant with local codes, ordinances, and bylaws for the physical address of the MTC and for the physical address of the additional location, if any, including the identification of all local licensing bylaws or ordinances for the medical use of Marijuana;
5. A proposed timeline for achieving operation of the MTC and evidence that the MTC will be ready to operate within the proposed timeline after notification by the Commission that the applicant qualifies for licensure; and
6. Any other information required by the Commission.

(3) CMO License Requirements. MTC applicants seeking to operate a Marijuana Establishment shall also comply with 935 CMR 500.101: Application Requirements.

501.102: Action on Applications

- (1) Action on Each Application. The Commission shall grant Licenses with the

goal of ensuring that the needs of the Commonwealth are met regarding access, quality, and community safety.

- (a) License applications shall be evaluated based on the applicant's:
 1. Demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth;
 2. Suitability for licensure based on the provisions of 935 CMR 501.101(1): New Applicants, 935 CMR 501.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration and 935 CMR 501.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure; and
 3. Evaluation of the thoroughness of the applicant's responses to the required criteria. The Commission shall consider each License application submitted by an applicant on a rolling basis.
 - (b) The Commission shall notify each applicant in writing that:
 1. The application has been deemed complete;
 - ~~2. The application has been deemed incomplete, and include the grounds for which it has been deemed incomplete;~~ or
 - ~~2-3.~~ The Commission requires further information within a specified period of time before the packet is determined to be complete.
 - (c) Failure of the applicant to adequately address all required items in its application in the time required under 935 CMR 501.102: Action on Applications by the Commission will result in evaluation of the application as submitted. Nothing in 935 CMR 501.101: Application Requirements is intended to confer a property or other right or interest entitling an applicant to a meeting before an application may be denied.
 - (d) On determination that the application is complete, a copy of the completed application, to the extent permitted by law, will be forwarded to the municipality in which the MTC will be located. The Commission shall request that the municipality respond within 60 days of the date of the correspondence that the applicant's proposed MTC ~~is in compliance~~ complies with municipal bylaws or ordinances.
 - (e) The applicant shall keep current all information required by 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana or otherwise required by the Commission. The applicant shall report any changes in or additions to the content of the information contained in the application to the Commission within five business days after such change or addition. If a material change occurs to an application deemed complete, the Commission may deem the application incomplete pending further review. If an application initially deemed complete, and later deemed incomplete, a notice will be provided to the applicant. An incomplete application must be fully evaluated pursuant to 935 CMR 501.102(1)(a) prior to being deemed complete again and submitted to the Commission pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 5(a).
- (2) Action on Completed Application.
 - (a) The Commission shall review applications from applicants in the order they were submitted as determined by the Commission's electronic licensing system.
 - (b) The Commission shall grant or deny a provisional License not later than 90 days following notification to the applicant that all required packets are considered complete. Applicants shall be notified in writing that:
 1. The applicant shall receive a provisional License which may be subject to further conditions as determined by the Commission; or
 2. The applicant has been denied a License. Denial shall include a statement of the reasons for the denial.
 - (c) Failure of the applicant to complete the application process within the time specified by the Commission in the application instructions shall be grounds for denial of a License.
 - (3) Action on Application Submissions under 935 CMR 501.101(2).
 - (a) The Commission shall not consider an application that is submitted after the due date specified.
 1. An applicant that has submitted an Application of Intent ~~shall~~ must be invited to the Management and Operations Profile phase within six months

of November 1, 2019. Failure to do so will result in the expiration of the application.

2. An applicant that has been invited to the Management and Operations Profile shall submit the Management and Operations Profile within 45 days of the invite. Failure to do so will result in the expiration of the application.

3. An applicant that has been invited to the Management and Operations Profile shall be invited to submit a Siting Profile within 12 months of the invite to the Management and Operations Profile. Failure to do so will result in the expiration of the application.

4. An applicant that has been invited to the Siting Profile shall obtain a provisional License within 12 months of the invite to the Siting Profile. Failure to do so will result in the expiration of the application.

(b) Once the Application of Intent and Management and Operations Profile have been submitted, respectively, and deemed complete, the applicant will be invited by notice to the next stage of the application.

(c) Once the Siting Profile has been deemed complete, the applicant will receive notice. Notice and a copy of the completed application, to the extent permitted by law, will be forwarded to the municipality (or municipalities) in which the MTC will be located. The Commission shall request that the municipalities respond within 60 days of the date of the correspondence that the applicant's proposed MTC ~~is in compliance~~ complies with municipal bylaws or ordinances.

(d) Failure of the applicant to adequately address all required items in its application will result in evaluation of the application as submitted. The applicant will not be permitted to provide supplemental materials, unless specifically requested by the Commission.

(e) The Commission shall grant or deny a provisional License once the application, and all its sections, have been deemed complete and all third-party documentation has been reviewed. Applicants shall be notified in writing that:

1. The applicant shall receive a provisional License which may be subject to further conditions as determined by the Commission; or
2. The applicant has been denied a License. Denial shall include a statement of the reasons for the denial.

(f) 935 CMR 501.103: *Licensure and Renewal* shall apply to all applicants that are granted a provisional License under 935 CMR 501.101: *Application Requirements*.

501.103: Licensure and Renewal

(1) Provisional License. On selection by the Commission, an applicant shall submit the required License fee and subsequently be issued a provisional License to develop an MTC, in the name of the entity. Such provisional License shall be subject to reasonable conditions specified by the Commission, if any.

(a) The Commission shall review architectural plans for the building or renovation of an MTC. Construction or renovation related to such plans ~~may~~ ~~shall~~ not begin until the Commission has granted approval. Submission of such plans shall occur in a manner and form established by the Commission including, but not limited to, a detailed floor plan of the Premises of the proposed MTC that identifies the square footage available and describes the functional areas of the MTC, including areas for any preparation of Marijuana Products, and, if applicable, such information for the single allowable off-Premises location in Massachusetts where Marijuana will be cultivated or Marijuana Products will be prepared; and a description of plans to ensure that the MTC will be compliant with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines.

To demonstrate compliance with 935 CMR 501.120(11), an MTC applicant ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ also submit an energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation.

(b) An MTC shall construct its facilities in accordance with 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, conditions set forth by the Commission in its

provisional License and architectural review, and any applicable state and local laws, regulations, permits or licenses.

(c) The Commission may conduct inspections of the facilities, as well as review all written materials required in accordance with 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

(d) The applicable License fee shall be paid within 90 days from the date the applicant was approved for a provisional License by the Commission. Failure to pay the applicable License fee within the required time frame will result in the License approval expiring. If this occurs, a new License application will need to be completed pursuant to 935 CMR 501.101: Medical Use of Marijuana and will require Commission approval.

(e) To the extent updates are required to the information provided for initial licensure, the MTC ~~shall~~must submit an updated energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation, together with a renewal application submitted under 935 CMR 501.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure.

(2) Final License. On completion of all inspections required by the Commission, an MTC is eligible for a final License. All information described in 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana that is not available at the time of submission ~~shall~~must be provided to and approved by the Commission before an MTC may receive a final License. Such final Licenses shall be subject to reasonable conditions specified by the Commission, if any.

(a) No person or entity shall operate an MTC without a final License issued by the Commission.

(b) A provisional or final License may not be assigned or transferred without prior Commission approval.

(c) A provisional or final License shall be immediately void if the MTC Ceases to Operate or if, without the permission of the Commission, it relocates.

(d) Acceptance of a provisional or final License constitutes an agreement by the MTC that it will adhere to the practices, policies, and procedures that are described in its application materials, as well as all relevant laws, regulations, and any conditions imposed by the Commission as part of licensure.

(e) The MTC shall post the final License in a conspicuous location on the Premises at each Commission-approved location.

(f) The MTC shall conduct all activities authorized by 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana at the address(es) identified on the final License issued by the Commission.

(3) The MTC ~~shall~~must be operational within the time indicated in 935 CMR 501.101(1)(c)5. or as otherwise amended through the application process and approved by the Commission through the issuance of a final License.

(4) Expiration and Renewal of Licensure. The MTC's License, as applicable, shall expire one year after the date of issuance of the provisional License and annually thereafter, and may be renewed as follows, unless an action has been taken based on the grounds set forth in 935 CMR 501.450: Medical Marijuana Treatment center Registration or License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation or Denial of Renewal Applications:-

(a) No later than 60 calendar days prior to the expiration date, an MTC shall submit a completed renewal application to the Commission in a form and manner determined by the Commission, as well as the required License fee.

(b) The MTC shall submit as a component of the renewal application a report or other information demonstrating the establishment's efforts to comply with the plans required under 935 CMR 501.101(1): New Applicants, including 935 CMR 501.101(1)(a)11. and 935 CMR 501.101(1)(c)8.k., as applicable. The report will, at a minimum, have detailed, demonstrative, and quantifiable proof of the establishment's efforts, progress, and success of said plans.

(c) An MTC engaged in indoor cultivation ~~shall~~must include a report of the MTC's energy and water usage over the 12-month period preceding the date of the application.

(d) To the extent updates are required to the information provided for initial licensure, the MTC ~~shall~~must submit an updated energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation, together with a renewal application submitted under 935 CMR 501.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure.

(e) The MTC shall submit as a component of the renewal application certification of good standing from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the DOR, and the DUA. Certificates of good standing will be accepted if issued within 90 days of the submittal of the renewal application.

(f) A MTC shall submit, as a component of the renewal application documentation that the establishment requested from its Host Community, the records of any cost to a city or town reasonably related to the operation of the establishment, which would include the city's or town's anticipated and actual expenses resulting from the operation of the establishment in its community. The applicant shall provide a copy of the electronic or written request, which should include the date of the request, and either the substantive response(s) received or an attestation that no response was received from the city or town. The request should state that in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 3(d), any cost to a city or town imposed by the operation of a Marijuana Establishment or MTC shall be documented and considered a public record as defined by M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26.

(g) The MTC shall update as needed, and ensure the accuracy of, all information that it submitted on its initial application for a License.

(h) The MTC shall comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 501.104(1) in accordance with that section separately from the renewal application.

(i) The Commission shall issue a renewal License within 30 days of receipt of a renewal application and renewal License fee from an MTC to a Licensee, if the Licensee:

1. Is in good standing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, DOR, and DUA;
2. Provided documentation demonstrating substantial effort or progress towards achieving its goals submitted as part of its plans required under 935 CMR 501.101(1): New Applicants, including 935 CMR 501.101(1)(a)11. and 935 CMR 501.101(1)(c)8.k., as applicable; and
3. No new information submitted as part of the renewal application, or otherwise obtained, presents suitability issues for any individual or entity listed on the application or License.

(j) CMO Marijuana Retailers shall submit the following information pertaining to patient supply of marijuana:

1. The licensee's policy and the procedures (e.g., data points, formulas) relied on to determine what constitutes a sufficient quantity and variety of marijuana products consistent with 935 CMR 501.140(12): Patient Supply; and
2. The licensee's policy and procedures for determining what qualifies as a reasonable substitution for a medical marijuana product under 935 CMR 501.140(12) and its policy for communicating reliance on the substitution to patients.

501.104: Notification and Approval of Changes

(1) Prior to making the following changes, an MTC shall submit a request for such change to the Commission and pay the appropriate fee. No such change shall be permitted until approved by the Commission or in certain cases, the Commission has delegated authority to approve changes to the Executive Director. Failure to obtain approval of such changes may result in a License being suspended, revoked, or deemed void.

(a) Location Change. Prior to changing its location, the MTC shall submit a request for such change to the Commission.

(b) Ownership or Control Change.

1. Ownership Change. Prior to any change in ownership, where an Equity

Holder acquires or increases its ownership to 10% or more of the equity or contributes 10% or more of the initial capital to operate the MTC, including capital that is in the form of land or buildings, the MTC shall submit a request for such change to the Commission.

2. Control Change. Prior to any change in control, where a new Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control should be added to the License, the MTC shall submit a request for such change to the Commission prior to effectuating such a change. An individual, corporation, or entity shall be determined to be in a position to control the decision-making of an MTC if the individual, corporation, or entity falls within the definition of Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control.

(c) Structural Change. Prior to any modification, remodeling, expansion, reduction or other physical, non-cosmetic alteration of the MTC, the establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission.

(d) Name Change. Prior to changing its name, the MTC shall submit a request for such change to the Commission. Name change requests, and prior approval, shall apply to an establishment proposing a new or amending a current doing-business-as name.

(e) Receiverships Court Supervised Proceedings. Notification and approval requirements with respect to Court Appointees and Court Supervised Proceedings of receiverships provisions are detailed in 935 CMR 501.104(3): Court Supervised Proceedings.

(2) The Executive Director of the Commission may approve, provided the Executive Director gives the Commission timely notice of his decision:

(a) A Location Change;

(b) A Name Change;

(c) Any new equity owner, provided that the equity acquired is below 10%;

(d) Any new Executive or Director, provided that the equity acquired is below 10%;

(e) A reorganization, provided that the ownership and their equity does not change; and

(f) Court Appointees, as detailed in 935 CMR 501.104(3): *Court Supervised Proceedings*.

(3) Court Supervised Proceedings.

(a) Commission Petition.

1. The Commission or its delegee may seek to file a petition where there is an imminent threat or danger to the public health, safety or welfare, which may include one or more of the following:

a. Notice of violations of state or federal criminal statutes, including, but not limited to, M.G.L. c. 94C, §§ 32 and 34;

b. Non-compliance with or violations of its statute or regulations such that the imposition of fines or other disciplinary actions would not be sufficient to protect the public;

c. Conditions that pose a substantial risk of diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to the illicit market or to individuals under the age of 21 who do not possess a valid pediatric Patient Registration Card issued by the Commission;

d. Conditions that pose a substantial risk to patients;

e. Violations of testing or inventory and transfer requirements such that the Commission cannot readily monitor Marijuana and Marijuana Products cultivated, manufactured, transported, delivered, transfer, or sold by a Licensee; or

f. Other circumstance that the Commission or its delegee determines possess an imminent threat or danger to public health, safety, or welfare exists.

2. The Commission or its delegee may seek to file a petition, intervene, or otherwise participate in a Court Supervised Proceeding or any other proceeding to secure its rights under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 19.

3. Nothing in this section shall limit the Commission's authority under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(v).

(b) Delegation. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 10, § 76(j), the Commission may delegate to the Executive Director the authority to appear on its behalf in Court Supervised Proceedings or any other proceeding, and to administer and enforce its regulations relative to such proceedings or Court Appointees, which includes, but it not limited to, the following.

1. To determine the form and manner of the application process for a Preapproved Court Appointee;
2. To preapprove, recommend, disqualify, or discipline Court Appointees;
- or
3. To approve the distribution of escrow funds under 935 CMR 501.105(10): *Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow* or bond funds under 935 501.105(16): *Bonds*, including, but not limited to, to cover the cost of a Court Appointee or the operations of an MTC under supervision subject to the receipt of a court order prior to the expenditure of such funds;
4. To approve the use of additional funds subject to the receipt of a court order prior to the expenditure of such funds;
5. To preapprove or approve certain transactions, provided, however, any change in the ownership or control under 935 CMR 501.104(1) shall be considered by the Commission; or
6. To impose fines or other disciplinary action under 935 CMR 501.500, however, any suspension or revocation of a License under 935 CMR 501.450 shall be considered by the Commission.

(c) Notice to the Commission.

1. A Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee shall provide notice to the Commission of a petition or Court Supervised Proceeding or any other proceeding implicating these regulations:
 - a. Five (5) business days prior to the Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control filing a petition; or
 - b. On receipt of notice that a petition was filed or of an imminent threat of litigation that could lead to the appointment of a Court Appointee.
2. Notice to the Commission shall include a copy of the relevant communications, petition, pleadings and supporting documents, and shall be sent electronically to Commission@CCCMass.Com and by mail to the Cannabis Control Commission at:

Cannabis Control Commission,
ATTN: General Counsel – Court Appointees
Union Station
2 Washington Square
Worcester, MA 01604

3. As soon as practicable, the Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee shall provide electronic and written notice to the Commission if the circumstances giving rise to the petition pose or may pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.
4. As soon as practicable, the Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee shall provide notice to the court that it is licensed by the Commission and of the regulations relative to Court Supervised Proceedings and Court Appointees, including, but not limited to, the qualifications for a Court Appointee established in 935 CMR 501.104(3)(d)1, and the list of Preapproved Court Appointees.
5. A Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee that fails to comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 501.104(3) may be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to revocation or suspension of any license or registration under 935 CMR 501.450: *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Renewal Application.*

(d) Commission Qualifications for Court Appointees.

1. Qualifications. The Commission deems the following qualifications essential in a Court Appointee, subject to the court's discretion. At a minimum, an individual or entity seeking to be a Preapproved Court Appointee shall demonstrate the following qualifications consistent with the regulatory requirements for licensees. An applicant may seek a waiver of these qualifications under 935 CMR 501.850: Waiver. The failure to maintain these qualifications may be a basis for disqualification.

a. Suitability. An applicant must demonstrate suitability under 935 CMR 501.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure and Table A.

b. Ownership and Control Limits. A person or entity named as a Court Appointee shall, prior to and as a result of being a Court Appointee, be in compliance with the control limitations set forth in 935 CMR 501.050(1)(b) or any other limitations on licensure set forth in 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

2. Application Process for Preapproved Court Appointees. The Commission or its delegee may preapprove, recommend, disqualify, or discipline Preapproved Court Appointees. A person or entity seeking to be a Preapproved Court Appointee shall pay a fee established in 935 CMR 501.005(7)(a) and submit the following information and make the necessary disclosures:

a. Qualifications. An applicant shall demonstrate the qualifications set forth in 935 CMR 501.104(3)(d)1.

b. Credentials. An applicant shall demonstrate sufficient training, knowledge and experience, to ensure a Licensee under their or its supervision shall comply with Commissions statutory and regulatory requirements.

c. Affiliated Individuals or Entities. An applicant shall identify any person or entity that may exert control or influence over the Preapproved Court Appointee, whether or not such individuals or entities are can exercise the authority of a Court Appointee.

d. Engaged Individuals or Entities. An applicant shall identify an person or entity that the applicant intends to engage in conducting the work of a Court Appointee, whether or not such individuals or entities are exercising the authority of a Court Appointee.

e. Financial Information. An applicant shall make such financial disclosures necessary to determine its ability to serve as a Court Appointee.

f. Licenses: The applicant shall submit any professional or occupational licenses and represent that these licenses are in good standing.

g. Good Standing. If the applicant is an entity, it shall submit a valid Certificate of Good Standing issued each by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Department of Revenue.

h. Limitations. The applicant shall identify any limitations on the ability to serve as a Court Appointee, including, but not limited to, capacity, qualifications, credentials, conflicts of interest, and financial requirements.

i. An applicant shall submit any additional information the Commission or its delegee may request, in its sole discretion.

j. Suitability. An applicant shall demonstrate suitability to operate a Licensee. If the applicant is an entity, each individual exercising the authority of a Court Appointee shall demonstrate suitability as provided herein. An applicant shall demonstrate suitability by:

i. Submitting to a criminal background check in accordance with 935 CMR 501.030: Registration of

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents, 501.101: Application Requirements, and 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers; or

ii. Submitting an attestation under the pains and penalties of perjury that the applicant is suitable to operate a Licensee.

3. Application requirements in this 935 CMR 501.104(3)(d)2, shall apply only to persons and entities acting as a Court Appointee.

4. Renewal. In order to remain as Preapproved Court Appointee, each Preapproved Court Appointee, on the anniversary of their preapproval, shall annually attest to the Commission under the pains and penalties of perjury that there has been no material change to the information and disclosures submitted as part of the initial application or provide updated information and disclosures with respect to those that have changed, and pay the fee identified in 935 CMR 501.005(7)(b).

(e) Licensee's Obligations. A Licensee placed under the oversight or a Court Appointee shall:

1. Continue to comply with all legal and regulatory requirements applicable to a Licensee, except as otherwise determined pursuant a court order or a waiver granted pursuant to 935 CMR 501.850: Waivers.

2. Provide the Commission with any documents requested by the Commission.

3. Cooperate with the Commission's efforts to intervene as an interested party in any Court proceeding pursuant to which a Court Appointee is sought.

4. Comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 501.104(1) upon final disposition of the License(s) subject to oversight by a Court Appointee.

5. When a Licensee files a petition, it shall propose in such petition a Court Appointee with the qualifications identified in 935 CMR 501.104(3)(d)1. And/or may choose from the Commission's list of Preapproved Court Appointees.

(f) Applicability of this Section 935 CMR 104(3).

1. All Licensees and Persons or Entities having Direct or Indirect Control shall comply with the notice requirements established in 935 CMR 501.104(3)(c).

2. A Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control that has its ownership or control interest placed under the oversight of a Court Appointee shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection 935 CMR 501.104(3)(b) and (d) through (f), provided however, that upon final disposition of the interest in question, the Licensee shall comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 501.104(1), as applicable.

(4) Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors. A Licensee must seek Commission approval, in a form or manner determined by the Commission, prior to effectuating an Assignment for the benefit of Creditors. The Commission may delegate authority to approve such agreements to the Executive Director, provided however, that any transfer of a License shall be subject to Commission Approval.

501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

(1) Written Operating Procedures. Every MTC shall have and follow a set of detailed written operating procedures. If the MTC has an additional location, it shall develop and follow a set of such operating procedures for that facility. A CMO shall have written operating procedures that comply with both 935 CMR 501.105(1): Written Operating Procedures and 935 CMR 500.105(1): Written Operating Procedures and may do so by having two sets of written operating procedures

applicable to each medical-use and adult-use operations or having one set of written operating procedures, provided it complies with both medical-use and adult-use requirements. Operating procedures shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Security measures in compliance with 935 CMR 501.110: Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.
- (b) Employee security policies, including personal safety and crime prevention techniques.
- (c) A description of the MTC's hours of operation and after hours contact information, which shall be provided to the Commission, made available to Law Enforcement Authorities on request, and updated pursuant to 935 CMR 501.104(24).
- (d) Storage and waste disposal of Marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(11): Storage Requirements and 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal.
- (e) Description of the various strains of Marijuana to be cultivated and dispensed, and the form(s) in which Marijuana will be dispensed.
- (f) Price list for Marijuana, MIPs, and any other available products, and alternate price lists for patients with documented Verified Financial Hardship as required by 935 CMR 501.050(1)(h).
- (g) Procedures to ensure accurate recordkeeping, including inventory protocols for transfer and inventory and procedures for integrating a secondary electronic system with the Seed-to-sale SOR.
- (h) Plans for quality control, including product testing for contaminants in compliance with 935 CMR 501.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.
- (i) A staffing plan and staffing records in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(9)(d).
- (j) Emergency procedures, including a disaster plan with procedures to be followed in case of fire or other emergencies.
- (k) Alcohol, smoke, and drug free workplace policies.
- (l) A plan describing how Confidential Information will be maintained.
- (m) A policy for the immediate dismissal of any MTC Agent who has:
 - 1. Diverted Marijuana, which shall be reported to Law Enforcement Authorities and to the Commission;
 - 2. Engaged in unsafe practices with regard to operation of the MTC, which shall be reported to the Commission; or
 - 3. Been convicted or entered a guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission to sufficient facts of a felony drug offense involving distribution to a minor in the Commonwealth, or a like violation of the laws of any Other Jurisdiction.
- (n) A list of all board of directors, members and Executives of an MTC, and Members, if any, of the Licensee, ~~shall~~ must be made available on request by any individual. This requirement may be fulfilled by placing this information on the MTC's website.
- (o) Policies and procedure for the handling of cash on MTC Premises including, but not limited to, storage, collection frequency, and transport to financial institution(s), to be available on inspection.
- (p) The standards and procedures by which the MTC determines the price it charges for Marijuana, and a record of the prices charged, including the MTC's policies and procedures for the provision of Marijuana to Registered Qualifying Patients with Verified Financial Hardship without charge or at less than the market price, as required by 935 CMR 501.050(1)(h).
- (q) Policies and procedures for energy efficiency and conservation that shall include:
 - 1. Identification of potential energy use reduction opportunities (including, but not limited to, natural lighting, heat recovery ventilation and energy efficiency measures), and a plan for implementation of such opportunities;
 - 2. Consideration of opportunities for renewable energy generation including, where applicable, submission of building plans showing where energy generators could be placed on the site, and an explanation of why

the identified opportunities were not pursued, if applicable;

3. Strategies to reduce electric demand (such as lighting schedules, active load management and energy storage); and

4. Engagement with energy efficiency programs offered pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25, § 21, or through municipal lighting plants.

~~(r) Policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with applicable standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, including plans to identify and address any biological, chemical or physical hazards. Such policies and procedures shall include, at a minimum, a hazard communication plan, personal protective equipment assessment, a fire protection plan, and an emergency action plan. Policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with the standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651, et seq., including the general duty clause under -, whereby:~~

Each employer (a) shall furnish to each of its employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to its employees; (b) shall comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under this act. Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations, and orders issued pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 651, et seq., which are applicable to the employee's own actions and conduct.

All current and updated regulations and references at 29 CFR Parts 1903, 1904, 1910, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1926, 1928, and 1977 are incorporated by reference, and applicable to all places of employment covered by 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

(s) A description of the MTC's patient education activities in accordance with 935 CMR 501.140(6): *Patient Education*.

~~(2) MTC Agent Training. MTCs shall ensure that all MTC Agents complete training prior to performing job functions. Training shall be tailored to the roles and responsibilities of the job function of each MTC Agent, and at a minimum must include training on confidentiality, privacy, security and other topics as specified by the Commission. MTC Agents responsible for tracking and entering product into the Seed to sale SOR must receive training in a form and manner determined by the Commission. At a minimum, staff shall receive eight hours of ongoing training annually.~~

(a) MTCs and Independent Testing Laboratories shall ensure that all MTC Agents and Laboratory Agents complete minimum training requirements prior to performing job functions.

1. At a minimum, MTC Agents shall receive a total of eight hours of training annually. The eight-hour total training requirement shall be tailored to the roles and responsibilities of the job function of each MTC Agent.

2. A minimum of four hours of training shall be from Responsible Vendor Training Program courses established under 935 CMR 501.105(2)(b). Any additional RVT hours over the four-hour RVT requirement may count toward the eight-hour total training requirement.

3. Non-RVT training may be conducted in-house by the MTC or by a third-party vendor engaged by the MTC. Basic on-the-job training MTCs provide in the ordinary course of business may be counted toward the eight-hour total training requirement.

4. Agents responsible for tracking and entering product into the Seed-to-sale SOR shall receive training in a form and manner determined by the Commission. At a minimum, staff shall receive eight hours of ongoing training annually.

5. MTCs shall maintain records of compliance with all training requirements noted above. Such records shall be maintained for four years and MTCs shall make such records available for inspection on request.

6. An individual who is both a Marijuana Establishment Agent and

MTC Agent at a CMO location shall receive the training required for each license under which the agent is registered, including, without limitation, with respect to patient privacy and confidentiality requirements, which may result in instances that would require such an agent to participate in more than eight hours of training.

(b) Responsible Vendor Training.

1. All current MTC Agents, including Laboratory Agents, involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for medical use at the time of licensure or renewal of licensure, as applicable, shall have attended and successfully completed a Responsible Vendor Training Program to be designated a "Responsible Vendor."

a. MTC Agents shall first take the Basic Core Curriculum.

b. On completing the Basic Core Curriculum, an MTC Agent is eligible to take the Advanced Core Curriculum.

c. Exception for Administrative Employees. MTC Agents who serve as administrative employees and do not handle or sell Marijuana are exempt from the four-hour RVT requirement but may take a Responsible Vendor Training Program course on a voluntary basis as part of fulfilling the eight-hour total training requirement.

2. Once an MTC is designated a Responsible Vendor, all MTC Agents employed by the MTC that are involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for medical use shall successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum within 90 days of hire.

3. After successful completion of the Basic Core Curriculum, each MTC Agent involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for medical use shall fulfill the four-hour RVT requirement every year thereafter for the MTC to maintain designation as a Responsible Vendor. Failure to maintain Responsible Vendor status is grounds for action by the Commission.

4. Responsible Vendor Trainer Certification.

a. No owner, manager or employee of a Responsible Vendor Trainer may be a Person Or Entity Having Direct Or Indirect Ownership or Control of an MTC.

b. Responsible Vendor Trainers shall submit their program materials to the Commission prior to offering courses, every two years following for Commission certification of the Responsible Vendor Trainer and Responsible Vendor Training Program curriculum, and on request. The process for certification will be in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

c. Responsible Vendor Training Program courses shall consist of at least two hours of instruction time.

d. Except as provided in 935 CMR 501.105(2)(b)(4)(e), Responsible Vendor Training Program courses shall be taught in a real-time, interactive, virtual or in-person classroom setting in which the instructor is able to verify the identification of each individual attending the program and certify completion of the program by the individual.

e. Responsible Vendor Training Program courses may be presented in a virtual format that is not taught in a real-time, provided that the Responsible Vendor Trainer, as part of its application for certification, can demonstrate means:

i. To verify the identification of each trainee participating in the program course and certify completion by the individual.

ii. To track trainees' time needed to complete the course training;

iii. To allow for the trainees to ask questions of the Responsible Vendor Trainer, for example, by email, virtual discussion board, or group/class discussion; and

iv. To evaluate each trainee's proficiency with course material.

f. Responsible Vendor Trainers shall seek certification for each Basic Core Curriculum and Advanced Core Curriculum. Applications for Advanced Core Curriculum certification will be open on or before July 1, 2022.

- g. Responsible Vendor Trainers shall maintain its training records at its principal place of business for four years.
 - h. Responsible Vendor Trainers shall make the records available for inspection by the Commission and any other applicable licensing authority on request during normal business hours.
 - i. Responsible Vendor Trainers shall provide to the appropriate MTC and MTC Agent written documentation of attendance and successful evaluation of proficiency, such as passage of a test on the knowledge of the required curriculum for each attendee.
 - j. Trainees who can speak and write English fluently shall successfully demonstrate proficiency, such as passing a written test with a score of 70% or better.
 - k. MTC Agents who cannot speak or write English may be offered a verbal evaluation or test, provided that the same questions are given as are on the written test and the results of the verbal test are documented with a passing score of 70% or better.
 - l. Responsible Vendor Trainers shall solicit effectiveness evaluations from MTC Agents who have completed their program(s).
5. Basic Core Curriculum. The Basic Core Curriculum shall cover the following subject matter:
- a. Marijuana's effect on the human body, including:
 - i. Scientifically based evidence on the physical and mental health effects based on the type of Marijuana Product;
 - ii. The amount of time to feel impairment;
 - iii. Visible signs of impairment; and
 - iv. Recognizing the signs of impairment.
 - b. Diversion prevention and prevention of sales to minors, including best practices.
 - c. Compliance with all tracking requirements.
 - d. Acceptable forms of identification. Training shall include:
 - i. How to check identification;
 - ii. Spotting and confiscating fraudulent identification;
 - iii. Patient registration cards currently and validly issued by the Commission;
 - iv. Common mistakes made in identification verification; and
 - v. Prohibited purchases and practices, including purchases by persons under the age of twenty-one in violation of M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13.
 - e. How to engage and work with persons with disabilities.
 - f. Other key state laws and rules affecting MTC Agents, which shall include:
 - i. Conduct of MTC Agents;
 - ii. Permitting inspections by state and local licensing and enforcement authorities;
 - iii. Local and state licensing and enforcement, including registration and license sanctions;
 - iv. Incident and notification requirements;
 - v. Administrative, civil, and criminal liability;
 - vi. Health and safety standards, including waste disposal;
 - vii. Patrons prohibited from bringing marijuana and marijuana products onto licensed premises;
 - viii. Permitted hours of sale;
 - ix. Licensee responsibilities for activities occurring within licensed premises;
 - x. Maintenance of records, including confidentiality and privacy; and
 - g. Such other areas of training determined by the Commission to be included in a Responsible Vendor Training Program.
6. Advanced Core Curriculum.
- a. Each Advanced Core Curriculum class shall be approved by the Commission prior to being offered. The curriculum shall build on the knowledge, skills, and practices covered in the Basic Core Curriculum.
 - b. An Advanced Core Curriculum class shall include standard and

best practices in one or more of the following areas

- i. Cultivation;
- ii. Product Manufacturing;
- iii. Retail;
- iv. Transportation
- v. Social Consumption;
- vi. Laboratory Science;
- vii. Energy and Environmental Best Practices;
- viii. Social Justice and Economically Reparative Practices;
- ix. Implicit Bias and Diversity Training;
- x. Worker Safety;
- xi. Food Safety and Sanitation;
- xii. Confidentiality and Privacy;
- xiii. In dept coverage of any topic(s) taught in the Basic Core Curriculum; or
- xiv. Such other topic as the Commission may approve in its sole discretion.

7. Delivery Core Curriculum. In addition to the Basic Core Curriculum, all MTC Agents acting as delivery employees of an MTC shall have attended and successfully completed the Delivery Core Curriculum prior to making a delivery, which shall, to the extent not covered in Basic Core Training, include, without limitation, training on:
- a. Safely conducting deliveries;
 - b. Safe cash handling practices;
 - c. Strategies for de-escalating potentially dangerous situations;
 - d. Securing product following any instance of diversion, theft or loss of Finished Marijuana Products pursuant to 935 CMR 501.110(1)(m);
 - e. Collecting and communicating information to assist in investigations;
 - f. Procedures for checking identification;
 - g. Indications of impairment; and
 - h. Such other areas of training determined by the Commission to be included in a Responsible Vendor Training Program.

(3) Handling of Marijuana.

- (a) An MTC shall Process Marijuana in a safe and sanitary manner. An MTC shall Process the leaves and flowers of the female Marijuana plant only, which shall be:
- 1. Well cured and free of seeds and stems;
 - 2. Free of dirt, sand, debris, and other foreign matter;
 - 3. Free of contamination by mold, rot, other fungus, pests and bacterial diseases and satisfying the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 500.000: *Good Manufacturing Practices for Food*, and if applicable, 105 CMR 590.000: *State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments*;
 - 4. Prepared and handled on food-grade stainless steel tables with no contact with MTC Agents' bare hands; and
 - 5. Packaged in a secure area.
- (b) All MTCs, including those that develop, Repackage, or Process non-edible MIPs, shall comply with the following sanitary requirements:
- 1. Any MTC Agent whose job includes contact with Marijuana or non-edible MIPs, including cultivation, production, or packaging, is subject to the requirements for food handlers specified in 105 CMR 300.000: *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements*;
 - 2. Any MTC Agent working in direct contact with preparation of Marijuana or non-edible MIPs shall conform to sanitary practices while on duty, including:
 - a. Maintaining adequate personal cleanliness; and
 - b. Washing hands thoroughly in an adequate hand washing area before starting work, and at any other time when hands may have become soiled or contaminated.

- c. Hand washing facilities shall be adequate and convenient and shall be furnished with running water at a suitable temperature.
3. Hand washing facilities shall be located in the MTC in Production Areas and where good sanitary practices require employees to wash and/or sanitize their hands, and shall provide effective hand-cleaning and sanitizing preparations and sanitary towel service or suitable drying devices;
 4. There shall be sufficient space for placement of equipment and storage of materials as is necessary for the maintenance of sanitary operations;
 5. Litter and waste shall be properly removed, disposed of so as to minimize the development of odor, and minimize the potential for the waste attracting and harboring pests. The operating systems for waste disposal shall be maintained in an adequate manner pursuant to 935 CMR 501.105(12): *Waste Disposal*;
 6. Floors, walls, and ceilings shall be constructed in such a manner that they may be adequately kept clean and in good repair;
 7. There shall be adequate safety lighting in all Processing and storage areas, as well as areas where equipment or utensils are cleaned;
 8. Buildings, fixtures, and other physical facilities shall be maintained in a sanitary condition;
 9. All contact surfaces, including utensils and equipment, shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Such surfaces shall be cleaned and sanitized as frequently as necessary to protect against contamination, using a sanitizing agent registered by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in accordance with labeled instructions. Equipment and utensils shall be so designed and of such material and workmanship as to be adequately cleanable;
 10. All toxic items shall be identified, held, and stored in a manner that protects against contamination of Marijuana and MIPs. Toxic items ~~may~~ shall not be stored in an area containing products used in the cultivation of Marijuana. The Commission may require an MTC to demonstrate the intended and actual use of any toxic items found on the Premises;
 11. An MTC's water supply shall be sufficient for necessary operations. Any private water source shall be capable of providing a safe, potable, and adequate supply of water to meet the MTC's needs;
 12. Plumbing shall be of adequate size and design, and adequately installed and maintained to carry sufficient quantities of water to required locations throughout the MTC. Plumbing shall properly convey sewage and liquid disposable waste from the MTC. There shall be no cross-connections between the potable and wastewater lines;
 13. An MTC shall provide its employees with adequate, readily accessible toilet facilities that are maintained in a sanitary condition and in good repair;
 14. Products that can support the rapid growth of undesirable microorganisms shall be held in a manner that prevents the growth of these microorganisms;
 15. Storage and transportation of finished products shall be under conditions that will protect them against physical, chemical, and microbial contamination as well as against deterioration of them or their container; and
 16. All vehicles and transportation equipment used in the transportation of Marijuana Products or Edible ~~MIPs~~ requiring temperature control for safety ~~shall~~ must be designed, maintained, and equipped as necessary to provide adequate temperature control to prevent the Marijuana Products or Edibles from becoming unsafe during transportation, consistent with applicable requirements pursuant to 21 CFR 1.908(c).
- (c) All MTCs shall comply with sanitary requirements during the development or Processing of Edible ~~MIPs~~. All Edible ~~MIPs~~ shall be prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 590.000: *Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments*.
- (d) All Marijuana in the process of cultivation, production, preparation, transport, or analysis shall be housed and stored in such a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, or loss.
1. Such items shall be accessible only to the minimum number of specifically

authorized MTC Agents essential for efficient operation;

2. Such items shall be returned to a secure location immediately after completion of the process or at the end of the scheduled business day; and

3. If a manufacturing process cannot be completed at the end of a working day, the Processing area or tanks, vessels, bins, or bulk containers containing Marijuana shall be securely locked inside an area or building that affords adequate security.

(e) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, a CMO shall comply with 935 CMR 500.105(3): *Requirements for the Handling of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 501.105(3): *Handling of Marijuana*.

(4) Marketing and Advertising Requirements.

(a) Permitted Practices.

1. A Marijuana Establishment may develop a Brand Name ~~business name and logo~~ to be used in labeling, signage, and other materials; provided however, that use of medical symbols, images of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, or related Paraphernalia images, that are appealing to persons younger than 21 years old, and colloquial references to Marijuana and Cannabis ~~and Marijuana~~ are prohibited from use in ~~this business name and logo~~ the Brand Name;

2. Brand Name Sponsorship of a charitable, sporting or similar event, so long as the following conditions are met:

a. Sponsorship of the event is limited to the Brand Name.

b. Any advertising at or in connection with such an event is prohibited, unless such advertising is targeted to entrants or participants reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data, and reasonable safeguards have been employed to prohibit advertising from targeting or otherwise reaching entrants or participants reasonably expected to be under 21 years of age, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data; unless such advertising is targeted to entrants or participants reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data, and reasonable safeguards have been employed to prohibit advertising from targeting or otherwise reaching entrants or participants reasonably expected to be under 21 years of age, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data; except that advertising, marketing, and branding at or in connection with such an event is prohibited, unless at least 85% of the audience is reasonably expected to be either 21 years of age or older or individuals with a debilitating condition, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data;

~~3.4.~~ An MTC may display, in secure, locked cases, samples of each product offered for sale and subject to the requirements of 935 CMR 501.110: *Security Requirements for Marijuana Treatment Centers*. These display cases may be transparent. An authorized MTC Agent may remove a sample of Marijuana from the case and provide it to the Registered Qualifying Patient for inspection, provided the Registered Qualifying Patient may not consume or otherwise use the sample, unless otherwise authorized in 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

~~4.5.~~ The MTC may post prices in the store and may respond to questions about pricing. The MTC shall provide a catalogue or a printed list of the prices and strains of Marijuana available at the MTC to Registered Qualifying Patients and may post the same catalogue or printed list on its website and in the retail store.

~~5.6.~~ An MTC may engage in reasonable marketing, advertising ~~reasonable advertising and branding~~ practices that are not otherwise prohibited in 935 CMR 501.105(4)(b) that do not jeopardize the public health, welfare or safety of the general public or promote the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana use in individuals younger than 21 years old or otherwise promote practices inconsistent with the purposes of M.G.L. c. 94G or 94I. Any such marketing, advertising ~~and branding~~ created for viewing by the

public shall include the statement "Please Consume Responsibly", in a conspicuous manner on the face of the advertisement and shall include a minimum of two of the following warnings in their entirety in a conspicuous manner on the face of the advertisement:

- a. "This product may cause impairment and may be habit forming";
- b. "Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug";
- c. "There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product"; or
- d. ~~"For use only by adults 21 years of age or older. Keep out of the reach of children";~~ or

~~6.7.~~ An MTC may provide Brand Name take-away bags for the benefit of patients after a retail purchase is completed;

~~7.~~ All marketing, advertising and branding produced by or on behalf of an MTC shall include the following warning, including capitalization, in accordance with

1. Advertising, ~~marketing, and branding~~ in such a manner that is deemed to be is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly or by omission or ambiguity;

~~1.2.~~ Advertising, marketing and branding by means of television, radio, internet, mobile applications, social media, or other electronic communication, billboard or other outdoor advertising, or print publication, unless at least 85% of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older or comprised of individuals with debilitating conditions, as determined by reliable and current audience composition data;

~~2.~~ Advertising, marketing, and branding that utilizes statements, designs, representations, pictures or illustrations that portray anyone younger than 21 years old.

~~5.~~ Advertising, marketing, and branding by a Licensee that asserts that its products are safe, or represent that its products have curative or therapeutic effects, other than labeling required pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(2)(xxvi), unless supported by substantial evidence or substantial clinical data with reasonable scientific rigor as determined by the Commission;

~~7.5.~~ Installation of any illuminated neon signage or external signage beyond the period of 30 minutes before sundown until closing, provided however, that the Commission may further specify minimum signage requirements;

~~8.6.~~ The use of vehicles equipped with radio or loudspeakers for the advertising of Marijuana or Marijuana Products;

~~9.7.~~ The use of radio or loudspeaker equipment in any MTC for the purpose of attracting attention to the sale of Marijuana or Marijuana Products;

~~10.~~ Advertising, marketing, and branding at, or in connection with, a charitable, sporting or similar event, unless at least 85% of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data;

~~12.9.~~ Use of unsolicited pop-up advertisements on the internet or text message; unless the advertisement is a mobile device application installed on the device by the owner of the device who is a Qualifying Patient or Caregiver or 21 years of age or older and includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature;

~~13.10.~~ Any advertising, including the use of Brand Names, of an improper or objectionable nature including, but not limited to, the use of recipe books or pamphlets for Marijuana Products which contain obscene or suggestive statements, the use or language or images offensive or disparaging to certain groups;

~~14.11.~~ Any Advertising, marketing or branding advertising solely for the promotion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products on MTC Branded Goods, including but not limited to clothing, cups, drink holders, apparel

accessories, electronic equipment or accessories, sporting equipment, novelty items and similar portable promotional items;

~~15.12. Advertising, marketing or branding on or in public or private vehicles and at bus stops, taxi stands, transportation waiting areas, train stations, airports, or other similar transportation venues including, but not limited to, vinyl-wrapped vehicles or signs or logos on transportation vehicles not owned by the MTC or company cars;~~

~~16.13. Advertising, marketing, branding; The display of signs or other printed material advertising any brand or kind of Marijuana or Marijuana Products that are displayed on the exterior or interior of any licensed Premises; where Marijuana Products are not regularly and usually kept for sale;~~

~~17.14. Advertising or marketing of the price of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, except as permitted above pursuant to 935 CMR 501.105(4)(a)5;~~

~~18.15. Display of Marijuana or Marijuana Products so as to be clearly visible to a person from the exterior of an MTC;~~

~~19.16. Advertising, marketing or branding including any statement, design, representation, picture, or illustration that encourages or represents the use of Marijuana for any purpose other than to treat a Debilitating Medical Condition or related symptoms;~~

~~20. Advertising, marketing or branding, including any statement, design, representation, picture, or illustration that encourages or represents the recreational use of Marijuana; and~~

~~(d) Nothing in 935 CMR 501.105(4): Advertising Requirements prohibits an MTC from using a mark provided by the Commission which uses images of Marijuana.~~

~~(e) CMOs shall comply with the requirements of each 935 CMR 500.105(4): Advertising Requirements and 935 CMR 500.105(4): Advertising Requirements with respect to the applicable license. A CMO may develop a single marketing campaign, provided, however, it shall apply the most restrictive requirements applicable under either license.~~

(5) Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(a) Labeling of Marijuana Not Sold as a Marijuana Product. Prior to Marijuana being sold or Transferred, an MTC shall ensure the placement of a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 of an inch in size on each package of Marijuana that it makes available for retail sale. ~~The Affixed label shall contain~~ at a minimum the following information, ~~but may not include a Qualifying Patient's name:~~

1. The name and registration number, telephone number, email address of the MTC that produced the Marijuana, together with the retail Licensee's business telephone number, electronic mail address, and website information, if any;

~~2. The quantity of Usable Marijuana contained within the package;~~

~~3. A batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;~~

~~4. Net weight or volume in US customary or metric units, listed in that order;~~

5. The full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the package, including THC and other Cannabinoid levels;

6. A statement and a seal certifying that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L c. 94G, § 15;

7. This statement, including capitalization: "This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.";

8. The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the

Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~:



9. The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



10. 935 CMR 501.105(5)(a) may not apply to Marijuana packaged for transport of wholesale cultivated Marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(8): Inventory, provided however, that the MTC is responsible for compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(5): Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products for all Marijuana Products sold or displayed to Patients.

- (b) Labeling of Edible Marijuana Products. Prior to Edible ~~Marijuana Products~~ being sold or Transferred, the MTC shall place a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 ~~of an~~ inch in size on each Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ that it prepares for retail sale or wholesale. The Affixed label shall contain ~~ing~~ at a minimum the following information, but may not include a Qualifying Patient's name:

1. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Product Manufacturer that produced the Marijuana Product, together with the Marijuana Product Manufacturer's business telephone number, e-mail address and website information, if any;
2. The name of the Marijuana Product;
3. Refrigeration of the product is required, as applicable;
4. Total n~~Net~~ weight or volume in US customary and metric units, listed in that order, of the Marijuana Product;
5. The number of servings in the Marijuana Product and the specific weight in milligrams of a serving size;
- ~~5. The quantity of Usable Marijuana contained within the product as measured in ounces;~~
7. A list of ingredients, including the full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the Marijuana Product, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) and other Cannabinoids in the package and in each serving of a Marijuana Product as expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume;
- ~~8. The serving size of the Marijuana Product in milligrams;~~
- ~~11.9.~~ The date of creation and the recommended "use by" or expiration date which ~~may shall~~ not be altered or changed;
- ~~12.10.~~ A batch number, sequential serial number and bar codes when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;
- ~~13.11.~~ Directions for use of the Marijuana Product;
- ~~14.12.~~ A statement and a seal that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15;
- ~~15.13.~~ A warning if nuts or other Known Allergens are contained in the product;
- ~~16.14.~~ This statement, including capitalization:

“The impairment effects of edible products may be delayed by two

hours or more. This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.”;

~~17.15.~~ The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~:



~~18.16.~~ The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



17. 935 CMR 501.105(5)(b) shall apply to Edibles produced by an MTC for transport to another Licensee in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(8); Inventory and shall be in addition to any regulation regarding the appearance of Edibles under 935 CMR 501.150: Edibles.

(c) Labeling of Marijuana Concentrates and Extracts. Prior to Marijuana concentrates or extracts being sold or Transferred, the MTC shall place a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 of an inch in size on each Marijuana concentrate container that it prepares for retail sale or wholesale. The Affixed label shall contain at a minimum the following information, but may not include a Qualifying Patient's name:

1. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Product Manufacturer that produced the Marijuana Product, together with the Marijuana Product Manufacturer's business telephone number and e-mail address, and website information, if any;
2. The name of the Marijuana Product;
3. Product identity, including the word "concentrate" or "extract", as applicable;
4. Total nNet weight or volume expressed in US customary units and metric units, listed in that order, of a Marijuana Product;
5. If applicable, the number of servings in the Marijuana Product and the specific weight in milligrams of a serving size;
- ~~5-6.~~ The type of Marijuana used to produce the product, including what, if any, Processing technique or solvents were used;
7. A list of ingredients including, but not limited to, the full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the Marijuana Product, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) and other Cannabinoids in the package and in each serving of a Marijuana Product as expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume, and the amount of specific additives infused or incorporated during the manufacturing process, whether active or inactive including, but not limited to, thickening

agents, thinning agents, and specific terpenes, expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume, ~~and in a form and matter determined by the Commission.~~

a. ~~For Marijuana Vaporizer Devices, identification of specific additives shall include, but not be limited to, any additives identified on the FDA’s Inactive Ingredient Database for “Respiratory (inhalation)” or “Oral” routes of administration and based on dosage form as an aerosol product or inhalant. The FDA Inactive Ingredient Database is available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/72482/download>. If the FDA database or its equivalent is no longer available, licensees shall use the database identified by the Commission.~~

b. ~~For Marijuana Vaporizer Devices produced using only cannabis-derived terpenes, the following statement: “This product was produced using only cannabis-derived terpenes.”~~

c. ~~For Marijuana Vaporizer Devices produced using terpenes other than cannabis-derived terpenes, the following statement: “This product was produced using terpenes derived from sources other than cannabis.”~~

~~6. A statement of the serving size and number of servings per container or amount suggested for use;~~

~~8-9. A batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;~~

~~9-10. Directions for use of the Marijuana Product;~~

~~10-11. A statement and a seal that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date(s) of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15. Marijuana Products that are required to undergo more than one screening shall list all applicable dates of testing;~~

~~11-12. A warning if nuts or other Known Allergens are contained in the product;~~

~~12-13. This statement, including capitalization:~~

“This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.”;

~~13-14. The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~:~~



~~14-15. The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:~~



~~16. 935 CMR 501.105(5)(c) shall apply to Marijuana concentrates and extracts produced by an MTC for transport to another Licensee in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(7): Packaging and Labeling Pre-~~

approval.

(d) Labeling of Marijuana-Infused Tinctures, Topicals or Other Non-edible Marijuana- infused Products. Prior to Marijuana-infused Tinctures, topicals or other non-edible Marijuana-infused Products being sold or Transferred the MTC shall place a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 of an inch in size on each container of Marijuana-infused Product that it prepares for retail sale or wholesale. The Affixed label shall contain at a minimum the following information, but may not include a Qualifying Patient's name:

1. The name and registration number of the MTC that produced the Marijuana Product, together with the MTC's business telephone number, e-mail address and website information, if any;
2. The Marijuana Product's identity;
3. The type of Marijuana used to produce the product, including what, if any, Processing technique or solvents were used;
4. A list of ingredients, including the full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the Marijuana Product, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahy-drocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) and other Cannabinoids in the package and in each serving of a Marijuana Product as expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume;
5. Total n~~et~~ weight or volume as expressed in US customary units and~~er~~ metric units, listed in that order, of the Marijuana Product;
6. If applicable, the number of servings in the Marijuana Product and the specific weight in milligrams of a serving size;
- ~~6-7.~~ The date of product creation;
- ~~7-8.~~ A batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;
- ~~8-9.~~ Directions for use of the Marijuana Product;
- ~~9-10.~~ A statement and a seal that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15;
- ~~10-11.~~ A warning if nuts or other Known Allergens are contained in the product;
- ~~11-12.~~ This statement, including capitalization: "This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.";
- ~~12-13.~~ The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product:~~



~~13-14.~~ The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



14.15. 935 CMR 501.105(5)(d) shall apply to Marijuana-infused Tinctures and topicals produced by an MTC for transport to another Licensee in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(8): *Inventory*.

(e) Labeling of Repackaged Marijuana. Prior to Repackaged Marijuana being sold, the Retailer shall place a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 of an inch in size on each container of Marijuana that it prepares for retail sale.

1. The Affixed label shall contain at a minimum the following information, but may not include a Qualifying Patient's name:
 - a. The name and registration number of the Cultivator that produced the Marijuana;
 - b. Business or trade name of licensee that packaged the product, if different from the Cultivator;
 - c. Date of Harvest;
 - d. Type of Marijuana or name of strain;
 - e. The full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the Repackaged Product, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) and other Cannabinoids in the package;
 - f. Weight in grams of usable marijuana used in product;
 - g. A batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;
 - h. A statement and a seal that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15;
 - i. This statement, including capitalization:
“This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. **KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.**”;
 - j. The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana:



- k. The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



1-2. In circumstances where the labeling of the Marijuana Product is unreasonable or impractical, the MTC may include the labeling information on a peel-back label or may place the product in a sealed bag with an insert or additional, easily readable label firmly Affixed to that bag.

(e)(f) In circumstances where the labeling of the Marijuana Product is unreasonable or impractical, the MTC may include the labeling information on a peel-back label or may place the product in a ~~sealed~~ take-away bag with an

insert or additional, easily readable ~~label firmly Affixed placed within to~~ that 935 CMR 501.105(5)(a) shall not apply to Marijuana packaged for transport of wholesale cultivated Marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(13), provided however, that the MTC is responsible for compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(5) for all Marijuana Products sold or displayed for Patients.

(6) Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(a) ~~Tamper or~~ Child-resistant Packaging. MTCs engaged in product manufacturing operations shall ensure that all Marijuana and Marijuana Products that are provided for sale to Registered Qualifying Patients shall be sold in ~~tamper or~~ child-resistant packaging. To ~~be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.105(6): Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products, Licensees shall ensure:

1. That to the extent it is not ~~Un~~reasonably ~~Im~~practicable for the specific type of product, Marijuana Products are packaged in containers that are:
 - a. Opaque and plain in design;
 - b. ~~Not be able to be opened easily with seissors if appealing to children~~ Do not use bright colors, cartoon characters and other features designed to appeal to minors;
 - c. Resealable for any Marijuana Product intended for more than a single use or containing multiple servings; and
 - d. Certified by a qualified ~~third party tamper or~~ child-resistant packaging testing firm that the packaging ~~is in compliance~~ complies with the most recent poison prevention packaging regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as included at 16 CFR 1700.
2. That where compliance with the requirements of ~~tamper or~~ child-resistant packaging is deemed to be Unreasonably Impracticable ~~or too challenging for Patients to maneuver~~, Marijuana Products shall be placed in an ~~exit~~ packaging that is:
 - a. Capable of being resealed ~~and made tamper or child resistant again~~ after it has been opened; and
 - b. Includes the following statement, including capitalization, in at least ten-point Times New Roman, Helvetica or Arial font: "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN"; ~~and~~

~~Is certified by a qualified third party tamper or child resistant packaging testing firm that the packaging is in compliance with the most recent poison prevention packaging regulations of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission as included at 16 CFR 1700.~~

(b) Limits on Packaging Design. Packaging for Marijuana or Marijuana Products sold or displayed ~~to~~ for Registered Qualifying Patients, including any label or imprint Affixed to any packaging containing Marijuana or Marijuana Products or any exit packages, ~~may shall~~ not be attractive to minors. Packaging is explicitly prohibited from:

1. Imitating or having a semblance to any existing branded consumer products, including foods and beverages, that do not contain Marijuana;
2. Featuring cartoons;
3. Featuring a design, brand or name that resembles a non-Cannabis consumer product of the type that is typically marketed to minors;
4. Featuring symbols or celebrities that are commonly used to market products to minors;
5. Featuring images of minors; and
6. Featuring words that refer to products that are commonly associated with minors or marketed to minors.

(c) Packaging of Multiple Servings.

1. Packaging for Marijuana Products sold or displayed for Registered Qualifying Patients in multiple servings shall include the following statement on the exterior of the package in a printed font that is no smaller than ten-point Times New Roman, Helvetica or Arial, including capitalization: "INCLUDES MULTIPLE SERVINGS."
2. Packaging for Marijuana Products in solid form sold or displayed for Registered Qualifying Patients in multiple servings shall allow a Registered Qualifying Patient to easily perform the division into single servings.

- a. Edible ~~Marijuana Products~~ in a solid form shall be easily and identify individual servings.
- b. Notwithstanding 935 CMR 501.105(6)(c)2.a., where a product is unable, because of its form, to be easily and permanently scored to identify individual servings, the product shall be packaged in a single serving size. The determination of whether a product ~~is able to can~~ be easily and permanently scored shall be decided by the Commission consistent with sub-regulatory guidelines established by the Commission and provided to Licensees.
- (d) Each single serving of an Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ contained in a multiple-serving package may be marked, stamped or otherwise imprinted with the symbol issued by the Commission under 935 CMR 501.105(5): Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products that indicates that the single serving is a Marijuana Product.
- (e) Serving size shall be determined by the MTC.
- (f) CMOs shall comply with the packaging requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(6): Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products for adult-use sales or 935 CMR 501.105(6): Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products for medical-use sales.

(7) Packaging and Labeling Pre-approval. Prior to ~~Marijuana or~~ Marijuana Product being sold at an MTC, ~~a CMO,~~ a Licensee or License Applicant may submit an application, ~~in a form and manner determined by the Commission,~~ for packaging and label approval to the Commission. An application for pre-approval may be submitted at any time prior to Marijuana or Marijuana Product being sold or at any time a substantive change is made to the packaging or labeling of Marijuana or Marijuana Product. The Commission ~~may shall~~ charge a fee for packaging and labeling pre-approval pursuant to 935 CMR 501.005: Fees.

- (a) Packaging and labeling pre-approval review shall be limited to the physical attributes of, and statutorily required warnings on, the packaging and label, including but not limited to legibility, but may not include a review of specific Independent Testing Laboratory test results required pursuant to 935 CMR 501.105(5) and (6). The packaging and labeling preapproval process shall be in addition to the requirements of ~~in no way substitute for compliance with~~ 935 CMR 501.105(5) through (6).
- (b) In addition to an application for packaging and labeling pre-approval in a form and manner determined by the Commission, an applicant for pre-approval shall submit electronic files of the following to the Commission:
 - 1. For packaging pre-approval, two images of the packaging, one depicting the front of the packaging and one depicting the back of the packaging. Photographs shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI. Photographs shall be against a white background.
 - 2. For labeling pre-approval, one image of each label requested for review. Photographs shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI. Photographs shall be against a white background.
- (c) The Commission shall make every effort to make a pre-approval determination based on information submitted. In the event that a pre-approval determination is unable to be made conclusively based on submitted photographs, the Commission may request to view the packaging or label in person or through a video conference. Any such request by the Commission shall be made to the applicant electronically or in writing.

(7)(8) Inventory.

- (d) Subject to Marijuana or Marijuana Products being entered into the Seed-to-sale SOR, a Marijuana Establishment may Transfer product to an MTC, and an MTC may Transfer product to a Marijuana Establishment as long as there is no violation of the dosing limitations set forth in 935 CMR 500.150(4): *Dosing Limitations* or the limitations on total MTC inventory as set forth in 935 CMR 501.105(8)(~~kmj~~)~~1.(2) and (3)~~. Such Transfers cannot violate provisions protecting patient supply under 935 CMR ~~502501.140(912): Patient Supply.~~

An MTC ~~shall~~must limit its Transfer of inventory of seeds, plants, and Usable Marijuana to reflect the projected needs of Registered Qualifying Patients.

(e) ~~Seed-to-sale Electronic Tracking~~Real-time inventory shall be maintained as specified by the Commission and in 935 CMR 501.105(8)(c) and (d) including, at a minimum, an inventory of Marijuana plants, Marijuana plant seeds and Clones in any phase of development such as Propagation, Vegetation, and Flowering, Marijuana ready for dispensing, all MIPs, and all damaged, defective, expired, or contaminated Marijuana and MIPs awaiting disposal.

(f) An MTC shall:

1. Establish inventory controls and procedures for the conduct of inventory reviews, and comprehensive inventories of Marijuana and MIPs in the process of cultivation, and finished, stored Marijuana;
2. Conduct a monthly inventory of Marijuana in the process of cultivation and finished, stored Marijuana;
3. Conduct a comprehensive annual inventory at least once every year after the date of the previous comprehensive inventory; and
4. Promptly transcribe inventories if taken by use of an oral recording device.

(g) The record of each inventory shall include, at a minimum, the date of the inventory, a summary of the inventory findings, and the names, signatures, and titles of the individuals who conducted the inventory.

(h) An MTC shall attach plant tags to all Marijuana, Clones, and plants and attach package tags to all Finished Marijuana and Marijuana Products, and track all Marijuana seeds, Clones, plants, and Marijuana Products, using a Seed-to-sale methodology in a form and manner to be approved by the Commission.

(i) The failure to enter inventory into the Seed-to-sale SOR may result in the suspension or revocation of an MTC License.

(j) The use of the Seed-to-sale SOR does not preclude an MTC from using a secondary electronic tracking system so long as it complies with 935 CMR 501.105(8): Inventory. The MTC ~~shall~~must seek approval from the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, to integrate its secondary system with the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(k) Prior to the point of sale, an MTC shall specify the suggested retail price for any Marijuana or Marijuana Product intended for patient sale.

(l) An MTC ~~shall~~must limit its inventory of seeds, plants, and Usable Marijuana to reflect the projected needs of Registered Qualifying Patients.

(m) An MTC may acquire Marijuana and Marijuana Product from or distribute Marijuana or Marijuana Product to another MTC or Marijuana Establishment in accordance with 935 CMR 501.140(8)(b) and subject to the following:

~~a. A documented emergency occurs such as loss of crop, vandalism, or theft, or other circumstance as approved by the Commission; or~~

1. The distribution and acquisition of Marijuana and Marijuana Product, ~~except including~~ MIPs, to and from all other MTCs does not exceed, cumulatively, 45% of the MTC's total annual inventory of Marijuana as measured by weight, or for Marijuana Product, including MIPs, as measured by its combined dry weight equivalent in Marijuana concentrate; except that such requirement shall not apply to CMOs; and

2. A documented emergency occurs such as loss of crop, vandalism, or theft, or other circumstance as approved by the Commission ~~The distribution and acquisition of MIPs to and from all other MTCs does not exceed, cumulatively, 45% of the MTC's total annual inventory of MIPs as measured by its dry weight equivalent to Marijuana; except that such requirement shall not apply to CMOs;~~

(n) Any distribution and acquisition of Marijuana and MIPs ~~shall~~must be tracked in the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner determined by the Commission. Any distribution of Marijuana and MIPs that is not tracked in the Seed-to-sale SOR may result in the suspension or revocation of an MTC License or other administrative action.

(o) An MTC may not engage in a transfer of inventory that would violate the provisions protecting patient supply under 935 CMR ~~502~~501.140(9)12: Patient Supply.

(p) A CMO shall implement procedures for electronic separation of

medical- and adult-use Marijuana, MIPs, and Marijuana Products in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(g) A CMO shall designate whether Marijuana or MIPs, or Marijuana Products are intended for sale for adult use or medical use through the SOR. Products shall be transferred to the appropriate license within the Seed-to-sale SOR prior to sale. After the point of sale, there shall be a reconciliation of that inventory in the SOR.

~~(8)~~(9) Recordkeeping. Records of an MTC ~~shall~~must be available for inspection by the Commission, on request. The financial records of an MTC shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Written records that are required and are subject to inspection include, but are not limited to, all records required in any section of 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana in addition to the following:

- (a) Operating procedures as required by 935 CMR 501.105(1): Written Operating Procedures;
- (b) Inventory records as required by 935 CMR 501.105(8)(e);
- (c) Seed-to-sale Electronic Tracking System records for all Marijuana and MIPs as required by 501.105(8)-(e);
- (d) The following personnel records:
 1. Job descriptions for each employee and volunteer position, as well as organizational charts consistent with the job descriptions;
 2. A personnel record for each MTC and Laboratory Agent. Such records shall be maintained for at least 12 months after termination of the individual's affiliation with the MTC and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. All materials submitted to the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 501.029: Registration and Conduct of Independent Testing Laboratory Agents and 935 CMR 501.030: Registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents;
 - b. Documentation of verification of references;
 - c. The job description or employment contract that includes duties, authority, responsibilities, qualifications, and supervision;
 - d. Documentation of all required training, including training regarding privacy and confidentiality requirements, and the signed statement of the individual indicating the date, time, and place he or she received said training and the topics discussed, including the name and title of presenters;
 - e. A copy of the application that the MTC submitted to the Commission on behalf of any prospective MTC agent;
 - f. Documentation of periodic performance evaluations; ~~and~~
g. Notice of completed Responsible Vendor Training Program and in-house training for MTC Agents required under 935 CMR 501.105(2): MTC Agent Training, and
 - ~~g-h.~~A record of any disciplinary action taken.
 3. A staffing plan that will demonstrate accessible business hours and safe cultivation conditions;
 4. Personnel policies and procedures, including, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. Code of ethics;
 - b. Whistle-blower policy; and
 - c. A policy which notifies persons with disabilities of their rights under <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/about-employment-rights> or a comparable link, and includes provisions prohibiting discrimination and providing reasonable accommodations; and
 - 4-5. All background check reports obtained in accordance with M.G.L. c. 6, § 172, 935 CMR 501.029: Registration and Conduct of Independent Testing Laboratory Agents, 935 CMR 501.030: Registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents, and 803 CMR 2.00: Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI);
- (e) Business records, which shall include manual or computerized records of:
 1. Assets and liabilities;
 2. Monetary transactions;

3. Books of accounts, which shall include journals, ledgers, and supporting documents, agreements, checks, invoices, and vouchers;
 4. Sales records that indicate the name of the Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver to whom Marijuana has been dispensed, including the quantity, form, and cost;
 5. Salary and wages paid to each employee, stipend paid to each board of directors member, and any executive compensation, bonus, benefit, or item of value paid to any individual affiliated with an MTC, including Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control over the MTC.
- (f) Waste disposal records as required under 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal; and
- (g) Following closure of an MTC, all records ~~shall~~ must be kept for at least two years at the expense of the MTC and in a form and location acceptable to the Commission.
- (10) Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow.
- (a) An MTC shall obtain and maintain general liability insurance coverage for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in aggregate, annually, and product liability insurance coverage for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in aggregate, annually, except as provided in 935 CMR 501.105(10)(b) or otherwise approved by the Commission. The deductible for each policy shall be no higher than \$5,000 per occurrence.
- (b) An MTC that documents an inability to obtain minimum liability insurance coverage as required by 935 CMR 501.105(10)(a) may place in escrow a sum of no less than \$250,000 or such other amount approved by the Commission, to be expended for coverage of liabilities.
- (c) The escrow account required pursuant to 935 CMR 501.105(10)(b) ~~shall~~ must be replenished within ten business days of any expenditure.
- (d) Reports documenting compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(10) shall be made in a manner and form determined by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 501.000.
- (e) A CMO shall maintain the insurance coverage or escrow account required under 500.105(10): Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow or 501.105(10): Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow per location.
- (11) Storage Requirements.
- (a) An MTC shall provide adequate lighting, ventilation, temperature, humidity, space, and equipment, in accordance with applicable provisions of 935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and 935 CMR 501.110: Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.
- (b) An MTC shall have separate areas for storage of Marijuana that is outdated, damaged, deteriorated, mislabeled, or contaminated, or whose containers or packaging have been opened or breached, until such products are destroyed.
- (c) MTC storage areas shall be maintained in a clean and orderly condition.
- (d) MTC storage areas shall be free from infestation by insects, rodents, birds, and pests of any kind.
- (e) MTC storage areas shall be maintained in accordance with the security requirements of 935 CMR 501.110: Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.
- (12) Waste Disposal.
- (a) All recyclables and waste, including organic waste composed of or containing Finished Marijuana and MIPs, shall be stored, secured, and managed in accordance with applicable state and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations. All exterior waste receptacles located on the MTC's Premises shall be locked and secured to prevent unauthorized access.
- (b) Liquid waste containing Marijuana or by-products of Marijuana Processing shall be disposed of in compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements including, but not limited to, for discharge of pollutants into

surface water or groundwater (Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26 through 53; 314 CMR 3.00: *Surface Water Discharge Permit Program*; 314 CMR 5.00: *Groundwater Discharge Program*; 314 CMR 12.00: *Operation, Maintenance and Pretreatment Standards for Wastewater Treatment Works and Indirect Dischargers*; the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulations at 40 CFR Part 122, 314 CMR 7.00: *Sewer System Extension and Connection Permit Program*), or stored pending disposal in an industrial wastewater holding tank in accordance with 314 CMR 18.00: *Industrial Wastewater Holding Tank and Containers Construction, Operation, and Record Keeping Requirements*.

(c) Organic material, recyclable material and solid waste generated at an MTC shall be redirected or disposed of as follows:

1. Organic and recyclable material shall be redirected from disposal in accordance with the waste disposal bans described at 310 CMR 19.017: *Waste Bans*.
2. To the greatest extent feasible:
 - a. Any recyclable material as defined in 310 CMR 16.02: *Definitions* shall be recycled in a manner approved by the Commission; and
 - b. Any Marijuana containing organic material as defined in 310 CMR 16.02: *Definitions* shall be ground up and mixed with other organic material as defined in 310 CMR 16.02: *Definitions* at the MTC such that the resulting mixture renders any Marijuana unusable for its original purpose. Once such Marijuana has been rendered unusable, the organic material may be composted or digested at an aerobic or anaerobic digester at an operation that ~~is in compliance~~ complies with the requirements of 310 CMR 16.00: *Site Assignment Regulations for Solid Waste Facilities*.
3. Solid waste containing Marijuana generated at an MTC shall be ground up and mixed with other solid waste at the MTC such that the resulting mixture renders any Marijuana unusable for its original purpose. Once such Marijuana has been rendered unusable, the resulting solid waste may be brought to a solid waste transfer facility or a solid waste disposal facility (e.g., landfill or incinerator) that holds a valid permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection or by the appropriate agency in the jurisdiction in which the facility is located.

(d) No fewer than two MTC Agents ~~shall~~ must witness and document how the solid waste or organic material containing Marijuana is handled on-site including, but not limited to, the grinding up, mixing, storage and removal from the MTC in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(12): *Waste Disposal*. When Marijuana Products or waste is disposed or handled, the MTC ~~shall~~ must create and maintain an electronic record of the date, the type and quantity disposed or handled, the manner of disposal or other handling, the location of disposal or other handling, and the names of the two MTC Agents present during the disposal or other handling, with their signatures. An MTC shall keep these records for at least three years. This period shall automatically be extended for the duration of any ~~enforcement~~ disciplinary action and may be extended by an order of the Commission.

(13) Transportation Between MTCs.

(a) General Requirements.

1. A licensed MTC shall, ~~as an element of its License,~~ be licensed to transport its Marijuana and Marijuana Products to other licensed establishments, including Marijuana Establishments, except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 501.105(13): *Transportation Between MTCs*.
2. Marijuana Products may only be transported between licensed MTCs by registered MTC Agents.
3. A Marijuana Transporter licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(~~89~~): Marijuana Transporter may Transfer Marijuana and Marijuana Products to or from an MTC.
4. The originating and receiving licensed MTCs shall ensure that all transported Marijuana Products are linked to the Seed-to-sale ~~tracking program~~ SOR. For the purposes of tracking, seeds and Clones will be properly tracked and labeled in a form and manner determined by the

Commission.

5. Any Marijuana Product that is undeliverable or is refused by the destination MTC shall be transported back to the originating establishment.

6. All vehicles transporting Marijuana Products shall be staffed with a minimum of two MTC Agents. At least one agent shall always remain with the vehicle when the vehicle contains Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

7. Prior to leaving an MTC for the purpose of transporting Marijuana Products, the originating MTC ~~shall~~~~must~~ weigh, inventory, and account for, on video, all Marijuana Products to be transported.

8. Within eight hours after arrival at the destination MTC, the destination MTC ~~shall~~~~must~~ re-weigh, re-inventory, and account for, on video, all Marijuana Products transported.

9. When videotaping the weighing, inventorying, and accounting of Marijuana Products before transportation or after receipt, the video ~~shall~~~~must~~ show each product being weighed, the weight, and the manifest.

10. Marijuana Products ~~shall~~~~must~~ be packaged in sealed, labeled, and tamper or child-resistant packaging prior to and during transportation.

11. In the case of an emergency stop during the transportation of Marijuana Products, a log ~~shall~~~~must~~ be maintained describing the reason for the stop, the duration, the location, and any activities of personnel exiting the vehicle.

Licensees shall comply with applicable requirements of 935 501.110 (9): Incident Reporting.

12. An MTC transporting Marijuana Products shall ensure that all transportation times and routes are randomized.

13. An MTC transporting Marijuana Products shall ensure that all transport routes remain within the Commonwealth.

14. All vehicles and transportation equipment used in the transportation of Cannabis Products or Edible ~~Marijuana-infused Products~~ requiring temperature control for safety ~~shall~~~~must~~ be designed, maintained, and equipped as necessary to provide adequate temperature control to prevent the Cannabis products or Edible ~~Marijuana-infused Products~~ from becoming unsafe during transportation, consistent with applicable requirements pursuant to 21 CFR 1.908(c).

15. All vehicles shall be equipped with a video system that includes one or more video cameras in the storage area of the vehicle and one or more video cameras in the driver area of the vehicle and which shall remain operational at all times during the entire transportation process and which shall have:

- a. The ability to produce a clear color still photo whether live or recorded; and
- b. A date and time stamp embedded in all recordings which shall always be synchronized and set correctly and ~~shall~~~~may~~ not significantly obscure the picture.

(b) Reporting Requirements.

1. MTC agents ~~shall~~~~must~~ document and report any unusual discrepancy in weight or inventory to the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities not more than 24 hours of the discovery of such a discrepancy.

2. MTC agents shall report to the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities any vehicle accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents that occur during transport, not more than 24 hours of such accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents.

(c) Vehicles.

1. A vehicle used for transporting Marijuana Products ~~shall~~~~must~~ be:

- a. Exclusively owned or leased by the MTC or otherwise licensed by the Commission as a ~~T~~third-party ~~T~~ransporter;
- b. Properly registered, inspected, and insured in the Commonwealth (documentation of such status shall be maintained as records of the MTC, and shall be made available to the Commission on request);
- c. Equipped with an alarm system approved by the Commission; and
- d. Equipped with functioning heating and air conditioning systems appropriate for maintaining correct temperatures for storage of Marijuana Products.

2. Marijuana Products ~~must~~~~may~~ not be visible from outside the vehicle.

3. ~~Any vehicle used to transport or deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products must comply with applicable Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) requirements, but may not include any additional external marking that indicate the vehicle is being used to transport or deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products. Any vehicle used to transport Marijuana Products shall not bear any markings indicating that the vehicle is being used to transport Marijuana Products, and any such vehicle shall not indicate the name of the MTC.~~
 4. When transporting Marijuana Products, no other products may be transported or stored in the same vehicle.
 5. No firearms may be located within the vehicle or on an MTC Agent.
- (d) Storage Requirements.
 1. Marijuana Products ~~shall~~**must** be transported in a secure, locked storage compartment that is a part of the vehicle transporting the Marijuana Products.
 2. The storage compartment ~~shall~~**must** be sufficiently secure that it cannot be easily removed.
 3. If an MTC is transporting Marijuana Products for more than one licensed MTC at a time, the Marijuana Products for each Licensee shall be kept in a separate locked storage compartment during transportation and separate manifests shall be maintained for each MTC.
 4. If an MTC is transporting Marijuana Products to multiple other establishments, it may seek the Commission's permission to adopt reasonable alternative safeguards.
- (e) Communications.
 1. Any vehicle used to transport Marijuana Products shall contain a global positioning system (GPS) monitoring device that is:
 - a. Not a mobile device that is easily removable;
 - b. Attached to the vehicle at all times that the vehicle contains Marijuana Products;
 - c. Monitored by the MTC during transport of Marijuana Products; and
 - d. Inspected by the Commission prior to initial transportation of Marijuana Products, and after any alteration to the locked storage compartment.
 2. Each MTC Agent transporting Marijuana Products shall always have access to a secure form of communication with personnel at the originating location when the vehicle contains Marijuana and Marijuana Products.
 3. Secure types of communication include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Two-way digital or analog radio (UHF or VHF);
 - b. Cellular phone; or
 - c. Satellite phone.
 4. When choosing a type of secure communications, the following shall be taken into consideration:
 - a. Cellular signal coverage;
 - b. Transportation area;
 - c. Base capabilities;
 - d. Antenna coverage; and
 - e. Frequency of transportation.
 5. Prior to, and immediately after leaving the originating location, the MTC Agents shall use the secure form of communication to contact the originating location to test communications and GPS operability.
 6. If communications or the GPS system fail while on route, the MTC Agents transporting Marijuana Products ~~shall~~**must** return to the originating location until the communication system or GPS system is operational.
 7. The MTC Agents transporting Marijuana Products shall contact the originating location when stopping at and leaving any scheduled location, and regularly throughout the trip, at least every 30 minutes.
 8. The originating location ~~shall~~**must** have an MTC Agent assigned to monitoring the GPS unit and secure form of communication, who ~~shall~~**must** log all official communications with MTC Agents transporting Marijuana Products.
- (f) Manifests.

1. A manifest shall be filled out in triplicate, with the original manifest remaining with the originating MTC, a second copy provide to the destination MTC on arrival, and a copy to be kept with the licensed MTC Agent during transportation and returned to the MTC on completion of the transportation.
 2. Prior to transport, the manifest shall be securely transmitted to the destination MTC by facsimile or email.
 3. On arrival at the destination MTC, an MTC Agent at the destination MTC shall compare the manifest produced by the agents who transported the Marijuana Products to the copy transmitted by facsimile or email. This manifest ~~shall~~**must**, at a minimum, include:
 - a. The originating MTC name, address, and registration number;
 - b. The names and registration numbers of the agents who transported the Marijuana Products;
 - c. The name and registration number of the MTC Agent who prepared the manifest;
 - d. The destination MTC name, address, and registration number;
 - e. A description of the Marijuana Products being transported, including the weight and form or type of product;
 - f. The mileage of the transporting vehicle at departure from originating MTC and mileage on arrival at destination MTC, as well as mileage on return to originating MTC;
 - g. The date and time of departure from originating MTC and arrival at destination MTC for each transportation;
 - h. A signature line for the MTC Agent who receives the Marijuana Products;
 - i. The weight and inventory before departure and on receipt;
 - j. The date and time that the transported products were re-weighed and re-inventoried;
 - k. The name of the MTC Agent at the destination MTC who re-weighed and re-inventoried products; and
 - l. The vehicle make, model and license plate number.
 4. The manifest shall be maintained within the vehicle during the entire transportation process, until the delivery is completed.
 5. An MTC shall retain all transportation manifests for no less than one year and make them available to the Commission on request.
- (g) Requirements for Agents.
1. Each employee or agent transporting or otherwise handling Marijuana Products for an MTC ~~shall~~**must** be registered as an MTC Agent and have a driver's license in good standing issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles for all classes of vehicle the MTC agent will operate for the MTC prior to transporting or otherwise handling Marijuana Products.
 2. An MTC Agent shall carry his or her Agent Registration Card at all times when transporting Marijuana Products and shall produce his or her Agent Registration Card to the Commission or Law Enforcement Authorities on request.
- (h) MTCs engaged in transportation operations shall use best management practices to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts.
- (i) A CMO can transport adult-use and medical-use Marijuana and Marijuana Products if it is appropriately licensed to do so. Where a CMO is transporting both adult-use and medical-use Marijuana, MIPs and Marijuana Products, the CMO shall comply with the more restrictive security provisions.
- (14) Access to the Commission, Emergency Responders, and Law Enforcement.
- (a) The following individuals shall have access to an MTC or MTC transportation vehicle:
 1. Representatives of the Commission as authorized by St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.
 2. Representatives of other state agencies of the Commonwealth; and
 3. Emergency responders while responding to an emergency.

(b) 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* ~~shall~~ may not be construed prohibit access to authorized law enforcement personnel or local public health, inspectional services, or other permit-granting agents acting within their lawful jurisdiction

(15) Energy Efficiency and Conservation. An MTC ~~shall~~ must demonstrate consideration of the following factors as part of its operating plan and application for licensure:

- (a) Identification of potential energy use reduction opportunities (such as natural lighting and energy efficiency measures), and a plan for implementation of such opportunities;
- (b) Consideration of opportunities for renewable energy generation, including, where applicable, submission of building plans showing where energy generators could be placed on the site, and an explanation of why the identified opportunities were not pursued, if applicable;
- (c) Strategies to reduce electric demand (such as lighting schedules, active load management, and energy storage); and
- (d) Engagement with energy efficiency programs offered pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25, § 21, or through municipal lighting plants.

(16) Bond.

(a) Prior to commencing operations, an MTC shall provide proof of having obtained a surety bond in an amount equal to its licensure fee payable to the Marijuana Regulation Fund to ensure payment of the cost incurred for:

1. the destruction of Cannabis goods necessitated by a violation of M.G.L. c. 94G, 94I, St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55 or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*;

2. The costs and compensation of a Court Appointee;

3. ~~or~~ The cessation of operation of the MTC; or

~~2.4.~~ Such other uses that the Commission may authorize to ensure public health, safety and welfare.

(b) All bonds required under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* ~~shall~~ must be issued by a corporate surety licensed to transact surety business in the Commonwealth.

(c) If the MTC is unable to secure a surety bond, as required by 935 CMR 501.105(16)(a) it may place in escrow a sum of no less than \$5,000 or such other amount approved by the Commission, to be expended for coverage of liabilities.

(d) The escrow account required pursuant to 935 CMR 501.105(16)(c) ~~shall~~ must be replenished within ten business days of any expenditure required under 935 CMR 501.105: *General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers*, except if the MTC has ceased operations. Documentation of the replenishment ~~shall~~ must be promptly sent to the Commission.

(17) Reports to the Commission. The Commission may require ongoing reporting on operational, quality, and financial information in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

(18) Requirements on the Expiration, Revocation, or Voiding of Certificate of Licensure of MTC.

(a) If a License to operate expires without being renewed, is revoked, or becomes void, the MTC shall:

1. Immediately discontinue cultivation and production of Marijuana;
2. Weigh and inventory all unused Marijuana in all stages of cultivation and all MIPs in any stage of production, and create and maintain a written record of all such items;
3. Dispose of the unused Marijuana in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(12): *Waste Disposal* after approval by the Commission. Such disposal shall be in the public interest; and
4. Maintain all records as required by 935 CMR 501.105(9)(g).

(b) If the MTC does not comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 501.105(15)(a), the Commission shall have the authority to, at the MTC's expense, secure the MTC, and after a period of 30 calendar days, seize, and

destroy the inventory and equipment and contract for the storage of MTC records.

(19) Prohibitions.

(a) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, an MTC may not dispense, deliver, or otherwise transfer Marijuana to a person other than a Registered Qualifying Patient or to his or her Personal Caregiver, to another MTC or to a laboratory as provided for in 935 CMR 501.105(13): Transportation Between MTCs.

(b) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, an MTC may not acquire Marijuana or Marijuana plants except through the cultivation of Marijuana by that MTC or another MTC as specified in 935 CMR 501.105(13): Transportation Between MTCs., provided however that an MTC may acquire Marijuana seeds, cuttings or genetic plant material. Cuttings or genetic plant material may only be acquired within 90 days of receiving a final Certificate of Licensure, or such other time period approved by the Commission and otherwise as authorized under 935 CMR 501.105(13): Transportation Between MTCs.

(c) Unless authorized by the Commission, an MTC is prohibited from acquiring, possessing, cultivating, delivering, Transferring, transporting, supplying, or dispensing Marijuana for any purpose except to assist Registered Qualifying Patients.

(d) An MTC may not give away any Marijuana except as required pursuant to 935 CMR 501.050(1)(g). An MTC may not provide any samples of Marijuana.

(e) An MTC may not receive orders for Marijuana in any manner other than from a Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver in person at the MTC, except in the cases of delivery, in which an order may be received by telephone or through a password-protected, internet-based platform.

(f) An MTC may not fill orders for Marijuana in any manner other than to a Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver in person at the MTC, except in the case of delivery, in which an order may be delivered only to the Residence of a Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver or the Caregiving Institution of a Registered Qualifying Patient. The Qualifying Patient or caregiver receiving the delivery ~~shall~~**must** possess a temporary or an annual Registration Card and valid photo identification as required pursuant to 935 CMR 501.140(2): Verification of Patient and Caregiver Certification. An MTC is prohibited from delivering adult use Marijuana.

(g) Unless authorized by the Commission, an MTC may not sell any products other than Marijuana, including MIPs and Marijuana seeds, and other Marijuana Accessories and products such as vaporizers that facilitate the use of Marijuana for medical purposes.

(h) Consumption of Marijuana on the Premises or grounds of any MTC is prohibited, provided however, that an MTC may administer medical—use Marijuana for the purposes of teaching use of vaporizers, or demonstration of use of other products as necessary. An MTC is prohibited from administering adult use Marijuana.

(i) An MTC may not adulterate Marijuana, including with psychoactive additives or other illegal substances.

(j) An MTC may not sell Marijuana to a Registered Qualifying Patient with a Hardship Cultivation Registration or to his or her Personal Caregiver(s), provided however, that the MTC may sell seeds to such individuals or gift seeds pursuant to 935 CMR 501.105(19)(1)(g).

501.110: Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

(1) General Requirements. An MTC shall implement sufficient security measures to deter and prevent unauthorized entrance into areas containing Marijuana, theft of Marijuana and ensure the safety of MTC employees, Qualifying Patients and the general public. Security measures to protect the Premises, Registered Qualifying Patients, Personal Caregivers, and MTC agents of the MTC ~~shall~~**must** include, but

are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Positively identifying and allowing only Registered Qualifying Patients, Personal Caregivers, MTC agents, Marijuana Courier agents, as applicable, and, subject to the requirements of 935 CMR 501.110(4)(e), outside vendors, contractors, and Visitors, access to the MTC;
 - (b) Preventing individuals from remaining on the Premises of the MTC if they are not engaging in activity expressly or by necessary implication permitted by M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Marijuana Treatment Center;
 - (c) Disposing of Marijuana in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal, in excess of the quantity required for normal, efficient operation as established within 935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers;
 - (d) Securing all entrances to the MTC to prevent unauthorized access;
 - (e) Establishing Limited Access Areas which, after receipt of a final License, shall be accessible only to specifically authorized personnel limited to include only the minimum number of employees essential for efficient operation;
 - (f) Storing all finished Marijuana in a secure, locked safe or vault and in such a manner as to prevent diversion, theft, and loss;
 - (g) Keeping all safes, vaults, and any other equipment or areas used for the production, cultivation, harvesting, Processing, or storage, including prior to disposal, of Marijuana and MIPs securely locked and protected from entry, except for the actual time required to remove or replace Marijuana;
 - (h) Keeping all locks and security equipment in good working order;
 - (i) Prohibiting keys, if any, from being left in the locks, or stored or placed in a location accessible to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;
 - (j) Prohibit accessibility of security measures, such as combination numbers, passwords, or electronic or biometric security systems, to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;
 - (k) Ensure that the outside perimeter of the MTC is sufficiently lit to facilitate surveillance;
 - (l) Ensuring that all Marijuana Products are kept out of plain sight and are not visible from a public place, outside of the MTC, without the use of binoculars, optical aids or aircraft;
 - (m) Develop emergency policies and procedures for securing all product following any instance of diversion, theft, or loss of Marijuana, and conduct an assessment to determine whether additional safeguards are necessary;
 - (n) Develop sufficient additional safeguards as required by the Commission for MTCs that present special security concerns;
 - (o) At MTCs where transactions are conducted in cash, establishing procedures for safe cash handling and cash transportation to financial institutions to prevent theft, loss and associated risks to the safety of employees, customers and the general public;
 - (p) Sharing the MTC's floor plan or layout of the facility with Law Enforcement Authorities in a manner and scope as required by the municipality and identifying when the use of flammable or combustible solvents, chemicals or other materials are in use at the MTC;
 - (q) Sharing the MTC's security plan and procedures with Law Enforcement Authorities, in the municipality where the MTC is located and periodically updating Law Enforcement Authorities if the plans or procedures are modified in a material way; and
 - (r) Inside the MTC, all Marijuana shall be kept in a Limited Access Area inaccessible to any persons other than MTC agents, except for displays allowable under 935 CMR 501.105(4)(a)~~43~~. Inside the MTC, all Marijuana shall be stored in a locked, access-controlled space in a Limited Access Area during nonbusiness hours.
- (2) Alternative Security Provisions.
- (a) Notwithstanding the requirements specified in 935 CMR 501.110(1) and ~~(54)~~ through ~~(76)~~, if an MTC has provided other, specific safeguards that may be regarded as an adequate substitute for those requirements, such measures may be taken into account by the Commission in evaluating the overall required security measures. For purposes of cash handling and cash transportation, only

alternative safeguards that comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 501.110(76)(b) shall be considered to be adequate substitutes.

(b) The applicant or Licensee shall submit a request for an alternative security provision to the Commission on a form as determined and made available by the Commission. Upon receipt of the form, the Commission shall submit the request to the chief law enforcement officer in the municipality where the MTC is located or will be located. The Commission shall request that the chief law enforcement officer review the request and alternative security provision requested and, within 30 days;

1. Certify the sufficiency of the requested alternate security provision; or
2. Provide the Commission with a statement of reasons why the alternative security provision is not sufficient in the opinion of the chief law enforcement officer.

(c) The Commission shall take the chief law enforcement officer's opinion under consideration in determining whether to grant the alternative security provision, provided that it ~~shall~~ may not be determinative. If no response is received from the chief law enforcement officer or a delegee within 30 days of submitting the request to the chief law enforcement officer, the Commission shall proceed with a determination.

~~(3) Buffer Zone. The property where the proposed MTC is to be located, at the time the License application is received by the Commission, is not located within 500 feet of a preexisting public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, unless a city or town adopts an ordinance or bylaw that reduces the distance requirement. The distance under 935 CMR 501.110(3) shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line in question to the nearest point of the property line where the MTC is or will be located. An MTC Entrance may not be closer than 500 feet from the nearest School Entrance.~~

- (a) ~~The buffer zone distance of 500 feet shall be measured in a straight line from the geometric center of the MTC Entrance to the geometric center of the nearest School Entrance unless there is an Impassable Barrier within a generally and immediately impassable barrier, such as but not limited to a highway or river, would otherwise block pedestrian travel~~ those 500 feet; in these cases, the buffer zone distance shall be measured along the center of the shortest publicly-accessible pedestrian travel path from the geometric center of the MTC Entrance to the geometric center of the nearest School Entrance.
- (b) The buffer zone distance of 500 feet may be reduced if a city or town adopts an ordinance or bylaw that reduces the distance requirement.

~~(3)~~ (4) Limited Access Areas.

(a) All Limited Access Areas ~~shall~~ must be identified by the posting of a sign that shall be a minimum of 12" x 12" and which states: "Do Not Enter - Limited Access - Area Access Limited to Authorized Personnel Only" in lettering no smaller than one inch in height.

(b) All Limited Access Areas shall be clearly described by the filing of a diagram of the licensed Premises, in the form and manner determined by the Commission, reflecting walls, partitions, counters, and all areas of entry and exit, including loading areas. Said diagram shall also show all Propagation, Vegetation, Flowering, Processing, production, storage, disposal, and retail sales areas.

(c) At all times following receipt of a final License, Aaccess to Limited Access Areas shall be limited to persons that are essential to operations in these areas and specifically permitted by the MTC, representatives of the Commission acting in accordance with their authority under the adult use, medical use and ~~colocated-CMO operations~~ laws; Commission Delegee(s); and local law enforcement authorities, fire safety personnel and emergency medical services acting within their lawful jurisdiction and official capacity.

(d) An MTC agent shall visibly display an identification badge issued by the MTC or the Commission at all times while at the MTC or transporting Marijuana.

(e) Following receipt of a final License, All outside vendors, contractors, and

Visitors ~~shall~~must obtain a Visitor Identification Badge prior to entering a Access Area, and shall be escorted at all times by an MTC agent authorized to enter the Limited Access Area. The Visitor Identification Badge ~~shall~~must be displayed at all times while the Visitor is in any Limited Access Area. All Visitors ~~shall~~must be logged in and out, and that log shall be available for by the Commission at all times. All Visitor Identification Badges shall be returned to the MTC upon exit.

~~(4)~~(5) Security and Alarm Systems.

(a) An MTC shall have an adequate security system to prevent and detect diversion, theft, or loss of Marijuana or unauthorized intrusion, utilizing commercial grade equipment, which shall, at a minimum, include:

1. A perimeter alarm on all entry and exit points and perimeter windows;
2. A failure notification system that provides an audible, text, or visual notification of any failure in the surveillance system. The failure notification system shall provide an alert to designated employees of the MTC within five minutes after the failure, either by telephone, email, or text message;
3. A Duress Alarm, Panic Alarm, or Holdup Alarm connected to local public safety or law enforcement authorities;
4. Video cameras in all areas that may contain Marijuana, vaults or safes for the purpose of securing cash, at all points of entry and exit, and in any parking lot, which shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance. The cameras shall be directed at all safes, vaults, sales areas, and areas where Marijuana is cultivated, harvested, Processed, prepared, stored, handled, Transferred or dispensed, or where cash is kept and Processed. Cameras shall be angled to allow for the capture of clear and certain identification of any individual entering or exiting the MTC or area;
5. 24 hour recordings from all video cameras that are available for immediate viewing by the Commission upon request and that are retained for at least 90 calendar days. Recordings ~~shall~~may not be destroyed or altered, and shall be retained as long as necessary if the MTC is aware of a pending criminal, civil, or administrative investigation, or legal proceeding for which the recording may contain relevant information;
6. The ability to immediately produce a clear, color, still image (live or recorded);
7. A date and time stamp embedded on all recordings. The date and time shall be synchronized and set correctly and ~~shall~~may not significantly obscure the picture;
8. The ability to remain operational during a power outage for a minimum of four hours and, if it appears likely that the outage will last for more than four hours, the MTC takes sufficient steps to ensure security on the premises in consultation with the Commission; and
9. A video recording that allows for the exporting of still images in an industry standard image format, including .jpg, .bmp, and .gif. Exported video shall have the ability to be archived in a proprietary format that ensures authentication of the video and guarantees that no alteration of the recorded image has taken place. Exported video shall be able to be saved in an industry standard file format that can be played on a standard computer operating system. All recordings shall be erased or destroyed prior to disposal.

(b) All security system equipment and recordings shall be maintained in a secure location to prevent theft, loss, destruction, and alterations.

(c) In addition to the requirements listed in 935 CMR 501.110(5): *Security Alarm Systems*, the MTC shall have a back-up alarm system, with all capabilities of the primary system, provided by a company supplying commercial grade equipment, which may ~~shall~~ not be the same company supplying the primary security system, or shall demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction alternate safeguards to ensure continuous operation of a security system.

(d) Access to surveillance areas shall be limited to persons that are essential to surveillance operations, law enforcement authorities acting within their lawful jurisdiction, fire safety personnel, security system service personnel, representatives of the Commission as authorized by M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, and Commission Delegee(s).

- (e) A current list of authorized employees and service personnel that have access to the surveillance room ~~shall~~must be available to the Commission upon request. If on-site, surveillance rooms shall remain locked and ~~shall~~may not be used for any other function.
- (f) All security equipment shall be in good working order and shall be inspected and tested at regular intervals, not to exceed 30 calendar days from the previous inspection and test.
- (g) Trees, bushes and other foliage outside of the MTC shall be maintained so as to prevent a person or persons from concealing themselves from sight.

5)(6) Security and Alarm Requirements for MTCs Operating Outdoors.

- (a) An MTC that is an operating outdoors shall implement adequate security measures to ensure that outdoor areas are not readily accessible to unauthorized individuals and to prevent and detect diversion, theft or loss of Marijuana which shall, at a minimum, include:
 - 1. A perimeter security fence designed to prevent unauthorized entry to the cultivation facility with signs notifying observers that it is a Limited Access Area;
 - 2. Commercial-grade, nonresidential locks;
 - 3. A security alarm system that shall:
 - a. Be continuously monitored, whether electronically, by a monitoring company or other means determined to be adequate by the Commission; and
 - b. Provide an alert to designated employees of the MTC within five minutes after a notification of an alarm or a system failure, either by telephone, email or text message.
 - 4. Video cameras at all points of entry and exit and in any parking lot which shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance. The cameras shall be directed at all safes, vaults, sales areas, and areas where Marijuana is cultivated, harvested, Processed, prepared, stored, handled, Transferred or dispensed and for the purpose of securing cash. Cameras shall be angled so as to allow for the capture of clear and certain identification of any person entering or exiting the MTC or area;
 - 5. Recordings from all video cameras which shall be enabled to record 24 hours each day and be available for immediate viewing by the Commission on request for at least the preceding 90 calendar days or the duration of a request to preserve the recordings for a specified period of time made by the Commission, whichever is longer. Video cameras may use motion detection sensors to begin recording, so long as the motion detection sensor system provides an alert to designated employees of the MTC in a manner established in the MTC's written security procedures and approved by the Commission or a Commission Delegee. If an MTC receives notice that the motion detection sensor is not working correctly, it ~~shall~~must take prompt action to make corrections and document those actions. Recordings ~~shall~~may not be destroyed or altered, and shall be retained as long as necessary if the MTC is aware of a pending criminal, civil or administrative investigation or legal proceeding for which the recording may contain relevant information;
 - 6. The ability to immediately produce a clear, color still image whether live or recorded;
 - 7. A date and time stamp embedded in all recordings, which shall be synchronized and set correctly at all times and ~~shall~~may not significantly obscure the picture;
 - 8. The ability to remain operational during a power outage for a minimum of four hours and, if it appears likely that the outage will last for more than four hours, the MTC takes sufficient steps to ensure security on the premises in consultation with the Commission; and
 - 9. A video recording that allows for the exporting of still images in an industry standard image format, including .jpg, .bmp and .gif. Exported video shall have the ability to be archived in a proprietary format that ensures authentication of the video and guarantees that no alteration of the recorded image has taken place. Exported video shall also have the ability to be saved

in an industry standard file format that may be played on a standard computer operating system. All recordings shall be erased or destroyed prior to disposal.

(b) All security system equipment and recordings shall be maintained in a secure location so as to prevent theft, loss, destruction and alterations.

(c) In addition to the requirements listed in 935 CMR 501.110(5): Security and Alarm Systems, the MTC shall have a back-up alarm system, with all capabilities of the primary system, provided by a company supplying commercial grade equipment, which ~~shall~~may not be the same company supplying the primary security system, or shall demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction alternate safeguards to ensure continuous operation of a security system.

(d) Access to surveillance areas shall be limited to persons that are essential to surveillance operations, law enforcement authorities acting within their lawful jurisdiction, fire safety personnel, security system service personnel and the Commission. A current list of authorized employees and service personnel that have access to the surveillance room ~~shall~~must be available to the Commission on request. If the surveillance room is on-site of the MTC, it shall remain locked and ~~shall~~may not be used for any other function.

(e) All security equipment shall be in good working order and shall be inspected and tested at regular intervals, not to exceed 30 calendar days from the previous inspection and test.

(f) Security plans and procedures shared with law enforcement authorities pursuant to 935 CMR 501.110(1)(q) shall include:

1. A description of the location and operation of the security system, including the location of the central control on the Premises;
2. A schematic of security zones;
3. The name of the security alarm company and monitoring company, if any;
4. A floor plan or layout of the facility in a manner and scope as required by the municipality; and
5. A safety plan for the manufacture and production of Marijuana Products as required pursuant to 935 CMR 501.101(1)(c) ~~145.c.~~

~~(6)~~(7) Cash Handling and Transportation Requirements.

(a) An MTC with a contract to deposit funds with a financial institution that conducts any transaction in cash shall establish and implement adequate security measures and procedures for safe cash handling and cash transportation to financial institutions or Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) facilities to prevent theft and loss, and to mitigate associated risks to the safety of employees, customers and the general public. Adequate security measures shall include:

1. An on-site secure locked safe or vault maintained in an area separate from retail sales areas used exclusively for the purpose of securing cash;
2. Video cameras directed to provide images of areas where cash is kept, handled and packaged for transport to financial institutions or DOR facilities, provided that the cameras may be motion-sensor activated cameras and provided, further, that all cameras be able to produce a clear, still image whether live or recorded;
3. A written process for securing cash and ensuring transfers of deposits to the MTC's financial institutions and DOR facilities on an incremental basis consistent with the requirements for deposit by the financial institution or DOR facilities;
4. Use of an armored transport provider that is licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 147, § 25 (watch, guard or patrol agency) and has been approved by the financial institution or DOR facility.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirement of 935 CMR 501.110(~~87~~)(a)4., an MTC may request an alternative security provision under 935 CMR 501.110(2): Alternative Security Provisions for purposes of cash transportation to financial institutions and DOR facilities. Any approved alternative security provision shall be included in the security plan shared with law enforcement in the municipality in which the MTC is licensed and periodically updated as required under 935 CMR 501.110(1)(q). To be determined to provide a sufficient alternative, any

such alternative safeguard shall include, but may not be limited to:

1. Requiring the use of a locked bag for the transportation of cash from an MTC to a financial institution or DOR facility;
2. Requiring any transportation of cash be conducted in an unmarked vehicle;
3. Requiring two registered MTC Agents employed by the Licensee to be present in the vehicle at all times during transportation of deposits;
4. Requiring real-time GPS tracking of the vehicle at all times when transporting cash;
5. Requiring access to two-way communications between the transportation vehicle and the MTC;
6. Prohibiting the transportation of Marijuana or Marijuana Products at the same time that cash is being transported for deposit to a financial institution or DOR facility; and
7. Approval of the alternative safeguard by the financial institution or DOR facility.

(c) All written safety and security measures developed under this section shall be treated as security planning documents, the public disclosure of which would jeopardize public safety.

(7)(8) Security Requirements for MTC Home Delivery Operations.

(a) An MTC authorized to perform home delivery (MTC) or a Marijuana Courier performing deliveries to Patients and Caregivers on behalf of an MTC, shall implement adequate security measures to ensure that each vehicle used for transportation of Marijuana and Marijuana Products are not readily accessible to unauthorized individuals and to prevent and detect diversion, theft or loss of Marijuana. Security measures shall, at a minimum, include for each operational delivery vehicle:

1. A vehicle security system that includes an exterior alarm;
2. A secure, locked storage compartment that is a part of the vehicle and not easily removable for the purpose of transporting the Marijuana or Marijuana Products.
3. A secure, locked storage compartment that is secured to the vehicle and not easily removable for the purpose of transporting and securing cash used as payment for deliveries of Marijuana or Marijuana Products.
4. A means of secure communication between each vehicle and the MTC's or Marijuana Courier's dispatching location which shall be capable of being monitored at all times that a vehicle is performing a delivery route. Means of communication shall include:
 - a. Two-way digital or analog radio (UHF or VHF);
 - b. Cellular phone; or
 - c. Satellite phone.
5. A global positioning system (GPS) monitoring device that is:
 - a. Not a mobile device and that is attached to the vehicle at all times that the vehicle contains Marijuana or Marijuana Products; and
 - b. Monitored by the MTC or Marijuana Courier at a fixed location during the transportation of Marijuana or Marijuana Products for the purpose of home delivery with location checks occurring at least every 30 minutes. The MTC or Marijuana Courier may delegate monitoring of the GPS to the Third-party Technology Platform Provider with which the MTC or Marijuana Courier has a contract, provided that the MTC Licensee or Marijuana Courier shall be responsible for ensuring that monitoring occurs as required 935 CMR 501.110(8): Security Requirements for MTC Home Delivery Operations~~000~~ and the contract is made available for inspection and on request, submitted to the Commission.
6. A video system that includes one or more video cameras in the storage area of the vehicle and one or more video cameras in the driver area of the vehicle and which shall remain operational at all times during the entire transportation process and which shall have:
 - a. The ability to produce a clear color still photo whether live or recorded; and

- b. A date and time stamp embedded in all recordings which shall be synchronized and set correctly at all times and ~~shall may~~ not significantly obscure the picture.
7. All security equipment on vehicles shall be in good working order and shall be inspected and tested at regular intervals, no to exceed 30 calendar days from the previous inspection and test.
- (b) An MTC transporting Marijuana and Marijuana Products for home delivery shall ensure that all vehicles used for deliveries are staffed with a minimum of two MTC Agents. At least one MTC Agent shall remain with the vehicle at all times that the vehicle contains Marijuana or Marijuana Products.
- (c) The Commission may establish required training programs for MTC ~~and Marijuana Courier~~ Agents that ~~shall must~~ be completed within a reasonable period of time and at the expense of the MTC ~~or Marijuana Courier~~. Trainings shall include, but may not be limited to, the requirements of 501.105(2)(b)(7): Delivery Core Curriculum, training on:
- ~~1. Safely conducting deliveries;~~
- (e) An MTC shall report to the Commission and local law enforcement any vehicle accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents that occur during transport immediately and, under no circumstances, more than 24 hours of becoming aware of any accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents and shall otherwise comply with the incident reporting requirements set forth under 935 CMR 501.110(9): Incident Reporting.
- (f) The following individuals shall have access to MTC operations and vehicles, including video recordings:
1. Representatives of the Commission in the course of responsibilities authorized by 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana;
 2. Representatives of other state agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting within their jurisdiction; and
 3. Law Enforcement Authorities and emergency medical services in the course of responding to an emergency.
- (g) 935 CMR 501.000: Medical use of Marijuana ~~shall may~~ not be construed to prohibit access to authorized law enforcement personnel or local public health, inspectional services, or other permit-granting agents acting within their lawful jurisdiction.
- (h) All vehicles used by the MTC for home delivery are subject to inspection and approval by the Commission prior being put into use. It shall be the MTCs responsibility to make the Commission aware of its intent to introduce a new vehicle into operation and ensure an inspection of the vehicle prior to commencing operation.
- (i) Firearms are strictly prohibited from MTC vehicles and from MTC agents performing home deliveries.

~~(8)~~(9) Incident Reporting.

- (a) An MTC shall immediately notify appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities and the Commission any breach of security or other reportable incident defined herein immediately and, in no instance, more than 24 hours following discovery of the breach or incident. Notification shall occur, but not be limited to, during the following occasions:
1. Discovery of inventory discrepancies;
 2. Diversion, theft, or loss of any Marijuana Product;
 3. Any criminal action involving the MTC or an MTC Agent or occurring on or in the MTC Premises;
 4. Any suspicious act involving the sale, cultivation, distribution, Processing, or production of Marijuana by any person;
 5. Unauthorized destruction of Marijuana;
 6. Any loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to Marijuana, Registered Qualifying Patients, Personal Caregivers, or MTC Agents;
 7. An alarm activation or other event that requires response by public safety personnel including, but not limited to, local law enforcement, municipal fire departments, public works or municipal sanitation departments, and municipal inspectional services department, or security personnel privately engaged by the MTC;

8. The failure of any security alarm system due to a loss of electrical power or mechanical malfunction that is expected to last longer than eight hours;

9. A significant motor vehicle crash that occurs while transporting or delivering Finished Marijuana Products and would require the filing of a Motor Vehicle Crash Operator Report pursuant to G.L. c. 90 § 26, provided however that a motor vehicle crash that renders the Licensee's vehicle inoperable shall be reported immediately to state and local law enforcement so that Marijuana or Marijuana Products may be adequately secured; or

10. Any other breach of security.

(b) An MTC shall, within ten calendar days, provide notice to the Commission of any incident described in 935 CMR 501.110(9)(a), by submitting an incident report in the form and manner determined by the Commission which details the circumstances of the event, any corrective actions taken, and confirmation that the appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities were notified.

(c) All documentation related to an incident that is reportable pursuant to 935 CMR 501.110(9)(a) shall be maintained by an MTC for no less than one year or the duration of an open investigation, whichever is longer, and made available to the Commission and to Law Enforcement Authorities acting within their lawful jurisdiction upon request.

~~(9)~~(10) Security Audits. An MTC ~~shall~~must, on an annual basis, obtain at its own expense a security system audit by a vendor approved by the Commission. A report of such audit ~~shall~~must be submitted, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, no later than 30 calendar days after the audit is conducted. If the audit identifies concerns related to the MTC's security system, the MTC ~~shall~~must also submit a plan to mitigate those concerns within ten business days of submitting the audit.

501.120: Additional Operational Requirements for the Cultivation, Acquisition, and Distribution of Marijuana

(1) In addition to the general operational requirements for MTCs required under 935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and security requirements provided in 935 CMR 501.110: Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, MTCs shall comply with additional operational requirements for the cultivation, acquisition, and distribution of Marijuana required under 935 CMR 501.120: Additional Operational Requirements for the Cultivation, Acquisition, and Distribution of Marijuana.

(2) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, only an MTC is permitted to cultivate medical—use Marijuana, except for a Registered Qualifying Patient granted a Hardship Cultivation Registration or that patient's Personal Caregiver. Prior to commencing operations, MTCs shall disclose all growing media and plant nutrients intended to be used during the cultivation process. In all instances, MTCs shall disclose all growing media and plant nutrients being used upon request.

(3) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, a cultivation location of an MTC may cultivate Marijuana for only that MTC, and up to two additional MTCs locations operated by the same entity Owner under an entity.

(4) All phases of the cultivation of Marijuana shall take place in a designated, ~~locked~~, Limited Access Areas ~~that are monitored by a surveillance camera system in accordance with 935 CMR 501.110(5)(a)4. through 9. where Marijuana and that~~ is not visible from a public place without the use of binoculars, aircraft or other optical aids. Marijuana is not visible if it cannot be reasonably identified.

(5) Application of Pesticides shall be performed in compliance with M.G.L. c. 132B and 333 CMR 2.00: General Information through 333 CMR 14.00: Protection of Children and Families from Harmful Pesticides. Any testing results

indicating noncompliance shall be immediately reported to the Commission, who may refer any such result to the MDAR.

(6) An MTC selling or otherwise Transferring Marijuana to another MTC or Marijuana Establishment shall provide documentation of its compliance, or lack thereof, with the testing requirements of 935 CMR 501.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(7) An MTC may label Marijuana and MIPS with the word "organic" only if all cultivation is consistent with US Department of Agriculture organic requirements at 7 CFR Part 205 and consistent with the MDAR requirements for Pesticide usage.

(8) Soil for cultivation shall meet federal standards identified by the Commission including, but not limited to, the US Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's Environmental Media Evaluation Guidelines for residential soil levels.

(9) The cultivation process shall use best practices to limit contamination including, but not limited to, mold, fungus, bacterial diseases, rot, pests, Pesticides not in compliance with 935 CMR 501.120(~~54~~), mildew, and any other contaminant identified as posing potential harm. Best practices shall be consistent with state and local law including, but not limited to, the Commission's Guidance on Integrated Pest Management ~~in effect November 1, 2019~~.

(10) Any application of plant nutrient to land used for the cultivation of Marijuana shall comply with St. 2012, c. 262, as amended by St. 2013, c. 118, § 26, and 330 CMR 31.00: *Plant Nutrient Application Requirements for Agricultural Land and Non-agricultural Turf and Lawns*.

(11) MTC cultivation operations shall satisfy minimum energy efficiency and equipment standards established by the Commission and meet all applicable environmental laws, regulations, permits and other applicable approvals including, but not limited to, those related to water quality and quantity, wastewater, solid and hazardous waste management, and air pollution control, including prevention of odor and noise pursuant to 310 CMR 7.00: *Air Pollution Control* as a condition of obtaining a final License under 935 CMR 501.103(2) and as a condition of renewal under 935 CMR 501.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure. MTC cultivation operations shall adopt and use additional best management practices as determined by the Commission, in consultation with the working group established under St. 2017, c. 55, § 78(b) or applicable departments or divisions of the EOEEA, to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts, and shall provide energy and water usage reporting to the Commission in a form determined by the Commission. Each License renewal application under 935 CMR 501.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure ~~shall~~must include a report of the MTC cultivation operations' energy and water usage over the 12-month period preceding the date of application.

(12) MTC cultivation operations shall be subject to the following minimum energy efficiency and equipment standards:

(a) The building envelope for all facilities, except Greenhouses, ~~shall~~must meet minimum Massachusetts Building Code requirements and all Massachusetts amendments (780 CMR: *State Building Code*), International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Section

C.402 or The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Chapters 5.4 and 5.5 as applied or incorporated by reference in 780 CMR: *State Building Code*, except that facilities using existing buildings may demonstrate compliance by showing that the envelope insulation complies with code minimum standards for Type Factory Industrial F-1, as further defined in guidelines issued by the Commission.

(b) Lighting used for MTC cultivation operations ~~shall~~must meet one of the following compliance paths:

1. Horticulture Lighting Power Density ~~must~~may not exceed 36 watts per square foot, except for Tier 1 and Tier 2 which ~~must~~may not exceed 50

watts per square foot;

2. All horticultural lighting used in a facility is listed on the current Design Lights Consortium Solid-State Horticultural Lighting Qualified Products List ("Horticultural QPL") or other similar list approved by the Commission as of the date of License application, and lighting Photosynthetic Photon Efficacy (PPE) is at least 15 % above the minimum Horticultural QPL threshold rounded up to the nearest 0.1 $\mu\text{mol/J}$ (micromoles per joule); or

3. A facility seeking to use horticultural lighting not included on the Horticultural QPL or other similar list approved by the Commission shall seek a waiver pursuant 935 CMR 501.850: *Waivers* and provide documentation of third-party certification of the energy efficiency features of the proposed lighting. All facilities, regardless of compliance path, shall provide third-party safety certification by an OSHA NRTL or SCC-recognized body, which shall certify that products meet a set of safety requirements and standards deemed applicable to horticultural lighting products by that safety organization.

(c) Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and dehumidification systems ~~shall~~ meet Massachusetts State Building Code requirements and all Massachusetts amendments (780 CMR: *State Building Code*), IECC Section C.403 or ASHRAE Chapter 6 as applied or incorporated by reference in (780 CMR: *State Building Code*). As part of the documentation required under 935 CMR 501.120(11) an MTC engaged in cultivation operations ~~shall~~ provide a certification from a Massachusetts Licensed Mechanical Engineer that the HVAC and dehumidification systems meet Massachusetts building code as specified in 935 CMR 501.120(11) and that such systems have been evaluated and sized for the anticipated loads of the facility.

(d) Safety protocols ~~shall~~ be established and documented to protect workers, ~~and~~ Qualifying Patients, or Visitors (e.g., eye protection near operating Horticultural Lighting Equipment).

(e) The requirements ~~in~~ of 935 CMR 501.120(12)(b) and (c) ~~shall~~ may not be required if an indoor MTC cultivation operation is generating 80% or more of the total annual onsite energy use for all fuels (expressed on a MWh basis) from an onsite clean or renewable generating source, or renewable thermal generation, as provided in M.G.L. c. 25A, §§ 11F and 11F½. Additionally, the Licensee ~~shall~~ document that renewable energy credits or alternative energy credits representing the portion of the Licensee's energy usage not generated onsite ~~have~~ been purchased and retired on an annual basis.

(f) ~~Prior to final licensure, To demonstrate compliance with 935 CMR 501.120(11), an MTC applicant shall demonstrate compliance with 935 CMR 501.120(11) seeking to engage in cultivation operations must by~~ submitting an energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation, together with submission of building plans under 935 CMR 501.103(1)(a), ~~but prior to final licensure~~. To the extent updates are required to the information provided for initial licensure, the MTC ~~shall~~ submit an updated energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation, together with a renewal application submitted under 935 CMR 501.103(4): *Expiration and Renewal of Licensure*.

(g) ~~A collocated Marijuana Establishment and MTC~~ CMO with a final Certificate of Licensure issued before November 1, 2019 shall have until ~~January-July~~ 1, 2020 to comply with 935 CMR 501.120(11), except that any additions to or renovations to a facility ~~shall~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.120(11). An MTC with a final Certificate of Licensure issued before November 1, 2019 shall have until January 1, 2021 to comply with 935 CMR 501.120(11), except that any additions to or renovations to a facility ~~shall~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.120(11). An MTC subject to 935 CMR 501.120(12)(g) may apply for an additional six-month extension if it agrees to install meters to monitor energy usage, water usage and other data determined by the Commission; ~~as necessary in order to well as~~ provide reports on energy usage, water usage, waste production and other data in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

~~(g)~~(h) For purposes of 935 CMR 501.120(11), the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. Horticultural Lighting Equipment (HLE) means any lighting equipment (e.g. fixtures, bulbs, ballasts, controls, etc.) that uses energy for the cultivation of plants, at any stage of growth (e.g. germination, cloning/mother plants, Propagation, Vegetation, Flowering, and harvest).
2. Horticulture Lighting Square Footage (HLSF) means ~~Canopy an area to~~ be calculated in square feet and measured using clearly identifiable boundaries of all areas(s) that will contain mature plants at any point in time, at any stage of growth, including all of the space(s) within the boundaries. HLSF may be noncontiguous, but each unique area included in the total HLSF calculations shall be separated by an identifiable boundary which includes, but is not limited to: interior walls, shelves, Greenhouse walls, hoop house walls, garden benches, hedge rows, fencing, garden beds, or garden plots. If plants are being cultivated using a shelving system, the surface area of each level shall be included in the total HLSF calculation.
3. Lighting Power Density (HLPD) means a measure of total watts of Horticultural Lighting Equipment per total Horticulture Lighting Square Footage, (HLE/HLSF = HLPD) expressed as number of watts per square foot.

(13) In addition to the written operating policies required under 935 CMR 501.105(1): Written Operating Procedures, MTC cultivation operations, including ~~Colocated-CMO~~ Marijuana Cultivators, shall maintain written policies and procedures for the cultivation, production, Transfer or distribution of Marijuana, as applicable, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Methods for identifying, recording, and reporting diversion, theft, or loss, ~~and~~ for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in inventories, and for maintaining accurate inventory. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~shall must be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.105(8): Inventory;
- (b) Policies and procedures for handling voluntary and mandatory recalls of Marijuana. Such procedures shall be adequate to deal with recalls due to any action initiated at the request or order of the Commission, and any voluntary action by an MTC to remove defective or potentially defective Marijuana from the market, as well as any action undertaken to promote public health and safety;
- (c) Policies and procedures for ensuring that any outdated, damaged, deteriorated, mislabeled, or contaminated Marijuana is segregated from other Marijuana and destroyed. Such procedures shall provide for written documentation of the disposition of the Marijuana. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~shall must be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal;
- (d) Policies and procedures for transportation. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~shall must be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.105(13) Transportation Between MTCs;
- (e) Policies and procedures to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~shall must be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 501.105(15): Energy Efficiency and Conservation and 935 CMR 501.120(11); ~~and~~
- (f) Policies and procedures for ensuring fire safety in cultivation activities, including but not limited to the storage and processing of chemicals or fertilizers, in compliance with the standards set forth in 527 CMR 1.00: The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Code; and

~~(g)~~(g) Policies and procedures for the Transfer, acquisition, or sale of Marijuana between MTCs and Marijuana Establishments.

501.130: Additional Operational Requirements for Handling and Testing Marijuana and for Production of MIPs

- (1) In addition to the general operational requirements for MTCs required under

935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and security requirements provided in 935 CMR 501.110: Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, MTCs shall comply with additional operational requirements required under 935 CMR 501.130: Additional Operational Requirements for Handling and Testing Marijuana and for Production of MIPs.

- (2) Production of Edible ~~MIPs~~ shall take place in compliance with the following:
- (a) All Edible ~~MIPs~~ shall be prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 500.000: *Good Manufacturing Practices for Food*, and with the requirements for food handlers specified in 105 CMR 300.000: *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements*; and
 - (b) Any Edible ~~MIP~~ that is made to resemble a typical food or beverage product ~~shall~~must be packaged in an opaque package and labeled as required by 935 CMR 501.105(5)(c).

(3) An MTC engaged in product manufacturing operations shall meet all applicable environmental laws, regulations, permits and other applicable approvals including, but not limited to, those related to water quality and quantity, wastewater, solid and hazardous waste management and air pollution control, including prevention of odor and noise pursuant to 310 CMR 7.00: *Air Pollution Control*, and to use additional best management practices as determined by the Commission in consultation with the working group established under St. 2017, c. 55, § 78(b) or applicable departments or divisions of the EOEEA to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts.

(4) An MTC selling or otherwise Transferring Marijuana to another MTC or Marijuana Establishment shall provide documentation of its compliance, or lack thereof, with the testing requirements of 935 CMR 501.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products, and standards established by the Commission for the conditions, including time and temperature controls, necessary to protect Marijuana Products against physical, chemical, and microbial contamination as well as against deterioration of finished products during storage and transportation.

(a) An MTC shall retain all records of purchases from any manufacturer or supplier of any ingredient, additive, device, component part or other materials obtained by the MTC in relation to the manufacturing of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices and such records shall be made available to the Commission on request.

(b) An MTC shall ~~make objectively reasonable efforts to identify and~~ maintain records of the name and business address of the manufacturer of any cartridge, battery, atomizer coil, hardware or other component of Marijuana Vaporizer Products manufactured by the Licensee. Further, the MTC shall, on request by the Commission, identify the materials used in the device's atomizer coil (e.g., titanium, titanium alloy, quartz, copper, nichrome, kanthal, or other specified material) or state if such information cannot be reasonably ascertained.

(c) A copy of the Certificate of Analysis for each thickening agent, thinning agent or terpene infused or incorporated into a Marijuana Vaporizer Device during production shall be retained by an MTC and provided as a part of a wholesale transaction with any MTC or Marijuana Retailer.

(d) An MTC that wholesales Marijuana Vaporizer Devices to an MTC or Marijuana Retailer shall provide the recipient with the information insert required by 935 CMR 501.105(5)(c) or the necessary information to produce such an insert and the appropriate labeling information required by these regulations.

(5) Written policies and procedures for the production and distribution of Marijuana, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Methods for identifying, recording, and reporting diversion, theft, or loss, and for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in inventories. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, shall comply with 935 CMR 501.105(8): *Inventory*;

- (b) A procedure for handling voluntary and mandatory recalls of Marijuana. Such procedure shall be adequate to deal with recalls due to any action initiated at the request or order of the Commission, and any voluntary action by an MTC to remove defective or potentially defective Marijuana from the market, as well as any action undertaken to promote public health and safety;
- (c) A procedure for ensuring that any outdated, damaged, deteriorated, mislabeled, or contaminated Marijuana ~~or Marijuana Products is~~ are segregated from other Marijuana and destroyed. ~~This~~ Such procedures shall provide for written documentation of the disposition of the Marijuana ~~or Marijuana Products~~. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~shall~~ must be in compliance ~~comply~~ with 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal;
- (d) Policies and procedures for transportation and patient or Personal Caregiver home delivery;
- (e) Policies and procedures for the Transfer, acquisition, or sale of Marijuana between MTCs, and if applicable, Marijuana Establishments and CMOs; ~~and~~
- (f) Policies and procedures to ensure that all Edible ~~MIPs~~ are prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 500.000: *Good Manufacturing Practices for Food*, and with the requirements for food handlers specified in 105 CMR 300.000: *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements*; ~~and~~;
- (g) Policies and procedures for ensuring safety in all processing activities and the related uses of extraction equipment in compliance with the standards set forth in 527 CMR 1.00: *The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Code*.

(6) Product Database. An MTC engaged in product manufacturing operations, after receiving a Provisional License but prior to receiving a Certificate to Commence Operations, shall provide the following information about the finished Marijuana Products it intends to produce prior to commencement of operations. This information may be used by the Commission for its Product Database.

(a) The MTC shall provide the following:

1. Marijuana Product type;
2. Marijuana Product brand name;
3. List of direct ingredients;
4. List of indirect ingredients;
5. Serving size, including a description of what constitutes a serving size for a product that is not already a single serving;
6. Potency;
7. A photograph of a finished Marijuana Product, against a white background, outside of but next to the Marijuana Product's packaging, including any external or internal packaging, provided however that where single servings of a multi-serving product are unable to be easily identified because of its form, a description of what constitutes a single serving shall be provided (e.g. a single serving is a 1" x 1" square), and where an Edible cannot be stamped, for example, due to size or a coating, the photograph of the Edible outside of but next to its external and internal packaging, such as the wrapper, and labeling information for the Edible;
8. A photograph of the Marijuana Product, against a white background, inside the packaging; and
9. A list of Marijuana Products to be sold based on anticipated or executed agreements between the MTC and another MTC or Marijuana Establishment.

(b) Photographs shall be submitted in a form and manner determined by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.130(6): *Product Database shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI, or in a form and manner determined by the Commission. Photographs shall be against a white background.*

(c) A MTC shall provide the information required under 935 CMR 501.130(6)(a) for each Marijuana Product that it produces prior to the product being made available for sale and shall update the information whenever a substantial change to the product information occurs. Substantial changes, including changes to information listed in 935 CMR 501.130(6)(a)1.-9., shall

be submitted to the Commission for inclusion in the Product Database prior to the transfer of the Marijuana Product.

~~(6)~~(7) Notwithstanding a stricter municipal or state regulation, an MTC shall identify the method of extraction (e.g., Butane, Propane, CO₂) on a physical posting at all entrances of the MTC. The Posting shall be a minimum of 12" x 12" and identify the method of extraction in lettering no smaller than one inch in height. An MTC shall post a copy of a permit to keep, store, handle or otherwise use flammable and combustible material at each place of operation within the facility.

~~(7)~~(8) Except for a Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver, who are not subject to 935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, only a licensed MTC is permitted to produce MIPs. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, an MIP production facility of an MTC may produce MIPs for only that MTC, and up to two additional MTCs under an entity.

501.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Patient Sales

(1) In addition to the general operational requirements for MTCs required under 935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and security requirements provided in 935 CMR 501.110: Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, MTCs engaged in patient sales shall comply with additional operational requirements for MTCs under 935 CMR 501.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Patient Sales.

(2) Verification of Patient and Caregiver Certification

(a) Upon entry into an MTC by a Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver, or arrival at a residence for delivery to a Registered Qualifying Patient of Personal Caregiver, an MTC or Marijuana Courier Agent shall immediately inspect the patient's or caregiver's temporary or annual Registration Card and proof of government-issued identification.

1. The government-issued identification card shall~~must~~ contain a name, photograph, and date of birth, and shall be limited to one of the following:
 - a. A driver's license;
 - b. A government-issued identification card;
 - c. A military identification card; or
 - d. A passport.

~~2.~~An MTC may dispense only to a Registered Qualifying Patient who has a current valid certification with the Commission or Other Jurisdictions that permit the medical use of marijuana or their Personal Caregiver. Pursuant to 935 CMR 501.010(8), a Certifying Healthcare Provider shall have defined the calendar day length of valid certification of a Qualifying Patient.

3. Qualifying Patients under the age of 18 do not have to have a separate means of identification to enter an MTC.

~~3-4.~~ A Qualifying Patient under the age of 18 cannot enter an MTC without their Caregiver.

(b) An MTC shall make interpreter services available that are appropriate to the population served, including for the visually and hearing impaired. Such services may be provided by any effective means.

(3) Patient Allotment.

(a) For a Registered Qualifying Patient certified for 60 days or longer, the amount of Marijuana dispensed, including Marijuana contained in MIPs, shall be no more than a 60-day supply in each 60-day period as defined in 935 CMR 501.002: 60-day Supply (e.g., a patient with a 60-day supply of ten ounces who is certified for 90 days may receive up to ten ounces in the first 60 days and five ounces in the remaining 30 days, while a patient certified for 180 days may receive up to ten ounces in each 60-day period).

~~(b)~~ For a Registered Qualifying Patient whose Certifying Healthcare

Provider has determined that he or she requires a 60-day supply other than ten ounces in accordance with 935 CMR 501.010(9), the amount of Marijuana dispensed, including Marijuana contained in MIPs, shall be adjusted accordingly so that the amount of Marijuana dispensed, including Marijuana contained in MIPs, shall be no more than a 60-day supply as certified by the Certifying Healthcare Provider in each 60-day period.

~~(b)~~(c) A Registered Qualifying Patient may possess up to 12 flowering plants and up to 12 immature or vegetative plants, excluding Clones and cuttings. If one or more Qualifying Patients collectively require more than this amount at one residence in order to maintain a 60-day supply, then a Hardship Cultivation Registration is required.

(4) Unauthorized Sales and Right to Refuse Sales.

(a) An MTC shall refuse to sell Marijuana to any ~~R~~registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver who is unable to produce a temporary or an annual Registration Card and valid proof of identification, or who does not have a valid certification in the Commission-supported interoperable database.

(b) An MTC ~~may~~shall refuse to dispense to a Registered Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver if in the opinion of the MTC agent, the patient or the public would be placed at risk. In any instance of denial, an MTC ~~shall~~must notify the patient's Certifying Healthcare Provider within 24 hours.

(c) An MTC ~~shall~~may not sell to a patient or caregiver an amount of Marijuana or Marijuana Products that would exceed the patient's 60-day Supply.

(d) An MTC is prohibited from selling Marijuana Products containing nicotine.

(e) An MTC is prohibited from selling Marijuana Products containing alcohol, if sales of such alcohol would require licensure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138.

(5) Recording Sales.

(a) An MTC shall only utilize a point-of-sale ~~(POS)~~ system approved by the Commission.

(b) A retailer is prohibited from utilizing software or other methods to manipulate or alter sales data.

1. An MTC shall conduct a monthly analysis of its equipment and sales data to determine that no software has been installed that could be utilized to manipulate or alter sales data and that no other methodology has been employed to manipulate or alter sales data. The MTC shall use industry best practices to ensure its analysis does not compromise system security.

2. An MTC shall maintain records that it has performed the monthly analysis and produce it on request to the Commission. If a retailer determines that software has been installed for the purpose of manipulation or alteration of sales data or other methods have been utilized to manipulate or alter sales data:

- a. It shall immediately disclose the information to the Commission;
- b. It shall cooperate with the Commission in any investigation regarding manipulation or alteration of sales data; and
- c. Take such other action directed by the Commission to comply with 935 CMR 501.105: General Operational Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

(c) An MTC shall adopt separate accounting practices at the point ~~_of_~~ sale for Marijuana and Marijuana Product sales, and non-Marijuana sales.

(d) For non-Marijuana sales, an MTC shall comply with Massachusetts tax laws, and DOR rules and regulations including, but not limited to, 830 CMR 62C.25.1: Record Retention and DOR Directive 16-1 regarding recordkeeping requirements.

(e) At the point of sale, and in a form and manner determined by the Commission, an MTC shall comply with tracking requirements in 501.015(3) and (4) including, but not limited to, Qualifying Patient and, where applicable, Personal Caregiver information, and amount of medical-use Marijuana or MIPs sold.

(f) An MTC shall accurately track and maintain these records for no less than one year except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 501.140(5)(e) for taxable non-Marijuana sales, and ~~shall~~must be readily available to the Commission or

its representatives on request. Such records shall include:

1. Date and time of transaction;
 2. Name and agent registration number of the MTC Agent conducting the transaction;
 3. Specific name, strength, dose, quantity, and type of Marijuana and MIPs sold during the transaction;
 4. Name of patient, and where applicable, Personal Caregiver, receiving the Marijuana, MIPs or Marijuana accessory or other taxable non-Marijuana item; and
 5. Any other additional information the Commission may deem necessary.
- (g) The Commission may audit and examine the point-of-sale system used by an MTC in order to ensure compliance with 935 CMR 501.140(5): Recording Sales~~000~~;

(6) Patient Education.

(a) An MTC shall provide educational materials about Marijuana to Registered Qualifying Patients and their Personal Caregivers.

1. An MTC ~~shall~~must have an adequate supply of up to date educational material available for distribution.
2. Educational materials ~~shall~~must be available in languages accessible to all patients served by the MTC, including for the visually and hearing impaired.
3. Such materials shall be made available for inspection by the Commission upon request.

(b) The educational material ~~shall~~must include at least the following:

1. A warning that Marijuana has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA, that there is limited information on side effects, that there may be health risks associated with using Marijuana, and that it should be kept away from children;
2. A warning that when under the influence of Marijuana, driving is prohibited by M.G.L. c. 90, § 24, and machinery should not be operated;
3. Information to assist in the selection of Marijuana, describing the potential differing effects of various strains of Marijuana, as well as various forms and routes of administration;
4. Materials offered to Registered Qualifying Patients and their Personal Caregivers to enable them to track the strains used and their associated effects;
5. Information describing proper dosage and titration for different routes of administration. Emphasis shall be on using the smallest amount possible to achieve the desired effect. The impact of potency ~~shall~~must also be explained;
6. A discussion of tolerance, dependence, and withdrawal;
7. Facts regarding substance abuse signs and symptoms, as well as referral information for substance abuse treatment programs;
8. A statement that Registered Qualifying Patients may not distribute Marijuana to any other individual, and that they ~~shall~~must return unused, excess, or contaminated product to the MTC from which they purchased the product, for disposal; and
9. Any other information required by the Commission.

(c) The educational material cannot include:

1. Any statement, design, representation, picture, or illustration that encourages or represents the use of Marijuana for any purpose other than to treat a Debilitating Medical Condition or related symptoms;
2. Any statement, design, representation, picture, or illustration that encourages or represents the recreational use of Marijuana;
3. Advertising, marketing, and branding that asserts that its products are safe, or represent that its products have curative or therapeutic effects, other than labeling required pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(xxvi), unless supported by substantial evidence or substantial clinical data with reasonable scientific rigor as determined by the Commission; and
4. Any statement, design, representation, picture, or illustration portraying anyone younger than 21 years old.

(7) Testing. No Marijuana Product, including Marijuana, may be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that is not capable of being tested by Independent Testing Laboratories, except as allowed under 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana. The product ~~shall~~ must be deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 501.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(a) Potency levels derived from the Cannabinoid Profile, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ9-THC) and other Cannabinoids, contained within Finished Marijuana or Marijuana Product to be sold or otherwise marketed shall be recorded in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(8) Repackaging. Repackaged Marijuana shall comply with the labeling and packaging requirements under 935 CMR 501.105(5): Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products and 935 CMR 500.105(6): Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(9) Advance Contactless Order Fulfillment.

(a) An MTC may allow for advance ordering of Marijuana and Marijuana Products by telephone, website or Third-party Platform, which shall be available for inspection prior to commencing operations and on request.

(b) MTCs may fulfill advance orders through contactless means by not requiring contact between a Qualified Patient or Personal Caregiver and Registered Marijuana Agent.

(c) Any physical unit used for the purpose of the fulfillment of an advance contactless order (order) shall ensure that access to orders of Marijuana or Marijuana Products is limited to the Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregiver who placed the advance order.

(d) Any physical unit used for the purpose of order fulfillment of Marijuana or Marijuana Products shall be located within the MTC building and bolted or otherwise permanently affixed to the MTC Premises.

(e) An MTC that adopts a contactless means of fulfilling orders shall have a written operations plan which shall be submitted to the Commission prior to commencing these operations and on request. The plan shall include a detailed description of how the MTC will ensure that advance contactless order fulfillment complies with the requirements of:

1. 935 CMR 501.105(3)(b) and (c) for the safe storage of Marijuana and Marijuana Products;

2. 935 CMR 501.110(1)(a) for the purposes of limiting access to Qualifying Patient or Personal Caregivers;

3. 935 CMR 501.110(5)(a)(4) for the video surveillance of all advance contactless orders; and

4. 935 CMR 501.140(8)(c) and (d).

(f) Orders placed in advance may not be retained in a physical unit used for the purpose of contactless order fulfillment overnight or outside of business hours.

(10) Product Database. An MTC engaged in patient sales that purchases wholesale Marijuana Products from another licensed Marijuana Product Manufacturer for the purpose of Repackaging Marijuana Products for sale to a Qualifying Patient shall provide the Commission with the following information. This information may be used by the Commission for its Product Database.

(a) The MTC shall provide the following:

1. A photograph of a finished Marijuana Product outside of but next to the Marijuana Product's packaging, provided however that where single servings of a multi-serving product are unable to be easily identified because of its form, a description of what constitutes a single serving shall be provided (e.g. a single serving is a 1" x 1" square);

2. A photograph of the Marijuana Product inside packaging; and

3. The name of the MTC or Marijuana Establishment Product Manufacturer that produced the Marijuana Product.

(b) Photographs submitted shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI.

Photographs shall be against a white background.
(c) The MTC shall provide the information required under 935 CMR 501.140(8)(a) for each Marijuana Product it Repackages for sale prior to the product being made available for sale and shall update the information whenever a substantial change to packaging or label of the Marijuana Product occurs. For purposes of this section, a substantial change shall be a change to the physical attributes or content of the package or label.

(7)(11) Sale of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices.

(a) MTCs offering Marijuana Vaporizer Devices for sale to Registered Qualifying Patients shall include signage at the point of sale, that is legible and enlarged and contains the following statements:

1. "Marijuana Vaporizer Devices have been tested for Vitamin E Acetate and other contaminants, with no adverse findings. **WARNING: Vaporizer Devices may contain ingredients harmful to health when inhaled.**"

2. "Patients shall have access to the test results of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices including copies of any Certificates of Analysis provided by the device's manufacturer."

(a)(b) MTCs shall provide a physical insert to Registered Qualifying Patients that accompanies all purchased Marijuana Vaporizer Devices that states, including capitalization and emphasis, the following:

"Marijuana Vaporizer Devices have been tested for Vitamin E Acetate and other contaminants, with no adverse findings. **WARNING: Vaporizer Devices may contain ingredients harmful to health when inhaled.**"

(c) The sale of disposable and reusable vaporizer pens and devices shall be accompanied by a product insert identifying the materials used in the vaporizer device's atomizer coil (e.g., titanium, titanium alloy, quartz, copper, nichrome, kanthal, or other specified material), and manufacturer identification of the device hardware, cartridge, battery and other components;

(d) An MTC shall make available the information contained in 935 CMR 501.105(5)(c)6. in the product description at the point of sale and as part of any product list posted on the MTC's website or Third-party Technology Platforms or applications employed for pre-ordering or delivery.

(e) An MTC shall retain all records of purchases from any supplier of any ingredient, additive, device, component part or other materials provided to the MTC about Marijuana Vaporizer Devices sold at MTCs. Such records shall be made available to the Commission upon request.

(11) Physical Separation of Marijuana and MIPs or Marijuana Products for Medical or Adult Use. A CMO shall provide for physical separation between medical- and adult-use sales areas. Separation may be provided by a temporary or semi-permanent physical barrier, such as a stanchion, that, in the opinion of the Commission, adequately separates sales areas of MIPs for medical-use from sales areas of Marijuana Products for adult-use for the purpose of patient confidentiality.

(a) A CMO shall provide for separate lines for sales of Marijuana or MIPs for medical-use from Marijuana Products for adult-use within the sales area, provided that the holder of a patient registration card may use either line and may not be limited only to the medical-use line, so long as the CMO can record the patient's transaction in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(5)(d).

(b) A CMO shall additionally provide a patient consultation area, an area that is separate from the sales floor that is enclosed to allow privacy and for confidential visual and auditory consultation with Qualifying Patients.

(c) A CMO's patient consultation area shall have signage stating, "Consultation Area". The private consultation area shall be separate from the sales area. It shall be accessible by a Qualifying Patient or caregiver without having to traverse a Limited Access Area.

(d) A CMO shall use best efforts to prioritize patient and caregiver

identification verification and physical entry into its retail area.

(12) Patient Supply.

(a) A CMO shall ensure access to a sufficient quantity and variety of Marijuana Products, including Marijuana, for patients registered under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana.*

1. Where the CMO has been open and dispensing for a period of less than six months, the license shall reserve 35% of the MTC's Marijuana Products.

2. Where the CMO has been open and dispensing for a period of six months or longer, the licensee shall maintain a quantity and variety of Marijuana Products for patients registered under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, sufficient to meet the demand indicated by an analysis of sales data collected by the Licensee during the preceding six months in accordance with 935 CMR 501.140(5) *Recording Sales* and 935 CMR 501.140(5): *Recording Sales*.

(b) Marijuana products reserved for patient supply shall, unless unreasonably impracticable, reflect the actual types and strains of Marijuana Products documented during the previous six months. If a substitution shall be made, the substitution shall reflect as closely as possible the type and strain no longer available.

(c) On a ~~quarterly~~ biennial basis, the CMO shall submit to the Commission an inventory plan to reserve a sufficient quantity and variety of medical-use Marijuana Products for Registered Qualifying Patients, based on reasonably anticipated patient needs as documented by sales records over the preceding six months. On each occasion that the supply of any product within the reserved patient supply is exhausted and a reasonable substitution cannot be made, the CMO shall submit a report to the Commission in a form determined by the Commission.

(d) Marijuana Products reserved for patient supply shall be either maintained on-site at the retailer or easily accessible at another location operated by the Licensee and transferable to the retailer location within 48 hours of notification that the on-site supply has been exhausted. CMOs shall perform audits of available patient supply on a weekly basis and retain those records for a period of six months.

(e) The Commission shall, consistent with 935 CMR 50.301: *Inspections and Compliance* or 501.301: *Inspections and Compliance*, inspect and audit CMOs to ensure compliance with 935 CMR 500.140: *Additional Operating Requirements for Retail Sales*. The Commission may, in addition to the issuance of a deficiency statement under 935 CMR 500.310: *Deficiency Statements* or 501.310: *Deficiency Statements* and a plan of correction under 935 CMR 500.320: *Plans of Correction* or 935 CMR 501.320: *Plans of Correction*, demand that the CMO take immediate steps to replenish its reserved patient supply to reflect the amounts required under 935 CMR 500.140(15)(a) or 935 CMR 501.140(12)(a). Failure to adequately address a deficiency statement or follow a plan of correction shall result in administrative action by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.450: *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Denial of Renewal Applications, Suspension and Revocation* and 935 CMR 500.500: *Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Licenses* or 935 CMR 501.450: *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Denial of Renewal Applications, Suspension and Revocation* and 935 CMR 501.500: *Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Licenses*.

(f) CMOs may transfer Marijuana Products reserved for medical-use to adult-use within a reasonable period of time prior to the date of expiration provided that the product does not pose a risk to health or safety.

501.145: Home Delivery

(1) General Requirements.

(a) An MTC, or a ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier acting on behalf of an MTC, ~~shall~~ must obtain Commission approval prior to engaging in the delivery of Marijuana and Marijuana Products directly to a Registered

Qualified Patients ~~and~~ Caregivers. An MTC shall comply with 935 CMR 501.110(8): Security Requirements for MTC Home Delivery Operations and 935 CMR 501.110(9): Incident Reporting and adhere to its policies and procedures for home delivery approved pursuant to 935 CMR 501.101(1)(c)12.

(b) All individuals delivering Marijuana and Marijuana Products for an MTC directly to Registered Qualifying Patients and Caregivers shall be employees of the MTC Licensee and shall hold a valid MTC agent registration; or, where a Marijuana Courier provides delivery services on behalf of an MTC, employees duly registered as agents of the Marijuana Courier.

(c) All Marijuana and Marijuana Products delivered by or on behalf of an MTC in fulfillment of an Individual Order shall be obtained from the MTC with which the Individual Order was placed~~performing the delivery~~. An MTC cannot pick up Marijuana or Marijuana Products from another MTC to fulfill an Individual Order.

(d) An MTC or Marijuana Courier may use a Third-party Technology Platform Provider to facilitate the ordering of Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

1. All agreements between an MTC or Marijuana Courier and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall be available for inspection and subject to the control limitations under 935 CMR 501.050(1)(a).

2. The Commission shall be notified in writing within five days of any Substantial Modification to an agreement between an MTC or Marijuana Courier and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider.

3. Any Third-party Technology Platform shall comply with privacy and patient protection standards established by the Commission.

4. The Commission shall be notified in writing on an ongoing basis of any new or additional or assigned agreements between an MTC or Marijuana Courier and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider within five days.

(e) The maximum retail value of Marijuana or Marijuana Products allowed in an MTC's vehicle at any one time shall be \$10,000 and each Marijuana Product shall be associated with a specific Individual Order. For purposes of this provision, "maximum retail value" shall mean the aggregate value of Marijuana and Marijuana Products as priced on the day of the order for delivery.

(f) All Marijuana and Marijuana Product deliveries shall be tracked using the Seed-to-sale SOR as designated by the Commission.

(g) Limitations on the time for delivery shall comply with all municipal bylaws and ordinances, provided however, that all deliveries of Marijuana or Marijuana Products ~~shall~~must be completed before 9:00 P.M. or the time determined by municipal bylaw or ordinance, whichever occurs first, and deliveries Marijuana ~~shall~~may not occur between the hours of 9:00

P.M. and 8:00 A.M., unless otherwise explicitly authorized by municipal bylaw or ordinance.

(h) Every effort shall be made to minimize the amount of cash carried in an MTC or Marijuana Courier vehicle at any one time. MTCs and Marijuana Couriers shall use best efforts to implement platforms for the electronic payment of funds. Where cash is carried in an MTC vehicle the storage and transport of cash shall comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 501.110(7): Cash Handling and Transportation Requirements.

(2) Orders. All orders for deliveries made by an MTCs or Marijuana Courier shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) All Marijuana and Marijuana Products delivered by or on behalf of an MTC shall comply with 935 CMR 501.145(1)(c).

(b) An MTCs shall only deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products for which it has received a specific order from a Registered Qualifying Patient or Caregiver. MTCs are prohibited from delivering Marijuana or Marijuana Products without a specific order destined for an identified Qualifying Patient or Caregiver. An order may be generated directly through the MTC or through a Third-party Technology Platform identified to the Commission under 935 CMR 501.145(1)(d).

(c) MTCs shall deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products only to the primary residence and be prohibited from delivering Marijuana or Marijuana Products to college or university- designated dormitories or housing other on campus

~~college or university housing~~, federally-subsidized housing, shelters or Caregiver shall only receive delivery at their Caregiving Institution.

(d) Orders for home delivery shall be received by the MTC and completed after confirmation of the Registered Qualifying Patient's or Personal Caregiver's Residence.

(e) MTCs shall only deliver one Individual Order, per Qualifying Patient or Caregiver, during each delivery.

(f) Only Marijuana and Marijuana Products that are Shelf-stable may be delivered. Products that are perishable, or time and temperature controlled to prevent deterioration ~~shall~~ may not be allowed to be delivered by or on behalf of an MTC.

(g) For home delivery, each order ~~shall~~ must be labeled and packaged in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(5) and (6).

(h) Any Marijuana or Marijuana Product that is undeliverable or is refused by the Qualifying Patient or Caregiver shall be transported back to the originating MTC that provided the product once all other deliveries included on a delivery manifest have been made. It shall be the responsibility of the MTC, or the MTC in conjunction with the Marijuana Courier performing the delivery, to ensure that any undelivered product is returned to the MTC's physical location and stored in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(11); Storage Requirements. A process for ensuring that undelivered Marijuana and Marijuana Products can be returned to the MTC by the Marijuana Courier shall be a term of the Delivery Agreement.

(3) Vehicle and Transport Requirements for Home Delivery.

(a) Vehicles used for home delivery by an MTC or Marijuana Courier shall be owned or leased by the MTC or Marijuana Courier and shall be properly registered as commercial vehicles, inspected and insured in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(b) Vehicles and transportation operations of an MTC or Marijuana Courier shall comply with 935 CMR 501.105(13); Transportation Between MTCs and 935 CMR 501.110(7); Security Requirements for MTC Home Delivery Operations.

(c) The MTC or Marijuana Courier shall maintain a separate log for each vehicle in use for home deliveries. For each delivery, the MTC or Marijuana Courier shall record:

1. The location of the originating MTC and date and time the vehicle leaves the location;
2. The mileage of the transporting vehicle at departure from the MTC, mileage on arrival at each Registered Qualifying Patient or Caregiver destination, and mileage on return to the MTC;
3. The date and time of departure from the MTC and arrival at each patient destination for each delivery; and
4. An entry indicating the date and time of the last delivery in an order.

(d) ~~An MTCs or Marijuana Courier shall~~ may not transport products other than Marijuana and Marijuana Products during times when and MTCs or Marijuana Courier are ~~is~~ performing home deliveries.

(4) Manifests.

(a) Every home delivery shall have a manifest produced by the MTC. A manifest shall be completed in duplicate, with the original manifest remaining with the originating MTC, and a copy to be kept with the MTC or Marijuana Courier agent during the delivery. The manifest shall be signed by the Registered Qualifying Patient or Caregiver receiving the Marijuana or Marijuana Products and the MTC or Marijuana Courier agent acting on behalf of the MTC. A signed manifest shall serve as the written record of the completion of the delivery.

(b) The manifest ~~shall~~ must, at a minimum, include:

1. The originating MTC's name, address, and License number;
2. The names and ~~MTC~~ agent numbers of the MTC or Marijuana Courier agents performing the delivery;
3. The patient or caregiver's name, address, and registration number;
4. A description of the Marijuana or Marijuana Products being transported,

- including the weight, form or type of product, cost and transaction number entered in the patient sales system;
5. Signature lines for the agents who transported the Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
 6. A signature line for the person who receives the Marijuana or Marijuana Products; and
 7. The MTC or Marijuana Courier vehicle make, model, and license plate number.
- (c) The manifest shall be maintained within the vehicle during the entire transportation process, until all the deliveries are completed.
- (d) An MTC shall retain all transportation manifests for no less than one year and make them available to the Commission on request.

501.150: Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~

- (1) Production of Edibles ~~Marijuana infused Products~~. ~~Production of Edible MIPs~~ shall ~~take place~~ be produced in compliance with the following:
- (a) Any ~~Edibles Marijuana infused Product~~ MIP that is made to resemble a typical food or beverage product ~~shall~~ must be packaged and labeled as required by M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(~~xxiv~~) and (xxvi), and 935 CMR 501.105(5) and (6).
 - (b) The manufacture or sale of ~~Edibles MIPs~~ in the following shapes and types is prohibited:
 1. The distinct shape of a human, animal, ~~or fruit~~ or sporting equipment item; or
 2. A shape that bears the likeness or contains characteristics of a realistic or fictional human, animal, ~~or fruit~~, or sporting equipment item including artistic, caricature, or cartoon renderings.
 - (c) ~~Edibles Marijuana infused Products~~ MIPs that are geometric shapes and simply fruit-flavored are not considered fruit and are permissible.
- (2) Sanitary Requirements. All ~~Edibles Marijuana Products~~ MIPs shall be prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the requirements in 935 CMR 501.105(3) and (11).
- (3) Additional Labeling and Packaging Requirements for Edibles ~~Marijuana infused Products~~.
- (a) In addition to the requirements set forth in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(~~xxiv~~) and (xxvi), and 935 CMR 501.105(5) and (6), every MTC ~~shall~~ must ensure that the following information or statement is Affixed to every container holding an ~~Edible Marijuana Product~~ MIP:
 1. If the retail ~~Edible Marijuana Product~~ MIP is perishable or time and temperature controlled, a statement that the ~~Edible Marijuana Product~~ MIP ~~shall~~ must be refrigerated.
 2. The date on which the ~~Edible Marijuana Product~~ MIP was produced.
 3. A nutritional fact panel that ~~shall~~ must be based on the number of THC servings within the container.
 4. Information regarding the size of each serving for the product by milligrams, the total number of servings of Marijuana in the product, and the total amount of active THC in the product by milligrams (mg~~s~~). For example: "The serving size of active THC in this product is X mg(~~s~~), this product contains Y servings of Marijuana, and the total amount of active THC in this product is (X*Y) mg(~~s~~)."
 5. A warning that the impairment effects of ~~Edibles Marijuana Products~~ MIPs may be delayed by two hours or more.
 - (b) Once a label with a use-by date has been Affixed to a container holding an ~~Edible Marijuana Product~~ MIP, a Licensee ~~shall~~ may not alter that date or affix a new label with a later use-by date.
 - (c) ~~An MTC must ensure that each single serving of an edible Marijuana Product is physically demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to intuitively determine how much of the product constitutes a single serving of active THC.~~

~~(e)(d)~~ Each single serving of an ~~Edible Marijuana-infused Product~~ MIP ~~multiple Edible Marijuana Product~~ MIPs may ~~shall~~ be marked, stamped, or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~ consistent with 935 CMR 501.105(5)(a)8. ~~Licensee may ensure that each single serving of an Edible Marijuana Product wrapped and shall mark, stamp, or otherwise imprint each individual wrapper with the symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the serving contains Marijuana Product~~ consistent with 935 CMR 500.105(5)(a)8.

~~(+)(e)~~ Each single serving of an ~~Edible Marijuana Product~~ contained in a packaged unit of multiple ~~Edible Marijuana Product~~ may be marked, stamped, or otherwise imprinted with a symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~.

501.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products

(1) No Marijuana Product, including Marijuana, may be sold or otherwise marketed for medical use that is not capable of being tested by Independent Testing Laboratories, except as allowed under 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana. Testing of Marijuana Products shall be performed by an Independent Testing Laboratory in compliance with a protocol(s) established in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15 and in a form and manner determined by the Commission including, but not limited to, the Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Finished Medical Marijuana Products and Marijuana-infused Products for Marijuana Establishments, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Colocated Marijuana Operations. Testing of environmental media (e.g., soils, solid growing media, and water) shall be performed in compliance with the Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Environmental Media for Massachusetts Registered Medical Marijuana Dispensaries published by the Commission.

(2) Marijuana and Marijuana Products shall be tested for the Cannabinoid profile and for contaminants as specified by the Commission including, but not limited to, mold, mildew, heavy metals, plant growth regulators, and the presence of Pesticides. The Commission may require additional testing. In addition to these contaminant tests, final ready-to-sell Marijuana Vaporizer Products shall be screened for heavy metals and Vitamin E Acetate (VEA) in accordance with the Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Finished Marijuana and Marijuana Products for Marijuana Establishments, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Colocated Marijuana Operations issued by the Commission

(3) The Commission may, at its discretion, require additional testing where necessitated to safeguard public health or safety and so identified by the Commission

~~(3)(4)~~ An MTC shall have a written policy for responding to laboratory results that indicate contaminant levels are above acceptable limits established in the protocols identified in 935 CMR 501.160(1). Such policy shall be available to Registered Qualifying Patients and Personal Caregivers.

(a) Any such policy shall include:

1. Notifying the Commission within 72 hours of any laboratory testing results indicating that the contamination cannot be remediated and disposing of the Production Batch submission of any information regarding contamination immediately upon request by the Commission; and
2. Notifying the Commission of any information regarding contamination as specified by the Commission or immediately upon request by the Commission.

(b) The notification ~~shall~~ must be from both the MTC and the Independent Testing Laboratory, separately and directly.

(c) The notification from the MTC ~~shall~~ must describe a proposed plan of action for both the destruction of the contaminated product and the assessment of the source of contamination.

~~(4)~~(5) An MTC shall maintain the results of all testing for no less than one year. Testing results shall be valid for a period of one year. Marijuana and Marijuana Products with testing dates in excess of one year shall be deemed expired and may not be dispensed, sold, Transferred or otherwise conveyed until retested.

~~(5)~~(6) The sale of seeds is not subject to these testing provisions.

~~(6)~~(7) Clones are subject to these testing provisions, but are exempt from testing for metals.

~~(7)~~(8) All transportation of Marijuana and Marijuana Products to and from Independent Testing Laboratories providing Marijuana testing services shall comply with 935 CMR 501.105(13): Transportation Between MTCs.

~~(8)~~(9) All storage of Marijuana and Marijuana Products at a laboratory providing Marijuana testing services shall comply with 935 CMR 501.105(11): Storage Requirements.

~~(9)~~(10) All excess Marijuana and Marijuana Products ~~shall~~ must be disposed of in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal, either by the Independent Testing Laboratory returning excess Marijuana or Marijuana Products to the source MTC for disposal or by the Independent Testing Laboratory disposing of it directly;

~~(10)~~(11) No Marijuana or Marijuana Product shall be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that has not first been tested by an Independent Testing Laboratory and deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 501.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products; and

(12) A Licensee that receives notice that Marijuana or a Marijuana Product it has submitted for testing has failed any test for contaminants shall either reanalyze the Marijuana or Marijuana Product without remediation, take steps to remediate the identified contaminants or dispose of the Marijuana or Marijuana Product.

(a) Reanalysis by a Second ITL. If the Licensee chooses to reanalyze the sample, the same a sample from the same batch shall be submitted for reanalysis at the ITL that provided the initial failed result. If the sample passes all previously failed tests at the initial ITL, an additional sample representing from the same sample set batch previously tested shall be submitted to a second ITL other than the original ITL for a Second Confirmatory Test. To be considered passing and therefore safe for sale, the sample shall have passed the Second Confirmatory Test at a second ITL. Any Marijuana and Marijuana product that fails the Second Confirmatory Test may not be sold, transferred or otherwise dispensed to consumers, patients or Licensees without first being remediated. Otherwise, the MTC shall dispose of aAny such product shall be destroyed.

(b) Remediation. If the Licensee chooses to remediate, a new test sample shall be submitted to any licensed ITL, which may include the initial ITL, for a full-panel test. Any failing Marijuana or Marijuana product may be remediated a maximum of two times. Any Marijuana or Marijuana product that fails any test after the second remediation attempt may not be sold, transferred or otherwise dispensed to consumers, patients or Licensees. The MTC shall dispose of aAny such product shall be destroyed.

(c) If the Licensee chooses to dispose of the Marijuana or Marijuana Products, it shall do so in compliance with 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal.

~~(11) Marijuana and Marijuana Products submitted for retesting prior to remediation must be submitted to an Independent Testing Laboratory other than the laboratory which provided the initial failed result. Marijuana and Marijuana Products submitted for retesting after documented remediation may be submitted to the same Independent Testing Laboratory that produced the initial failed testing result prior to remediation.~~

501.170: Municipal Requirements

(1) An MTC and Independent Testing Laboratory and their agents shall comply with all local rules, regulations, ordinances, and by-laws.

(2) The Commission does not mandate any involvement by municipalities or local boards of health in the regulation of MTCs, Qualifying Patients with Hardship Cultivation Registrations, or any other aspects of Marijuana for medical use. However, nothing in 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana shall be construed to prohibit lawful local oversight and regulation, including fee requirements, that does not conflict or interfere with the operation of 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

501.200: Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket

(1) To the extent permitted by law, MTCs operating from locations in the Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket (the "island counties") may operate in full compliance with 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

(2) If an MTC operating from locations in the island counties are prevented from operating in full compliance with 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana by operation of law, they are not required to utilize Independent Testing Laboratories until such time as a laboratory is located on the island where the MTC is located or the establishment can transport Marijuana Products to the mainland of Massachusetts.

(3) If MTCs operating from locations in the island counties are prevented from utilizing Independent Testing Laboratories by operation of law, they are required to test Marijuana Products in a manner that is not unreasonably impracticable, but also adequately protects the public health in the opinion of the Commission. Such testing may include:

(a) A modified on-Premises testing system approved by the Commission if the label on any Marijuana or Marijuana Product so tested discloses in capital letters: WARNING: LIMITED TESTING FOR CONTAMINANTS AND PESTICIDES;

(b) A testing facility in the island counties that does not meet the criteria for an Independent Testing Laboratory, but is approved by the Commission for testing by MTCs located in the island counties; or

(c) Such other testing system approved by the Commission.

(4) An MTC performing home delivery operations in the island counties may only perform deliveries to Residences located in the same county as the MTC which the delivery order originates from until such time as it permitted to deliver to other locations by law.

501.300: Complaints Process

(1) In a time and manner determined by the Commission, a dedicated telephone number, email address or other means shall be provided for members of the public or Qualifying Patients to notify the Commission of complaints regarding MTCs or MTC Agents.

(2) The Commission may, at its discretion, investigate or decline to investigate any complaint or refer a complaint to another law enforcement or regulatory authority.

501.301: Inspections and Compliance

(1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94I and M.G.L. c. 94G, §§ 4(a)(xvii) through (xx), the Commission or a Commission Delegee may inspect an MTC and affiliated vehicles

at any time without prior notice to determine the MTC's compliance with the act and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana. All areas, activities and records of an MTC and activities and records of MTC agents are subject to such inspection. Submission of an application by or issuance of a License to an MTC constitutes consent for such inspection

(2) An MTC shall allow immediate access to the facility on being presented with photo identification documenting the Commission representative's affiliation with the Commission or a Commission Delegee's affiliation with a state agency with lawful jurisdiction over the operations of an MTC.

(3) An MTC shall immediately on request make available to the Commission or a Commission Delegee all information that may be relevant to an inspection or investigation of an incident or a complaint.

(4) An MTC shall make all reasonable efforts to facilitate the inspection or investigation of an incident or a complaint, including the taking of samples, photographs, video or other evidence or recordings, and complying with demands for examination and inspection in accordance with 935 CMR 501.302: Compliance Examinations.

(5) During an inspection, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may direct an MTC to test Marijuana for contaminants including, but not limited to, mold, mildew, heavy metals, plant-growth regulators, and the presence of Pesticides not approved for use on Marijuana pursuant to 935 CMR 501.120(5).

(6) An inspection or other investigation may be made prior to the issuance of a License or the renewal of a License. Additional inspections may be made whenever the Commission or a Commission Delegee deems it necessary for the enforcement of M.G.L. c. 94I and M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

(7) The failure to cooperate with an inspection or otherwise comply with 935 CMR 501.301 may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensee.

501.302: Compliance Examination

(1) After an MTC has been licensed, the Commission or a Commission Delegee pursuant to

M.G.L. c. 94I and M.G.L. 94G, § 4(a)(xx), has the authority to demand access to its papers, books, documents, records, correspondence, electronic communications, and other tangible things to examine and inspect. Such examination and inspection may include interrogatories to parties or subpoenas to compel the production of papers, books, documents, records, correspondence, electronic communications, and other tangible things. The examination and inspection of an MTC may also include the interview of material witnesses, registered agents or Close Associates whom the Commission has determined is involved in the financing, management or operation of the MTC.

(2) Administrative Subpoenas. The Commission or a Commission Delegee may, during a preliminary investigation prior to a hearing, issue, modify, amend or rescind subpoenas. Material witnesses, registered agents, or other Persons whom the Commission has determined are involved in the financing, management or operation of an MTC may petition the Commission to modify, amend or rescind subpoenas.

(3) General Provisions. Administrative subpoenas for compliance examination and inspection shall be issued in the name of the Commission by the Commission or a Commission Delegee. Service may be made in a form and manner determined by the Commission including, but not limited to, by the consent of the parties.

(4) Enforcement of Subpoenas. On the failure of a person to comply with a subpoena, and not subsequently vacated or modified by the Commission or a Commission Delegee, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may apply to the Superior Court for an order to compel compliance with the subpoena; an order for costs and fees associated with the issuance and enforcement of the subpoena; or an order of contempt for any failure by a party to comply with a court order.

(5) The failure to cooperate with provisions of this section may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensee.

501.303: Unannounced Purchase for Purpose of Investigative Testing (Secret Shopper Program).

(1) Secret Shopper Program Authorized. The Commission or a Commission Delegee may at any time and without prior notice, authorize an employee or other agent to pose as a customer and purchase any Marijuana or Marijuana Products from any registered or licensed MTC. The Commission or a Commission Delegee, may authorize such purchase for any investigative purposes that are consistent with St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, including, but not limited to, investigative testing for compliance with laboratory testing standards and identification check requirements. The purchasing employee or agent shall document the purchase, including the date, time and place of purchase, type and amount of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, and any other information required by the Commission.

(2) Custody and Preservation of Purchases. The Marijuana or Marijuana Products purchased as part of the program shall be securely stored during transport in a manner to prevent contamination or spoilage.

(3) Contamination and Spoilage During Storage or Transport. Any contamination or spoilage of purchases under the Secret Shopper Program during storage or transport while under the control of the purchaser shall be promptly documented by the purchaser in writing and reported to the Commission. The Commission or a Commission Delegee, may authorize the disposal of the contaminated or spoiled purchase, pursuant to the regulations concerning waste disposal under 935 CMR 501.105(12).

(4) Use of Secret Shopper Investigative Results. Results of investigations conducted under Secret Shopper Program shall be promptly submitted to the Commission.

(a) All investigative results shall be retained as part of the records for the licensed MTC from which the purchase originated.

(b) The MTC may be notified of any investigative results determined to be noncompliant at a time and manner determined by the Commission.

(c) After the MTC is notified of the investigative results, such results may be used by the Commission to take action on the License of the MTC pursuant to 935 CMR 501.340: *Quarantine Order*, 935 CMR 501.350: *Cease and Desist Order and Summary Suspension Order*, 935 CMR 501.450: *Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Registration or License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation or Denial of Renewal Applications*, 935 CMR 501.500: *Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Registrations or Licenses* or assess fines or other civil penalties pursuant to 935 CMR 501.360: *Fines*.

(d) Without notice to the MTC, the Commission may share such investigative results with any other law enforcement or regulatory authorities.

(e) The Commission may elect to conduct further evaluation of the investigative results at any time for verification or for other purposes reasonably related to sanitation, public health or public safety.

(5) The failure to cooperate with provisions of this section may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensee.

501.310: Deficiency Statements

After an inspection in which a violation of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. 94I, 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* is observed or a violation is otherwise determined to have occurred, the Commission shall issue a deficiency statement citing every violation identified, a copy of which shall be left with or sent to the MTC.

501.320: Plans of Correction

- (1) An MTC shall submit to the Commission a written plan of correction for any violations cited in the deficiency statement issued pursuant to 935 CMR 501.310: *Deficiency Statements*, within ten business days after receipt of the statement.
- (2) A plan shall state, with respect to each deficiency, the specific corrective step(s) to be taken, a timetable for such steps, and the date by which compliance will be achieved. The timetable and the compliance dates shall be consistent with achievement of compliance in the most expeditious manner possible.
- (3) The Commission shall review the plan of correction, and shall notify the MTC of either the acceptance or rejection of the plan or any component of the plan.
- (4) An unacceptable plan ~~shall~~ must be amended and resubmitted within five business days after receipt of such notice.
- (5) The approval of a plan of correction shall not preclude the Commission from issuing an order for further corrective action fixing a reasonable time for correction of the violation, assessing an administrative fine, or taking any other administrative action authorized under the Commission's regulations.
- (6) An MTC shall notify the Commission once the plan of correction has been fully implemented and completed.

501.321: Administrative Hold

- (1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94I and M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xix), the Commission or a Commission Delegee may order an Administrative Hold of Marijuana, Marijuana Products or MIPs to examine and inspect an MTC to ensure compliance with the provisions of 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, prevent the destruction of evidence, prevent the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, or as otherwise necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (2) An MTC subject to an Administrative Hold shall retain its inventory pending further investigation by the Commission or a Commission Delegee pursuant to the following procedure:
 - (a) If during an investigation or inspection of an MTC, the Commission has reasonable cause to believe certain Marijuana or Marijuana Products are noncompliant under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, or otherwise constitutes a threat to the public health, safety or welfare, the Commission may issue a notice to administratively hold any Marijuana or Marijuana Product. The notice shall identify the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold and a concise statement stating the reasons relied on in the issuance of the Administrative Hold.
 - (b) Following the issuance of a notice of Administrative Hold, the Commission will identify and mark the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold in the Commission's Seed-to-sale SOR. The MTC shall

continue to comply with all inventory requirements including, but not limited to, 935 CMR 501.105(8): *Inventory*.

(c) The MTC shall completely and physically segregate the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold in a Limited Access Area, where it shall be safeguarded by the MTC.

(d) While the Administrative Hold is in effect, the MTC shall be prohibited from selling, transporting or otherwise Transferring or destroying the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold, except as otherwise authorized by the Commission.

(e) While the Administrative Hold is in effect, the MTC ~~shall~~*must* safeguard the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold and ~~shall~~*must* fully comply with all security requirements including, but not limited to, 935 CMR 501.110: *Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers*.

(f) An Administrative Hold shall not prevent an MTC from the continued possession, cultivation or harvesting of the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold, unless otherwise provided by an order of the Commission. All Marijuana or Marijuana Products subject to an Administrative Hold ~~shall~~*must* be put into separately tracked Production Batches.

(g) An Administrative Hold shall not prevent an MTC from voluntarily surrendering Marijuana or Marijuana Products subject to an Administrative Hold, except that the MTC shall comply with the waste disposal requirements in 935 CMR 501.105(12): *Waste Disposal*.

(h) At any time after the initiation of the Administrative Hold, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind the Administrative Hold.

(i) The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 501.321: *Administrative Hold* may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensee.

501.330: Limitation of Sales

(1) If the Commission or a Commission Delegee determines that an MTC does not substantially comply with applicable provisions of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55,

M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may order that the MTC *dispose of and may* ~~shall~~ not sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products, after a date specified.

(2) The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall not make such a determination until an MTC has been notified that the MTC does not substantially comply with applicable provisions of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, that an order to *dispose of or* limit sales is contemplated, and that the MTC has a reasonable opportunity to correct the deficiencies.

(3) An order that an MTC *dispose of and may* ~~shall~~ not sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products pursuant to 935 CMR 501.330(1) may be rescinded when the Commission or a Commission Delegee finds that the MTC is in substantial compliance with the applicable provisions of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, or 935 CMR 501.000.

501.335: Removal and Prohibition of Marijuana and Marijuana Products

(1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(xxxi) and M.G.L. c. 94I, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may order the removal or prohibition of sales by more than one Licensee of categories of product types, of specific product types or of specific brands of products after notice and a determination that Marijuana, Marijuana Products, and Marijuana Accessories (for the purposes of 935 CMR 501.335:

Removal and Prohibition of Marijuana and Marijuana Products, "Product"), which based on preliminary evidence, pose a substantial risk to the public health, safety or welfare including, but not limited to, that the product is especially appealing to Persons under 21 years of age.

(a) The Commission may vote to initiate a complaint about a Product and refer that complaint to the Executive Director and Enforcement staff for investigation.

(b) In consultation with the Executive Director, Enforcement staff may conduct an investigation and make a recommendation as to the Removal of Product. The recommendation shall be based on credible and reliable evidence and provide a specific description of the scope of removal and specify whether the removal or prohibition on sales applies to one of the following:

1. Category of Product Type(s). A type of Product including, but not limited to, Marijuana seeds, Marijuana Clones, ~~Marijuana~~ Edibles, Beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, Tinctures, oral dosage forms or any other Product identified by the Commission or a Commission Delegee.

2. Specific Product Type(s). A specific type of Product within a category of Products, but not including other types of Product within the same category.

3. Specific Brand of Product(s). One or more specific Product types or category types Manufactured by a Marijuana Product Manufacturer or a specific Product type or category type Manufactured by multiple Marijuana Product Manufacturers subject to an agreement including, but not limited to, a partnership, product licensing, distribution, branding, advertising, marketing or sales agreement.

(2) After receiving a recommendation from Enforcement staff, the Executive Director may act to address the substantial risk to the public health, safety or welfare including, but not limited to:

(a) Refer the matter to a Hearing Officer with expertise to evaluate scientific evidence to conduct an informal hearing;

(b) If credible and reliable evidence has been evaluated and found to meet the standard of a substantial risk to public health, safety or welfare, if one is not yet issued, order the quarantine or Removal of Product or prohibition on sales of a Product pending consideration by a Hearing Officer; or

(c) Refer the matter to the Commission.

(3) When a matter is referred by the Executive Director, the Hearing Officer may conduct an informal hearing.

(a) If necessary and in consultation with the Executive Director, the Hearing Officer may develop a process for the purpose of identifying the Licensees and Registrants that may be impacted by a current or future order including, but not limited to, identifying those Licensees and Registrants to whom providing adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard shall be given.

(b) The Hearing Officer shall exercise discretion in admitting and weighing evidence including, but not limited to, testimony and evidence from:

1. Licensees and Registrants; and
2. Subject-matter experts.

(c) The Hearing Officer shall issue findings of fact and make a recommended decision to the Executive Director.

(d) To the extent that the Hearing Officer recommends that Products be removed or prohibited, this recommendation shall be based on credible and reliable evidence that the Product poses a substantial risk to the public health, safety and welfare.

(4) The Executive Director may refer the matter to the Commission and make a recommendation.

(5) On referral by the Executive Director, prior to issuing any order, the Commission shall deliberate on the Executive Director's recommendation at a public meeting of the Commission.

(a) If there is a recommendation that the Products be removed and prohibited,

this recommendation shall be based on credible and reliable evidence that the Product poses a substantial risk to the public health, safety and welfare.

(b) An order shall require a vote by the Commission.

(c) The Commission or a Commission designee shall send written notice of the action taken against an identified Licensee or Registrant and the basis for that action. The notice shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter; and its authority to take action with regards to the License or registration;
2. The factual basis for that action;
3. The extent to which the product poses a substantial risk to the public health, safety and welfare; and
4. The current restrictions on the Licensee's or Registrant's operations or sales or other use of Products, if any, including the method and timing of the Removal of Product including, but not limited to, whether the Product ~~shall~~ must be destroyed in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(12): Waste Disposal.

(d) The Commission or a Commission designee may modify, amend or rescind a notice on condition(s) just to all the parties.

(6) On receipt of the order, the Licensee and its associated agents will immediately comply with the requirements of the order and, if requested by the Commission, post notice at public entrances to the establishment or other notice in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

(7) The order shall be transmitted immediately to all other Licensee(s) or Registrant(s) that may reasonably be affected by the order by electronic and certified mail.

(8) The order may be posted on the Commission's website.

(9) It shall be a violation of 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana for Licensees to produce, sell or otherwise make available the categories of Product Types, Specific Product Types or Specific Brands of Products identified in the order.

(10) An MTC subject to the order shall accept Registered Qualifying Patients' returns of unused and unopened product for a period of 30 days after the effective date of the order.

(11) The failure to cooperate with provisions of this section may result in further administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensees or Registrants.

501.340: Quarantine Order

(1) Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 94I and M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xix) and (a¹/₂)(xxxi), a Quarantine Order may be imposed by the Commission or a Commission Delegee to immediately quarantine or otherwise restrict the sale or use of Marijuana, Marijuana Products or MIPs by a Licensee or Registrant to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

(2) If, based on complaint(s) inspection(s), affidavit(s), or other credible evidence, the Commission or a Commission Delegee determines that a Licensee or Registrant or the Marijuana, Marijuana Products, MIPs, cultivated, produced or sold by a Licensee or Registrant pose an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may issue an order to the Licensee that:

- (a) Quarantines or otherwise restricts the sale or use of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs, prepared by or in the possession of the Licensee; or
- (b) Quarantines or otherwise restricts the sales or use of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs to the extent necessary to avert a threat, pending final investigation results.

(3) On receipt of the order, the Licensee and its associated agents will immediately comply with the requirements of the order and, if requested by the Commission, post notice at the public entrances to the MTC or Independent Testing Lab or other notice in a form and manner determined by the Commission or a Commission Delegee.

(4) The Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind the order at any time after its issuance on condition(s) just to all the parties.

(5) To the extent that the issuance of a Quarantine Order is to investigate a risk to public safety, health and welfare, a Licensee shall not have a right to a hearing, unless and until the order remains in effect beyond 21 calendar days without any further action by the Commission or a Commission Delegee.

(6) The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 501.340: Quarantine Order may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensees or Registrants.

501.350: Cease and Desist Order and Summary Suspension Order

(1) Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 94I, and M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a) and (a½), a Cease and Desist or a Summary Suspension Order may be imposed by the Commission or a Commission Delegee prior to a hearing to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

(2) If based on inspection(s), affidavit(s) or other credible evidence, the Commission or a Commission Delegee determines that a Licensee or Registrant, or the Marijuana, Marijuana Products, MIPs cultivated, produced, or sold by a Licensee or Registrant, pose an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may:

- (a) Issue a Cease and Desist Order that requires cessation of any or all operations including, but not limited to, the cultivation, product manufacturing, Transfer, sale, delivery or transportation of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs; or
- (b) Issue a Summary Suspension Order that requires the immediate suspension of a License and its associated registrations and cessation of all operations.

(3) Notice of Violations.

(a) For a Cease and Desist or Summary Suspension Order issued under 935 CMR 501.350(2), the Commission or a Commission Delegee shall send written notice of the action taken against a Licensee or Registrant and the basis(es) for that action, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- 1. The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to take action with regards to the License or registration;
- 2. The factual basis(es) of the action;
- 3. The immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare;
- 4. The alleged violation(s) of law, including the alleged noncompliance with law, regulation, guideline or other applicable requirement;
- 5. The current restriction(s), if any, on the Licensee's or Registrant's operations;
- 6. Requirements for the continued maintenance and security of any Marijuana and Marijuana Products;
- 7. The potential for further disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s); and
- 8. The Licensee's right to a hearing, if any.

(b) The Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind the order at any time after its issuance on condition(s) just to all the parties.

(4) On receipt of the order issued under 935 CMR 501.350(2), the Licensee and its associated agents will immediately comply with the requirements of the order and, if requested, post notice at public entrances to the MTC or Independent Testing Lab or other notice in a form and manner determined by the Commission or a Commission

Delegee.

(5) Hearings. Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 94I, § 7, M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xxiv) and (g), the Commission has the authority to administer the administrative hearing process and to delegate to a Hearing Officer the authority to conduct an administrative hearing.

(a) Hearing Request. On written request filed with the Commission, a Licensee shall be afforded a hearing on an order issued under 935 CMR 501.350(2). The hearing request shall be submitted in a form and a manner determined by the Commission or a Commission Delegee including, but not limited to, the request shall be made no later than 21 calendar days after the effective date of the order. A request for a hearing is filed on the date the request is received by the Commission.

1. A timely request for a hearing ~~shall~~**must** specifically identify each issue and fact in dispute and state the position of the Licensee or Registrant, the pertinent facts to be adduced at the hearing, and the reasons supporting that position.

2. The failure to timely file a request for a hearing or to state the basis of the hearing request will result in dismissal of the challenge to the findings set forth in the Notice of Violations.

(b) Hearing Notice. If a hearing is requested in a timely manner under 935 CMR 501.350(5)(a), the Hearing Officer shall provide notice and a hearing promptly after that request, or as soon as is practicable, or at a time mutually agreed by the parties.

(c) Conduct of the Hearing.

1. The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, which includes 801 CMR 1.01: *Formal Rules*, 801 CMR 1.02: *Informal/Fair Hearing Rules*, and 801 CMR 1.03: *Miscellaneous Provisions Applicable to All Administrative Proceedings*.

2. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to whether there existed prior to, or at the time of the order(s) issued pursuant to 935 CMR 501.350(2), or an amended or a modified order, an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.

3. If the Commission proves by a preponderance of the evidence that there existed an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Hearing Officer shall affirm the order.

4. The Hearing Officer shall electronically mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or Registrant and their attorney(s) of record, and mail a copy on written request.

(6) The requirements of the order issued under 935 CMR 501.350(2) shall remain in effect until one of the following events has occurred:

(a) The Commission modifies, amends or rescinds the order;

(b) There is a Final Decision on the merits of a Commission order, including judicial review of the order, unless the order is vacated or modified by a court of competent jurisdiction or rescinded by the Commission;

(c) There is a Final Decision on the merits of a subsequently issued Order to Show Cause under 935 CMR 501.370: Orders to Show Cause, including judicial review of the order, unless the order is vacated or modified by a court of competent jurisdiction or rescinded by the Commission; or

(d) Until such time as is otherwise established under the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 501.500: Medical Use of Marijuana.

501.360: Fines

The Commission or a Commission Delegee may issue an order to a Licensee to show cause as to why a fine or other financial penalty against a Licensee or Registrant should not be imposed for any acts or omissions determined to be in violation of the state Marijuana laws, including

(1) Notice of Fines. The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall send written

notice of the action taken against a Licensee or Registrant and the basis(es) for that action, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- (a) The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to issue the order with regards to the License or registration;
 - (b) The factual basis(es) of the order;
 - (c) The alleged violation(s) of law;
 - (d) An assessment of an administrative fine of up to \$50,000, or an order for corrective action fixing a reasonable time for correction of the violation or both; and
 - (e) Notice to the Licensee or Registrant that they may request a hearing in accordance with 935 CMR 501.500: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.
- (2) An administrative fine up to \$50,000 may be assessed for each violation.
- (a) The decision to impose any fine shall identify the factors considered by the Commission or a Commission Delegee in setting the amount of the fine.
 - (b) Each day during which a violation continues may constitute a separate offense, and each instance and provision of the state Marijuana laws, including M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, that is violated may constitute a separate violation.
- (3) The Commission or a Commission Delegee, in determining the amount of sanction(s) to impose may consider greater or lesser sanction(s) depending on aggravating or mitigating circumstances including, but not limited to:
- (a) Aggravating Circumstances.
 1. Duration and severity of violation;
 2. Whether the Licensee has previously been subject to an administrative action against its License including, but not limited to, a notice of deficiency;
 3. Whether the Licensee knew or had reason to know of the violation including, but not limited to, warning or issuance of a notice of deficiency; and
 4. Whether the offense:
 - a. Constitutes grounds for denial of a renewal application or suspension or revocation of licensure;
 - b. Involved multiple Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control or agents of the Licensee;
 - c. Involved any compensating features associated with a valid waiver issued pursuant to 935 CMR 501.850: *Waivers*;
 - d. Involved a person younger than 21 years old or a Registered Qualifying Patient or Caregiver;
 - e. Involved or affected multiple Qualifying Patients;
 - f. Involved or exposed the public to risk of diversion; or
 - g. Created a risk to the public health, safety or welfare.
 - (b) Mitigating Circumstances.
 1. The financial impact of corrective measures, if any, which provide safeguards exceeding the minimum requirements of 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. However, financial impact shall not include any cost associated with loss of economic opportunity due to noncompliance or costs of corrective action necessary to achieve compliance with minimum requirements of 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*;
 2. The Licensee's or Registrant's good faith efforts to avoid a violation;
 3. The Licensee's or Registrant's degree of cooperation in the investigation; and
 4. The Licensee's or Registrant's willingness to accept responsibility.
- (4) The fine or financial penalty shall be due and payable within 30 calendar days of the date of one of the following:
- (a) The date of the assessment; or
 - (b) If a hearing is requested pursuant to 935 CMR 501.500: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, the date of the final agency action.

(5) Failure to timely pay the fine or financial penalty may result in further action being taken by the Commission or a Commission Delegee including, but not limited to, suspension or revocation of a License or registration.

(6) If remaining unpaid at the time of licensure renewal, the fine or financial penalty shall be added to the fee for renewal of the License. A License shall not be renewed without the payment of the renewal fee and if applicable, an unpaid fine or financial penalty.

(7) All fines and financial penalties collected by or on behalf of the Commission, pursuant to 935 CMR 501.360, shall be made payable to the Commission and deposited into the Marijuana Regulation Fund.

(8) The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 501.360: *Fines* may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensees or Registrants.

501.370: Orders to Show Cause

(1) If, after investigation, the Commission or a Commission Delegee determines that there are grounds to suspend or revoke a License or registration, it may also issue an Order to Show Cause why the Licensee or registration should not be suspended or revoked.

(2) Notice of Violations. The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall send written notice of the action taken against a Licensee or Registrant and the basis for that action, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- (a) The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to issue the order with regards to the License or registration;
- (b) The factual basis(es) of the order;
- (c) The alleged violation(s) of law, including the alleged noncompliance with law, regulation, guideline or other applicable requirement;
- (d) The restriction(s) on the Licensee's or Registrant's operations or the sale or use of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs, if any;
- (e) The potential for further disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s); and
- (f) The right to a hearing, if any.

(3) The Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind an order issued pursuant to 935 CMR 501.370: *Order to Show Cause*.

501.400: Medical Marijuana Treatment Center License: Grounds for Denial of Application for Licensure

Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for denying an applicant on an application for an MTC License and the associated individuals and entities, but not for the renewal of a License.

(1) The applicant failed to complete the application process within the time required by the Commission.

(2) Information provided by the applicant was deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure.

(3) The application indicates an inability to maintain and operate an MTC in compliance with the requirements of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* including, but not limited to, 935 CMR 501.105: *General Operational Requirements for Medical*

Marijuana Treatment Centers and 935 CMR 501.110: Security Requirements for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers based on the submission of information required by 935 CMR 501.101(1) and (2).

(4) The applicant has been determined to be unsuitable pursuant to any one or more of the factors listed in 935 CMR 501.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration and 935 CMR 501.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure.

(5) The applicant failed to comply with the control limitations listed in 935 CMR 501.050(1)(b) ~~through (d)~~ or would likely fail to comply with such limitations if a License were granted.

(6) An applicant had its License or registration revoked or application denied in the Commonwealth or an Other Jurisdiction.

(7) Any other ground that serves the purposes of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, or 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

501.415: Void Medical Marijuana Treatment Center License

An MTC License is void if the MTC Ceases to Operate or transfers its location without Commission approval or adds a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control to the License without Commission approval.

501.450: Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Registration or License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Renewal Applications

Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for suspending or revoking an MTC's License or denying a renewal application for an MTC License.

(1) The MTC is not operational within the time projected in the License application or the time otherwise approved by the Commission.

(2) Information provided by the MTC was deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure.

(3) The MTC has failed to comply with any requirement of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana, or any applicable law or regulation including, but not limited to, the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, child support, workers' compensation, and professional and commercial insurance coverage.

(4) The MTC has failed to submit a plan of correction as required or to implement the plan as submitted pursuant to 935 CMR 501.320.

(5) The MTC has assigned or attempted to change ownership or assign its License to another entity without prior approval of the Commission under 935 CMR 501.104: Notifications and Approval of Changes.

(6) The Licensee failed to comply with the control limitations listed in 935 CMR 501.050(1)(b) or would likely fail to comply with such limitations, if a renewal License were granted.

(7) There has been a lack of responsible operation of the MTC, as shown by, but not limited to, one or more of the following:

- (a) Failure to maintain the MTC in a clean, orderly, and sanitary fashion;
- (b) Permitting an MTC agent to use a Registration Card belonging to a different person;
- (c) Repeated failure to verify the proper temporary or annual registration documents for a patient or Personal Caregiver, in accordance with 935 CMR 501.015(3): Temporary Registration Card and 935 CMR 501.020(2): Temporary Caregiver Registration Authorization, prior to permitting that individual on the Premises of an MTC or making sales of Marijuana or MIPs to that individual; or
- (d) Other incompetent or negligent operation.

(8) The financial management of the MTC has resulted in the filing of a petition for ~~bankruptcy or receivership~~ Court Appointee related to the financial solvency of the MTC.

(9) A Licensee fails to satisfy the requirements of 935 CMR 501.104(3) or (4), as applicable.

~~(9)~~(10) A Person on an MTC License has maintained a substandard level of compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements for the operation of an MTC, healthcare facility or facility for providing Marijuana for medical purposes in an Other Jurisdiction including, but not limited to, failure to correct deficiencies, a limitation on, or a suspension, revocation, or refusal to grant or renew a registration or License to operate, or certification for Medicaid or Medicare.

~~(10)~~(11) The conduct or practices of the MTC demonstrate a lack of suitability as specified in 935 CMR 501.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration and 935 CMR 501.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure.

~~(11)~~(12) An individual or entity on an MTC License or MTC Agent has a history of criminal conduct as evidenced by any criminal proceedings that resulted in conviction, guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission to sufficient facts in the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions.

~~(12)~~(13) An individual or entity listed on an MTC License has committed, permitted, aided or abetted or conspired to commit any illegal practice(s) in the operation of any MTC including, but not limited to, engaging in the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

~~(13)~~(14) The MTC has failed to cooperate or give information to a law enforcement official acting within his or her lawful jurisdiction related to any matter arising out of conduct at any MTC.

~~(14)~~(15) The conduct or practices of the MTC have been detrimental to the safety, health, or welfare of Registered Qualifying Patients, Personal Caregivers, or the public.

~~(15)~~(16) The MTC does not have sufficient financial resources to meet the requirements of M.G.L. c. 94I, or 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.

~~(16)~~(17) Any other ground that serves the purposes of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, M.G.L. c. 94I, or 935 CMR 501.000.

501.500: Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Registrations or Licenses

(1) The Commission has the authority to administer the administrative hearing process under M.G.L. c. 94I, § 7 and M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xxiv) and (g).

- (2) A Licensee shall be afforded a hearing on any adverse action taken pursuant to: (a) 935 CMR 501.360: Fines; (b) 935 CMR 501.370: Order to Show Cause; (c) 935 CMR 501.450: Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Registration or License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation or Denial of Renewal Applications; or (d) Any other notice of the Commission that specifies that the Licensee or Registrant has a right to challenge the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Commission's notice using the process set forth in 935 CMR 501.500: Medical Use of Marijuana.
- (3) Notice(s).
 (a) Notice of Violation(s) includes a notice issued in accordance with 935 CMR 501.360: Fines or 935 CMR 501.370: Order to Show Cause.
 (b) Notice of Other Action(s). The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall send written notice of the action including, but not limited to, a denial of a renewal License, taken against a Licensee and the basis(es) for that action, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 1. The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to take action with regards to the License or registration;
 2. The factual basis(es) for that action;
 3. The alleged violation(s) of law;
 4. The current restriction(s) on the Licensee's or Registrant's operations or the sale or use of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs, if any;
 5. The potential for further disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s); and
 6. The Licensee's right to a hearing, if any.
 (c) The Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind a notice issued under 935 CMR 500.500(3)(c).
- (4) Hearing Request. The hearing request shall be submitted in a form and a manner determined by the Commission or a Commission Delegee including, but not limited to, the request shall be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of the notice. A request for a hearing is filed on the date the request is received by the Commission.
 (a) A timely request for a hearing ~~shall~~must specifically identify each issue and fact in dispute and state the position of the Licensee, the pertinent facts to be adduced at the hearing, and the reasons supporting that position.
 (b) The failure to timely file a request for a hearing or to state the basis of the hearing request will result in dismissal of the challenge to the findings set forth in the notice of violation(s) or action(s).
 (c) If a timely request for a hearing is made, the Licensee may also seek to stay any action until there has been a final agency action pursuant to 935 CMR 501.500(7): Commission's Authority to Review, Approve or Reject Informal Dispositions or 935 CMR 501.500(12): Final Decisions; provided however, that if the Commission issues an order or notice on the basis of information that ongoing operations pose an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, and that operations without restrictions during the pendency of the administrative appeal could reasonably be expected to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public, there will be no stay.
 (d) Nothing in 935 CMR 501.500: Medical Use of Marijuana shall preclude the Commission or a Commission Delegee from issuing a stay.
- (5) Hearing Officer. The Commission shall designate a Hearing Officer or delegate this designation to the Executive Director.
- (6) Hearing Officer's Authority to Take Action in the Event of Waiver, Default or Summary Decision.
 (a) Waiver. If a Licensee fails to request a hearing in a timely manner or otherwise waives their right to a hearing, the Hearing Officer may assume the truth of the allegations set forth in the notice and recommend to the Commission

disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s) or an informal disposition of the matter.

(b) Default. If a Licensee defaults, the Hearing Officer or a Commission Delegee may assume the truth of the allegations set forth in the notice and recommend to the Commission appropriate disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s) or an informal disposition of the matter.

(c) Summary Decision. If there is no genuine issue of fact to be determined by a hearing, the Hearing Officer may assume the truth of the allegations set forth in the notice and recommend to the Commission disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s) or an informal disposition of the matter.

(d) For actions without a hearing under 935 CMR 501.500(5)(a) through (c), the Hearing Officer may conduct an evidentiary hearing on the appropriateness of disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s).

(7) Commission's Authority to Review, Approve or Reject Informal Dispositions. At any time, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may, in its discretion, review, approve or reject an informal disposition, but only on a showing that the alleged violations have been corrected, and a submission of a written waiver of its right to judicial review.

(8) Hearing Notice. If a hearing is requested in a timely manner under 935 CMR 501.500(4): Hearing Request, the Hearing Officer shall provide notice and a hearing within a reasonable time after that request, or as soon as is practicable, or at a time mutually agreed by the parties.

(a) The hearing notice should comply with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 11(1).

(b) Prior to the commencement of a proceeding, a Hearing Officer may conduct conference(s) and refer or require the parties to participate in settlement negotiations. If the parties reach a settlement, the Hearing Officer shall suspend the proceedings pending Commission consideration of the matter under 935 CMR 501.500(7): Commission's Authority to Review, Approve or Reject Informal Dispositions.

(9) Conduct of the Hearing.

(a) To the extent that a Hearing Officer conducts a proceeding, it shall be conducted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, which includes 801 CMR 1.01: *Formal Rules*, 801 CMR 1.02: *Informal/Fair Hearing Rules*, and/or 801 CMR 1.03: *Miscellaneous Provisions Applicable to All Administrative Proceedings*.

(b) In the case of an Order to Show Cause why a License or Registration should not be suspended or revoked, the hearing shall be conducted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 10, 11 and 12.

(c) If after the commencement of the hearing, the parties reach a settlement, the Hearing Officer shall suspend the proceedings pending Commission consideration of the matter under 935 CMR 501.500(7): Commission's Authority to Review, Approve or Reject Informal Dispositions.

(10) Reopening of Hearings. At any time before the Commission's Final Decision is issued, on the motion of any party or on their own initiative, the Commission by a majority vote or the Hearing Officer may on good cause shown reopen the hearing for the purpose of receiving new evidence.

(11) Hearing Officer's Recommended Decision.

(a) Burden of proof.

1. For a notice of violation(s), the Commission or a Commission Delegee bears the burden of proving the Licensee(s)' violation(s) of law.

2. For a notice of action(s) including, but not limited to, the denial of a renewal License, the Licensee bears the burden of proving the qualifications for licensure.

(b) The Hearing Officer will make a recommended decision to the Commission.

1. The recommended decision may affirm, modify, or overturn the actions proposed in the Commission's notice of violation(s) or action(s).

2. The recommended decision shall be in writing to the Commission for

its consideration, which shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of reasons, including determination of each issue of fact or law necessary to the decision.

3. The Hearing Officer may recommend disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s), or an informal disposition of the matter and provide reasons for the recommendation, including whether the recommendation is consistent with the notice of violation(s) or action(s) and the Commission's prior disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s).

4. The Hearing Officer shall electronically mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or their attorney(s) of record and on request, mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or their attorney(s) of record.

(c) Within 21 calendar days of the issuance of the recommended decision, the parties may submit to the Commission written objections and arguments regarding the Hearing Officer's recommended decision.

(12) Final Decision.

(a) The Commission may affirm, adopt, modify, amend, or reverse the recommended decision of the Hearing Officer or remand the matter for further consideration.

(b) The Commission's decision shall be considered the Final Decision, unless its authority to render a Final Decision is delegated.

1. The Final Decision shall be in writing. The drafting of the decision may be delegated to the General Counsel so long as the Commission votes on the substance of the Final Decision.

2. The Final Decision may incorporate by reference the Hearing Officer's recommended decision in whole or in part. The Commission shall consider the parties' written objections and arguments regarding the Hearing Officer's recommended decision under 935 CMR 501.500(11)(c), but is not required to respond to these submissions.

3. The Final Decision shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. A statement of reasons, including determination of each issue of fact or law necessary to the decision; and

b. Any disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s), or an informal disposition of the matter.

(c) The vote on the Final Decision shall be supported and signed by at least three Commissioners. As part of its vote, the Commission may delegate to the General Counsel action(s) needed to finalize the decision including, but not limited to, the stamping of Commissioners' signatures.

(d) The Commission's Final Decision is a final agency action reviewable pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 14.

(e) The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall electronically mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or Registrant or their attorney(s) of record and on request, mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or Registrant or their attorney(s) of record.

(13) Appeals. Any Person aggrieved by a Final Decision may appeal that decision to the Superior Court in accordance with M.G. L. c. 30A, § 14. The filing of an appeal shall not operate as a stay of enforcement of the Commission's decision, but the Commission may in its discretion stay enforcement.

501.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration

(1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, §§ 4(a)(xii), (xiv), 21(a)(ii) and M.G.L. c. 94I, the Commission may make, in an exercise of its discretion, a suitability determination.

(2) The Commission may also delegate suitability determinations to the Executive Director, who may appoint a Suitability Review Committee (Committee) to advise the Executive Director.

(3) All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 501.800: [Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure or Registration](#).

(4) Suitability Review Process.

(a) Designated Enforcement staff (staff) shall conduct background checks and gather information and evidence applicable to a subject's suitability and make a recommendation as to suitability. Staff may make an adverse suitability recommendation on finding information and evidence that would result in a Mandatory Disqualification, Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination or that would support a Negative Suitability Recommendation.

(b) Before making an adverse suitability recommendation, staff shall consult with the Executive Director or the Executive Director's delegee(s). The Executive Director may dispose of the matter or direct the Committee to institute a review of suitability or take any action consistent with M.G.L. c. 94G.

(c) If the Executive Director institutes a suitability review, the staff shall send the written notice of an adverse suitability recommendation that identifies the Person subject to suitability review, the particular offenses or conduct relied on and whether that the offenses or conduct results in a Mandatory Disqualification or Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination, or supports a Negative Suitability Recommendation, and reasons for that determination.

(d) The notice of an adverse suitability recommendation shall provide an opportunity to cure the suitability issue by removing the subject from its application. To the extent that an applicant removes a subject from an application, the removal ~~shall~~ must be done in a manner determined by the Commission.

(e) The notice of an adverse suitability recommendation shall provide the subject with the opportunity to request an informal proceeding before the Suitability Review Committee.

(f) A request for an informal proceeding ~~shall~~ must be submitted in a form and manner determined by the Commission and no later than 14 business days following the effective date of the adverse suitability recommendation. Requests received after 14 business days may be considered at the discretion of the Executive Director or the Committee.

(g) On notification of an adverse suitability recommendation and receipt of an informal proceeding request, the Committee shall initiate a proceeding, make a recommendation and/or take other action(s) after consultation with the Executive Director.

(h) If an applicant or a subject does not make a timely request for an informal proceeding before the Committee, the Executive Director may forward the adverse suitability recommendation to the Committee for a review, make a suitability determination, or take any action consistent with M.G.L. c. 94G.

(5) The Committee shall:

(a) Consider and review whether offense(s) or information resulting in a Mandatory Disqualification or a Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination under 935 CMR 501.801: *Table A*, 935 CMR 501.802: *Table B* and 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C*, as applied to the subject, renders the subject unsuitable for licensure or registration;

(b) Consider and review whether offense(s) or information not otherwise set forth in 935 CMR 501.801: *Table A*, 935 CMR 501.802: *Table B* and 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C* would result in a Negative Suitability Recommendation and renders the subject unsuitable for licensure or registration; and

(c) Subsequent to its review of a suitability matter, make recommendations to the Executive Director, or the Commission, or a Commission Delegee.

(6) When reviewing an adverse suitability recommendation by staff that there is an offense resulting in a Mandatory Disqualification, the Commission shall consider credible and reliable information demonstrating that:

(a) The disqualifying event was based on erroneous information or evidence; and

(b) The subject can demonstrate that prior to the informal proceeding, the adverse

suitability recommendation can no longer be supported because the error was corrected.

(7) When reviewing an offense resulting in a Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination, the committee shall take into consideration the following factors:

- (a) Nature and specific circumstances of the offense or incident:
 - 1. Time since the offense or incident;
 - 2. Number of offenses or incidents;
 - 3. If criminal, sentence imposed and length, if any, of incarceration;
 - 4. If criminal, sentence imposed and length, if any, of parole or probation; and
 - 5. Relationship of offense or incident to nature of work to be performed;
- (b) Mitigating factors:
 - 1. Age of the subject at the time of the offense or incident; and
 - 2. Whether offenses or incidents were committed in association with dependence on drugs or alcohol from which the subject has since recovered;
- (c) Conduct since time of the offense or incident:
 - 1. If criminal, any relevant evidence of rehabilitation or lack thereof, such as information about compliance with conditions of parole or probation, including orders of no contact with victims and witnesses; and
 - 2. The subject's conduct and experience since the time of the offense including, but not limited to, professional or educational certifications obtained; and
- (d) Any other relevant information, including information submitted by the subject to the Committee or requested by the Commission.

(8) The Committee may make a Negative Suitability Determination in the following circumstances:

- (a) On the receipt of the staff's Negative Suitability Recommendation that there is credible and reliable information in the five years immediately preceding the application:
 - 1. The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare if a License or registration is granted or renewed; and
 - 2. The risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of an MTC.
- (b) On review of this recommendation, the Committee shall consider whether the staff has carried its burden of demonstrating:
 - 1. The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare if a License or registration is granted or renewed; and
 - 2. The risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of an MTC.

(9) Where an MTC Agent listed on the application for licensure in accordance with 935 CMR 501.101(1): *New Applicants*, is found to have no suitability issue under 935 CMR 501.801: *Table A*, or to have overcome any suitability issue, the Agent shall not be subject to a subsequent suitability review under 935 CMR 501.802: *Table B* and 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C*.

- (a) Nothing in 935 CMR 501.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure or Registration* relieves the requirement that the applicant or Licensee conduct background checks on its agents and disclose to the Commission's staff any suitability issue(s) that arise as a result of those checks.
- (b) Any subsequent disclosure of background check information for an MTC Agent required to be listed and evaluated pursuant to 935 CMR 501.101(1), will be assessed pursuant to 935 CMR 501.801: *Table A* or on other grounds for a Negative Suitability Determination only.
- (c) Nothing in 935 CMR 501.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure or Registration* precludes the Commission from initiating a suitability review based on background information received after the Commission's initial suitability review.

(10) The Executive Director in consultation with the Committee may determine that a subject's suitability warrants the Commission's consideration. The Executive Director may also remand a matter to staff for further investigation prior to making a determination. The Commission may consider the determination when acting on the application or renewal.

501.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure

(1) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94I and M.G.L. c. 94G, § 5, the Commission is prohibited from licensing an MTC where an individual who is a Person Having Direct or Indirect Control has been convicted of a felony or offense in an Other Jurisdiction that would be a felony in the Commonwealth, except a prior conviction solely for a Marijuana offense or solely for a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34, unless the offense involved distribution of a controlled substance, including Marijuana, to a minor.

(2) For purposes of determining suitability based on background checks in accordance with 935 CMR 501.101(1)(b):

(a) All conditions, offenses, and violations are construed to include Massachusetts law or like or similar law(s) of Other Jurisdictions.

(b) All criminal disqualifying conditions, offenses, and violations include the crimes of attempt, accessory, conspiracy, and solicitation.

(c) Juvenile dispositions shall not be considered as a factor for determining suitability.

(d) Where applicable, all look back periods for criminal conditions, offenses, and violations included in 935 CMR 501.801: *Table A* commence on the date of disposition; provided, however, that if disposition results in incarceration in any institution, the look back period shall commence on release from incarceration.

(e) Unless otherwise specified in Table, a criminal condition, offense or violation include both convictions, which include guilty pleas and pleas of *nolo contendere*, and dispositions resulting in continuances without a finding or other disposition constituting an admission to sufficient facts, but shall exclude other non-conviction dispositions.

(3) Licensees and Registered Agents shall remain suitable at all times a License or registration remains in effect. An individual subject to this section shall notify the Commission in writing of any charge or conviction of an offense that would result in a presumptive negative suitability determination or mandatory disqualification under 935 CMR 501.801: *Table A*, 935 CMR 501.802: *Table B* and 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C* within ten days of such individual's arrest or summons, and within ten days of the disposition on the merits of the underlying charge. Failure to make proper notification to the Commission may be grounds for disciplinary action. If the Commission lawfully finds a disqualifying event and the individual asserts that the record was sealed, the Commission may require the individual to provide proof from a court evidencing the sealing of the case.

Table A: MTC Licensees. Shall apply ~~solely~~ to applicants, Licensees and Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control in accordance with 935 CMR 501.101(1): New Applicants and 935 CMR 501.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure.

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present (during time from start of application process through action on application or renewal)	<p>Open/Unresolved Criminal Proceedings:</p> <p>Any outstanding or unresolved criminal proceeding, the disposition of which may result in a felony conviction under the laws of the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions, but excluding any criminal proceeding based solely on a Marijuana-related offense or a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E(a) or 34.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Present	<p>Outstanding or Unresolved Criminal Warrants</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Submission of Untruthful Information to the Commission Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Submission of information in connection with a License application, waiver request or other Commission action that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>; or</p> <p>Making statements during or in connection with a Commission inspection or investigation that are deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tend to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Open/Unresolved Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions)</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Open Professional or Occupational License Cases</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	<p>Sex Offender Registration:</p> <p>Required to register as a sex offender in Massachusetts or an Other Jurisdiction.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Indefinite	<p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or an Other Jurisdiction Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Felony weapons violation involving narcotics; Felony involving violence against a person; Felony involving theft or fraud; Felony drug, excluding conviction solely for a Marijuana-related offense or solely for a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Conviction or Continuance without a Finding (CWOFF) for Any Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Non-felony Weapons Violations, Including Firearms, Involving Narcotics</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	<p>Firearms-related Crimes</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	<p>Multiple Crimes of Operating under the Influence</p> <p>Two offenses within a ten-year period; or</p> <p>Three or more offenses within any period of time.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	<p>Multiple Crimes</p> <p>During the five years immediately preceding the application for licensure that separately may not result in a negative determination of suitability but may, if taken together and tending to show a pattern of harmful behavior, result in a negative determination of suitability depending on the type and severity of the crimes</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	<p>Crimes of Domestic Violence Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Violation of an abuse prevention restraining order under M.G.L. c. 209A;</p> <p>Violation of a harassment prevention order under M.G.L. c. 258E</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Preceding Five Years	<p>Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions)</p> <p>The applicant or a Licensee held a License that was revoked, a renewal application that was denied, or a similar action taken with relation to their Marijuana business in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdiction, whether by administrative action or stipulated agreement.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
More than Five and Less than Ten Years	<p>Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions)</p> <p>The applicant or a Licensee held a License that was revoked, a renewal application that was denied, or a similar action taken with relation to their Marijuana business in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdiction, whether by administrative action or stipulated agreement.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	<p>The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare; and</p> <p>the risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of an MTC.</p>	May make a Negative Suitability Determination in accordance with 935 CMR 501.800(8)

501.802: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agent

(1) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(iii), the Commission has established qualifications for licensure and minimum standards for employment that are directly and demonstrably related to the operation of an MTC and similar to qualifications for licensure and employment standards in connection with alcoholic Beverages as regulated under M.G.L. c. 138; provided, that a prior conviction solely for a Marijuana-related offense or for a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34 shall not disqualify an individual or otherwise affect eligibility for employment or licensure in connection with an MTC, unless the offense involved the distribution of a controlled substance, including Marijuana, to a minor.

(2) For purposes of determining suitability based on background checks in accordance with 935 CMR 501.030: *Registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agents* and 935 CMR 501.101: *Application Requirements*.

- (a) All conditions, offenses, and violations are construed to include Massachusetts law or like or similar law(s) of Other Jurisdictions.
- (b) All criminal disqualifying conditions, offenses, and violations include the crimes of attempt, accessory, conspiracy and solicitation.
- (c) Juvenile dispositions shall not be considered as a factor for determining suitability.
- (d) Where applicable, all look back periods for criminal conditions, offenses, and violations included in 935 CMR 501.802: *Table B* and 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C* commence on the date of disposition; provided however, that if disposition results in incarceration in any institution, the look back period shall commence

on release from incarceration.

(e) Unless otherwise specified in 935 CMR 501.802: *Table B* and 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C*, a criminal condition, offense or violation shall include both convictions, which include guilty pleas and pleas of *nolo contendere*, and dispositions resulting in continuances without a finding or other disposition constituting an admission to sufficient facts, but shall exclude other non-conviction dispositions. All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 501.800. In addition to the requirements established in 935 CMR 501.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration*, the Suitability Review Committee shall:

1. Consider whether offense(s) or information that would result in a Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination under 935 CMR 501.802: *Table B* and 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C* renders the subject unsuitable for registration, regardless of the determination of the Licensee; and
2. Consider appeals of determinations of unsuitability based on claims of erroneous information received as part of the background check during the application process in accordance with 803 CMR 2.17: *Requirement to Maintain a Secondary Dissemination Log* and 803 CMR 2.18: *Adverse Employment Decision Based on CORI or Other Types of Criminal History Information Received from a Source Other than the DCJIS*.

(3) Registered Agents shall remain suitable at all times a License or registration remains in effect. An individual subject to this section shall notify the Commission in writing of any charge or conviction of an offense that would result in a presumptive negative suitability determination or mandatory disqualification under 935 CMR 501.802: *Table B* and 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C* within ten days of such individual's arrest or summons, and within ten days of the disposition on the merits of the underlying charge. Failure to make proper notification to the Commission may be grounds for disciplinary action. If the Commission lawfully finds a disqualifying event and the individual asserts that the record was sealed, the Commission may require the individual to provide proof from a court evidencing the sealing of the case.

Table B: MTC Agents. Shall apply solely to applicants for registration as an MTC Agent at an MTC licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 501.101: *Application Requirements*.

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present (during time from start of application process through action on application or renewal.)	Open/Unresolved Criminal Proceedings: Any outstanding or unresolved criminal proceeding, the disposition of which may result in a felony conviction under the laws of the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions, but excluding any criminal proceeding based solely on a Marijuana-related offense or a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E(a) or § 34.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Open Professional or Occupational License Cases	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present	<p>Open/Unresolved Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions):</p> <p>An outstanding or unresolved violation of the regulations as included in 935 CMR 501.000: <u>Medical Use of Marijuana</u> or a similar statute or regulations of Other Jurisdictions, which has either (a) remained unresolved for a period of six months or more; or (b) the nature of which would result in a determination of unsuitability for registration.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Submission of Untruthful Information to the Commission Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Submission of information in connection with an agent application, waiver request or other Commission action that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>; or</p> <p>Making statements during or in connection with a Commission inspection or investigation that are deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tend to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	<p>Sex Offense: Felony conviction for a "sex offense" as defined in M.G.L. c. 6, § 178C and M.G.L. c. 127, § 133E or like offenses in Other Jurisdictions.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions for trafficking crimes under M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E, or like crimes in Other Jurisdictions, except convictions for solely Marijuana-related crimes under M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E (a), or like crimes in Other Jurisdictions.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Conviction or Continuance without a Finding (CWOFF) for Any Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in Any Jurisdiction</p>	Mandatory Disqualification

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Indefinite	<p>(MTC Agents Engaging in Transportation or Home Delivery Operations Only) Multiple Crimes of Operating under the Influence:</p> <p>Two offenses within a ten-year period; or</p> <p>Three or more offenses within any period of time.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	<p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions for crimes of violence against a person or crimes of dishonesty or fraud, "violent crime" to be defined the same way as under M.G.L. c. 140, § 121 and M.G.L. c. 127, § 133E.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Preceding Five Years	<p>The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare; and the risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of an MTC.</p>	May make a Negative Suitability Determination in accordance with 935 CMR 501.800(8)

501.803: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent

(1) 935 CMR 501.803: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent shall apply to Laboratory Agents in their capacity as employees or volunteers for an Independent Testing Laboratory licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 501.029: Registration and Conduct of Independent Testing Laboratory Agents, registered with the DCJIS pursuant to 803 CMR 2.04: iCORI Registration and the Commission for purposes of determining suitability for registration as a Laboratory Agent with the Licensee.

(2) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15(b)(5), the Commission is prohibited from issuing a registration to a Laboratory Agent who has been convicted of a felony drug offense in the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions that would be a felony drug offense in the Commonwealth.

(3) For purposes of determining suitability based on background checks performed in accordance with 935 CMR 501.803: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent:

- (a) All conditions, offenses, and violations are construed to include Massachusetts law or similar law(s) of Other Jurisdictions.
- (b) All criminal disqualifying conditions, offenses, and violations include the crimes of attempt, accessory, conspiracy, and solicitation.
- (c) Juvenile dispositions shall not be considered as a factor for determining suitability.
- (d) Where applicable, all look back periods for criminal conditions, offenses, and violations included in 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C* commence on the date of disposition; provided however, that if disposition results in incarceration in any institution, the look back period shall commence on release from incarceration.
- (e) Unless otherwise specified in 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C*, a criminal condition, offense or violation shall include both convictions, which include guilty pleas and pleas of *nolo contendere*, and dispositions resulting in continuances without a finding or other disposition constituting an admission to sufficient facts, but shall exclude other non-conviction dispositions.
- (f) All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the

procedures set forth in 935 CMR 501.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration*. In addition to the requirements established in 935 CMR 501.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration* shall:

1. Consider whether offense(s) or information that would result in a Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination under 935 CMR 501.803: *Table C* renders the subject unsuitable for registration, regardless of the determination of the Licensee; and
2. Consider appeals of determinations of unsuitability based on claims of erroneous information received as part of the background check during the application process in accordance with 803 CMR 2.17: *Requirement to Maintain a Secondary Dissemination Log* and 803 CMR 2.18: *Adverse Employment Decision Based on CORI or Other Types of Criminal History Information Received from a Source Other than the DCJIS*.

Table C: Registration as a Laboratory Agent. Shall apply solely to applicants for registration as a Laboratory Agent in accordance with 935 CMR 501.803: *Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent* at an MTC registered or licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 501.052: *Independent Testing Laboratory*, or 935 CMR 500.050: *Marijuana Establishments*.

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present (during time from start of application process through action on application or renewal.)	<p>Open/Unresolved Criminal Proceedings:</p> <p>any outstanding or unresolved criminal proceeding, the disposition of which may result in a felony conviction under the laws of the Commonwealth or a similar law in Other Jurisdictions.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Present	<p>Open/Unresolved Marijuana Business-related License Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions):</p> <p>an outstanding or unresolved violation of the regulations as included in 935 CMR 501.000: <u><i>Medical Use of Marijuana</i></u> or a similar statute or regulations in Other Jurisdictions that has either (a) remained unresolved for a period of six months or more; or (b) the nature of which would result in a determination of unsuitability for registration.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination

Present	<p>Submission of False or Misleading Information to the Commission Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Submission of information in connection with an agent application, waiver request or other Commission action that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>; or</p> <p>Making statements during or in connection with a Commission inspection or investigation that are deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tend to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Open Professional or Occupational License Cases	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions for drug offenses or trafficking crimes under M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E, or like crimes in Other Jurisdictions.	Mandatory Disqualification
Preceding Five Years	Felony Convictions or CWOFF in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions for crimes of violence against a person, "violent crime" to be defined the same way as under M.G.L. c. 140, § 121 and M.G.L. c. 127, § 133E.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Seven Years	Felony Convictions or CWOFF in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions for crimes of dishonesty or fraud.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	<p>The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare; and</p> <p>the risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of an MTC.</p>	May make a Negative Suitability Determination in accordance with 935 CMR 500.800(8)

501.820: Confidentiality

- (1) All records made or received by the Commission shall be public records and shall be available for disclosure on request pursuant to 935 CMR 501.820: Confidentiality, and 950 CMR 32.00: *Public Records Access*, except the following, which shall be exempt from disclosure to the extent permitted by law:
- (a) All records exempt from disclosure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26;
 - (b) All records to the extent that they contain "personal data" pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66, § 1;
 - (c) All records to the extent that they contain "personal information" pursuant to M.G.L. c. 93H, § 1;
 - (d) All records which contain CORI as defined by 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*;
 - (e) All records which contain CHRI as defined by 803 CMR 7.02: *Definitions*; and
 - (f) All Confidential Records as defined in 935 CMR 501.002.
- (2) The Commission shall maintain the confidentiality of all medical records including, but not limited to:
- (a) All Confidential Records and information contained in the Confidential Database, including applicants for registration as a Qualifying Patient, Personal Caregiver, Institutional Caregiver, Certifying Healthcare Provider, Card Holder; or Registered Qualifying Patients, Personal Caregivers, Institutional Caregivers, Certifying Healthcare Providers, Card Holders; and
 - (b) Other identifying patient information.
- (3) All records protected from disclosure under 935 CMR 501.820(1) or pursuant to the laws of an Other Jurisdiction may be disclosed by the Commission:
- (a) If disclosure is required pursuant to a state or federal law;
 - (b) To the individual or the individual's authorized representative, if the individual executes a written release in a form and manner determined by the Commission;
 - (c) To the Commission staff for the purpose of carrying out their official duties;
 - (d) To the Commission Delegee(s) as authorized by the Commission;
 - (e) To other government officials and agencies acting within their lawful jurisdiction, which includes, but is not limited to:
 - 1. Law enforcement personnel for the sole purpose of verifying a cardholder's registration and certification; and
 - 2. The Board of Registration in Medicine when necessary in connection with referrals to said Board concerning violations of 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana.
 - (f) To a healthcare professional who has a *Bona Fide* Healthcare Professional-patient Relationship with the Qualifying Patient to facilitate dispensing of Medical-use Marijuana;
 - (g) To an MTC or any state agency to facilitate dispensing of ~~m~~Medical-use Marijuana;
 - (h) To the Commission staff if required in the course of an administrative or a judicial proceeding; or
 - (i) If an individual or entity obtains an order from a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (4) Nothing in 935 CMR 501.820: Confidentiality shall prevent the Commission from acting in accordance with its authority.

501.830: Petitions for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations

- (1) Any interested Person may file a petition with the Commission pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 4, for the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation. Such petition shall be submitted in written and electronic form, be signed by the petitioner or petitioner's

representative, and include the following information:

- (a) The name, address, and relevant contact information for the petitioner or the petitioner's representative;
- (b) The petitioner's specific interest in the regulation;
- (c) The petitioner's request for the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation, including proposed regulatory language;
- (d) If the request is to amend an existing regulation, a copy of the existing regulation with changes clearly marked on paper and electronic copies; and
- (e) The reasons for the request including, but not limited to, citation to any relevant legal authority, arguments and evidence, including data, that supports the request.

(2) After receipt of a petition for submitted in accordance with 935 CMR 501.830: *Petitions for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations*, the Commission may consider the petition at an open meeting pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20, and determine, in its discretion, whether to take any action on or as a result of the petition. The Commission may also delegate the review of petitions to its Executive Director.

(3) Within a reasonable time, the Commission or a Commission Delegee will notify the petitioner as to its determination, if any, concerning the petition.

(4) The submission of a petition for the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation pursuant to 935 CMR 501.830(1), and any action, inaction, determination or notice by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 501.830(2) with respect thereto, shall not constitute the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation, unless or until regulations are duly promulgated by the Commission in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, *State Administrative Procedure Act*, and 950 CMR 20.00: *Preparing and Filing Regulations*.

501.840: Non-conflict with Other Laws

(1) Nothing in 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* shall be construed to limit the applicability of other law as it pertains to the rights of landlords, employers, Law Enforcement Authorities, or regulatory agencies, except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

(2) Nothing in 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*:

- (a) Allows the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of Marijuana;
- (b) Requires any health insurance provider, or any government agency or authority, to reimburse any person for the expenses of the medical use of Marijuana;
- (c) Requires any healthcare professional to authorize the use of medical Marijuana for a Qualifying Patient;
- (d) Requires any accommodation of any on site medical use of Marijuana in any place of employment, school bus or on school grounds, in any youth center, in any correctional facility, or of smoking medical Marijuana in any public place;
- (e) Supersedes Massachusetts law prohibiting the possession, cultivation, transport, distribution, or sale of Marijuana for nonmedical purposes;
- (f) Requires the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law; or
- (g) Poses an obstacle to federal enforcement of federal law.

(3) Nothing in 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* shall be construed to limit the scope of practice of a nurse practitioner pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 80I.

501.850: Waivers

(1) The Commission may delegate its authority to the Executive Director to waive a regulatory requirement promulgated under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 and M.G.L. 94I, § 7. The Executive Director may determine the form and manner of the waiver process. There can be no waiver of statutory requirements.

(2) The Commission may waive applicability of one or more of the requirements imposed by 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* on the submission of written documentation and a finding that:

- (a) Compliance would cause undue hardship to the requestor;
- (b) If applicable, the implementation of compensating features acceptable to the Commission;
- (c) The noncompliance with the regulatory requirement would not jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of any Registered Qualifying Patient or the public; and
- (d) The granting of the waiver would not constitute a waiver of any statutory requirements.

(3) Waiver of Security Requirements. Any waiver of security requirements under 935 CMR 501.820: *Confidentiality*, shall be requested under 935 CMR 501.110(2)(b).

(4) An adverse decision on a waiver request does not entitle an applicant or Licensee to a hearing or judicial review.

501.860: Notice

(1) The Commission shall maintain a list of individuals or entities that request notice.

(2) Notice shall be provided, in a time and manner to be determined by the Commission, to those individuals or entities on the list in advance for:

- (a) Meetings of the Cannabis Control Commission;
- (b) Meetings of the Cannabis Advisory Board; and
- (c) Other events determined by the Commission, in its discretion.

(3) The individual or entity is responsible for ensuring that the information provided to the Commission for the purpose of receiving notice remains current.

501.900: Severability

The provisions of 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* are severable. If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section, subsection, paragraph, or provision unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*: St. 2017, c. 55; M.G.L. c. 94G and M.G.L. c. 94I.

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500.001: Purpose

The purpose of 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana is to implement St. 2017, c. 55, An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana and M.G.L. c. 94G.

500.002: Definitions

For the purposes of 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Administrative Hold means a hold requiring temporary isolation of Marijuana or Marijuana Products by a ~~Marijuana Establishment~~ Licensee or Registrant pending further investigation.

Adult-use Cannabis or Marijuana means Marijuana that is cultivated, Processed, Transferred, tested or sold to adults 21 years of age or older pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G.

Adult-use Cannabis or Marijuana Products means ~~Cannabis~~ or Marijuana Products that are Processed, Manufactured, Transferred, tested or sold to adults 21 years of age or older pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G.

Advanced Core Curriculum means the advanced training curriculum taught by a Responsible Vendor Trainer that may be taken by Marijuana Establishment Agents after completing the Basic Core Curriculum under 935 CMR 500.105(2)(b).

Advertising means a form of marketing communication that employs a sponsored, non-personal message to sell or promote a Marijuana Establishment's Brand Name, Marijuana Establishment Branded Good, service, product or idea.

Affixed means the attachment of a label or other packaging material so that it is not easily removed or lost.

Agent Registration Card means an identification card currently and validly issued by the Commission to a Marijuana Establishment, MTC or Laboratory Agent. The Agent Registration Card allows access into Commission supported databases. The card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities of those individuals exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under M.G.L. c. 94G and 94I, and 935 CMR 500.000 and 501.000.

Area of Disproportionate Impact means a geographic area identified by the Commission for the purposes identified in M.G.L. c. 94G, 4(a½)(iv), 935 CMR 500.040: Leadership Rating Program for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana-Related Businesses and 935 CMR 500.101: Application Requirements, and which has had historically high rates of arrest, conviction, and incarceration related to Marijuana crimes.

Arming Station means a device that allows control of a security alarm system.

Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors means a contractual agreement with a third-party by which the Licensee assigns all of its assets and liabilities to such third-party in order to satisfy the Licensee's obligations to its creditors by liquidating the assets.

Basic Core Curriculum means the foundational training curriculum required of all Marijuana Establishment Agents taught by a Responsible Vendor Trainer under 935 CMR 500.105(2)(b).

Beverage means a liquid intended for drinking.

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Bona Fide Healthcare Provider Patient Relationship means a relationship between a Certifying Healthcare Provider, acting in the usual course of their professional practice, and a patient in which the healthcare provider has conducted a clinical visit, completed and documented a full assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition, has explained the potential benefits and risks of Marijuana use, and has a role in the ongoing care and treatment of the patient.

Brand Name means a brand name (alone or in conjunction with any other word), trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or any other identifiable marker associated with a Marijuana Establishment.

Brand Name Sponsorship means the payment by a Marijuana Establishment in exchange for use of a Brand Name (1) to sponsor an athletic, musical, artistic, or other social or cultural event or (2) to identify, advertise, or promote such event, or an entrant, or participant of such an event.

Cannabinoid means any of several compounds produced by Marijuana plants that have medical and psychotropic effects.

Cannabinoid Profile means the amounts, expressed as the dry-weight percentages, of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol, cannabidiol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid and cannabidiolic acid in a ~~Cannabis~~ Marijuana Product. Amounts of other Cannabinoids may be required by the Commission.

~~Cannabis or Marijuana~~ means ~~all parts of any plant of the genus Cannabis, not excepted in 935 CMR 500.002: Cannabis or Marijuana(a) through (e) and whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; and resin extracted from any part of the plant; Clones of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin including tetrahydrocannabinol as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 1; provided that Cannabis shall not include:~~

~~Cannabis or Marijuana Accessories~~ means ~~equipment, products, devices or materials of any kind that are intended or designed for use in planting, Propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, Processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing Cannabis or Marijuana into the human body.~~

Card Holder means a Registered Qualifying Patient, Personal Caregiver, Marijuana Establishment Agent, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC) Agent, or Laboratory Agent who holds a valid patient or Agent Registration Card.

Caregiver means a Personal Caregiver or Institutional Caregiver.

Caregiving Institution means a hospice program, long-term care facility, or hospital duly registered ~~formerly and validly by the DPH or~~ currently and validly by the Commission, providing care to a Registered Qualifying Patient on the premises of the facility or through a hospice program.

Cease and Desist Order means an order to stop or restrict operations, including, but not limited to, cultivation, product manufacturing, Transfer, sale, delivery, or testing, of Marijuana, Marijuana Products or Marijuana-infused Products (MIPs) by a Licensee or Registrant to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

Ceases to Operate means a Marijuana Establishment, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC) or Independent Testing Laboratory that closes and does not transact business for a period greater than 60 days with no substantial action taken to reopen. The Commission may determine that an establishment has Ceased to Operate based on its actual or apparent termination of operations.

Certificate of Licensure means the certificate issued by the Commission that confirms that an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory has met all applicable

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requirements pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, and is currently and validly licensed by the Commission. An MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory may be eligible for a provisional or final Certificate of Licensure.

Certificate of Registration means a certificate ~~formerly and validly issued by the Department of Public Health (DPH) or~~ currently and validly issued by the Commission, that confirms an ~~MTC, Independent Testing Laboratory,~~ individual or entity has met all applicable requirements pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94I and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* and is registered by the Commission. ~~An MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory may have been issued a provisional or final Certificate of Registration. After November 1, 2019, new or renewal Licenses, as applicable, may be issued to MTCs and Independent Testing Labs.~~

Certifying Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP) means a Massachusetts licensed certified nurse practitioner licensed pursuant to 244 CMR 4.00: *Advanced Practice Registered Nursing*, who certifies that in their professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for a Qualifying Patient.

Certifying Healthcare Provider means a Certifying CNP, a Certifying Physician or a Certifying Physician Assistant.

Certifying Physician means a Massachusetts licensed physician (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy) who certifies that in their professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for a Qualifying Patient.

Certifying Physician Assistant means a Massachusetts physician assistant licensed pursuant to 263 CMR 3.00: *Licensure of Individual Physician Assistants*, who certifies that in their professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for a Qualifying Patient.

~~Citizen Review Committee means a nine person advisory committee, the members of which will be appointed by the Commission or its designee and will serve two year terms. The committee advises the Commission on the implementation of the Social Equity Program and the use of community reinvestment funds. The committee makes specific recommendations as to the use of community reinvestment funds in the areas of programming, restorative justice, jail diversion, workforce development, industry specific technical assistance, and mentoring services, in areas of disproportionate impact.~~

Clinical Visit means an in-person or telehealth visit during which a Certifying Healthcare Provider establishes a Bona Fide Healthcare Provider Patient Relationship and conducts a full assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition, including the Debilitating Medical Condition, and explains the potential benefits and risks of Marijuana use. A Clinical Visit for an initial Certificate of Registration shall be performed in-person.

Clone means a clipping from a Cannabis or Marijuana plant that can be rooted and grown.

Close Associate means a Person who holds a relevant managerial, operational or financial interest in the business of an applicant or Licensee and, by virtue of that interest or power, is able to exercise a significant influence over the ~~management, operations or finances~~ corporate governance of a Marijuana Establishment, an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory licensed under 935 CMR 500.000. A Close Associate is deemed to be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control.

Colocated Marijuana Operations (CMO) means an MTC operating under a License ~~or a registration~~ pursuant to 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, and a Marijuana Establishment operating under at least one License pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000 on the same Premises. Colocated Marijuana Operations pertain to

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cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses, but not any other adult-use License.

Commission means the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as established by M.G.L. c. 10, § 76, or its representatives. The Commission has authority to implement the state Marijuana laws which include, but are not limited to, St. 2016, c. 334, The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana; M.G.L. 10, § 76, M.G.L. c. 94G; M.G.L. c. 94I; 935 CMR 500.000; ~~and~~ 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*; ~~and 935 CMR 502.000: *Colocated Adult use and Medical use Marijuana Operations*.~~

Commission Delegee(s) means other state or local officials or agencies working in cooperation with the Commission by agreement, to carry out the Commission's responsibilities and to ensure compliance with the adult-use; ~~and~~ medical-use, ~~and~~ ~~colocated operations~~ laws, and any other applicable federal or state laws.

Confidential Application Materials means any electronic or written document, communication or other record pertaining to an application for licensure or registration that is required to be confidential or protected from disclosure by law which includes, but is not limited to, personally identifiable information concerning an applicant, Registrant, or Licensee; background check information or Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) as defined by 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*, or Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) as defined by 803 CMR 7.02: *Definitions*; and information that implicates security concerns.

Confidential Database means the Commission database that holds data concerning:

- (a) Qualifying Patients issued a Registration Card for medical use of Marijuana;
- (b) Healthcare professionals registered to issue Written Certifications;
- (c) MTCs;
- (d) ~~The~~ Quantity of medical-use Marijuana dispensed to a Card Holder; and
- (e) Any other pertinent information.

Confidential Information means information that is legally required to be kept confidential, or that is protected from disclosure by a legally recognized privilege. This includes, but is not limited to, M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26 and M.G.L. c. 94I, § 3.

Confidential Investigatory Materials means any electronic or written document, communication or other record pertaining to an investigation, which concerns:

- (a) A possible violation of a statute, regulation, rule, practice or procedure, or professional or industry standard, administered or enforced by the Commission;
- (b) An ongoing investigation that could alert subjects to the activities of an investigation;
- (c) Any details in witness statements, which if released create a grave risk of directly or indirectly identifying a private citizen who volunteers as a witness;
- (d) Investigative techniques the disclosure of which would prejudice the Commission's future investigative efforts or pose a risk to the public health, safety or welfare; or
- (e) The background of any person the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Confidential Records means any electronic or written record required to be kept confidential or protected from disclosure by law, which includes, but is not limited to, Confidential Application Materials, Confidential Social Equity Application Materials, Confidential Investigatory Materials, and Protected Patient Records (as defined in 935 CMR 501.002: *Protected Patient Records*).

Confidential Social Equity Application Materials means any electronic or written document, communication or other record pertaining to an application for the Social Equity Program that is required to be confidential or protected from disclosure by law which includes, but is not limited to, CORI as defined by 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*, or CHRI as defined in 803 CMR 7.02: *Definitions*.

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Consumer means a person who is 21 years of age or older.

Court Appointee shall mean a person or entity appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction to exercise court oversight with respect to the property, assets, management, or operations of a Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee, including, without limitation, a receiver, custodian, guardian, trustee, and executor or administrator of estate. This could include a person or entity preapproved or recommended by the Commission or its delegee appointed by the court.

Court Supervised Proceeding shall mean a proceeding where a court of competent jurisdiction supervises the property, assets, management, or operations of a Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee through a Court Appointee.

Craft Marijuana Cooperative means a Marijuana Cultivator comprised of residents of the Commonwealth and organized as a limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or cooperative corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth. A cooperative is licensed to cultivate, obtain, Manufacture, Process, package, brand and Transfer Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Marijuana Establishments, but not to Consumers.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) shall have the same meaning as defined by 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*.

Cultivation Batch means a collection of Cannabis or Marijuana plants from the same seed or plant stock that are cultivated and harvested together, and receive an identical Propagation and cultivation treatment including, but not limited to: growing media, ambient conditions, watering and light regimes and agricultural or hydroponic inputs. Clones that come from the same plant are one batch. The Licensee shall assign and record a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier to each Cultivation Batch for the purposes of production tracking, product labeling and product recalls.

Debilitating means causing weakness, cachexia, wasting syndrome, intractable pain, or nausea, or impairing strength or ability, and progressing to such an extent that one or more of a patient's major life activities is substantially limited.

Debilitating Medical Condition means cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, and multiple sclerosis (MS), when such diseases are debilitating, and other debilitating conditions as determined in writing by a Qualifying Patient's healthcare provider.

Delivery Agreement means a contract between a licensed ~~Marijuana Retailer~~ Marijuana Establishment and a ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee Delivery License holder or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement to deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products from the ~~Marijuana Retailer~~ Marijuana Establishment directly to Consumers and as permitted, Marijuana Couriers to Patients and Caregivers, under the provisions of a Delivery License.

Delivery Endorsement means authorization granted to Licensees in categories of Marijuana Establishments identified by the Commission to perform deliveries directly from the establishment to Consumers.

Delivery Items means Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods.

Delivery-only Delivery Licensee means an entity that is authorized to deliver Marijuana and Marijuana Products directly to Consumers and as permitted, Limited Delivery Licensee Marijuana Couriers to Patients and Caregivers, ~~from a~~

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~~Marijuana Retailer or Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from an MTC~~

Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) means the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, unless otherwise specified. MDAR has jurisdiction over Hemp and Pesticides.

Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) means the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services, unless otherwise specified. DCJIS shall have the same meaning as it is defined in 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*.

Department of Public Health (DPH) means the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, unless otherwise specified. DPH is the agency that administered the Medical Use of Marijuana Program prior to 2019.

Department of Revenue (DOR) means the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, unless otherwise specified.

Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) means the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance, unless otherwise specified.

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant means an applicant who, ~~as an entity or through an individual certified by the Commission in 2018, demonstrated~~ meets and continues to ~~meet demonstrate~~ three or more of the following six criteria, at least one of which shall be a majority-equity-ownership criterion:

1. Majority-Equity-Ownership Criteria:

- a. A majority (more than 50%) of ownership belongs to people who have lived for five of the preceding ten years in an Area of Disproportionate Impact, as determined by the Commission.
- b. A majority (more than 50%) of ownership has held one or more previous positions where the primary population served were disproportionately impacted, or where primary responsibilities included economic education, resource provision or empowerment to disproportionately impacted individuals or communities.
- a-c. A majority (more than 50%) of the ownership is made up of individuals from Black, African American, Hispanic or Latino descent.

2. Additional Criteria:-

- ~~b-a.~~ At least 51% of current employees or subcontractors reside in Areas of Disproportionate Impact and by the first day of business, the ratio will meet or exceed 75%.
- ~~e-b.~~ At least 51% of employees or subcontractors have drug-related CORI and are otherwise legally employable in Cannabis enterprises.
- ~~d-c.~~ Other significant articulable demonstration of past experience in or business practices that promote economic empowerment in Areas of Disproportionate Impact.

This applicant has priority for the purposes of the review of its license application.

~~Edible Cannabis Products, Edible Marijuana Products, or Edibles~~ means a Cannabis ~~or~~ Marijuana Product that is to be consumed by humans by eating or drinking. These products, when created or sold by a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC, shall not be considered a food or a drug as defined in M.G.L. c. 94, § 1.

Electronic Certification means a document signed or executed electronically by a Certifying Healthcare Provider, stating that in the healthcare professional's professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the Qualifying Patient. Such certification shall be made only in the course of a *Bona Fide* Healthcare Provider-Patient Relationship and shall specify the Qualifying Patient's Debilitating Medical Condition. Electronic

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Certifications, on submission by a Certifying Healthcare Provider to the Commission, shall automatically generate a temporary registration.

Enclosed Area means an indoor or outdoor area equipped with locks or other security devices, which is accessible only to Consumers, Marijuana Establishment Agents, Registered Qualifying Patients, or Caregivers.

Equity Holder means a person or entity that holds, or ~~will~~ may hold as a result of one or more of the following, including, without limitation, vesting, conversion, exercising an option, a right of first refusal, or any agreement that would trigger an automatic transfer of or conversion to equity, any amount of equity in a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC.

Executive means members of the board of directors, ~~chief~~ executive officers, executive director, ~~manager, president, and any other officer, or their equivalent,~~ of the a Marijuana Establishment, MTC, or Independent Testing Laboratory.

Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) means the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, unless otherwise specified.

Existing Licensee Transporter means an entity that is otherwise licensed by the Commission and also licensed to purchase, obtain, and possess Marijuana or Marijuana Products solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution on behalf of other Marijuana Establishments or MTCs to other establishments, but not to Consumers.

Expedited Applicant means an applicant for a Marijuana Microbusiness, Marijuana Craft Cooperative, Independent Testing Laboratory, or Outdoor Marijuana Cultivator license; a Social Equity Participant; a minority-, woman-, and/or veteran-owned business; eligible for expedited review prior to other General Applicants.

Fingerprint-based Background Check Trust Fund means a fund established under M.G.L. c. 29, § 2HHH, in which fees for fingerprint background checks are deposited.

Finished Marijuana means Usable Marijuana, Cannabis resin or Cannabis concentrate.

Finished Marijuana Product means a Marijuana Product that is completely manufactured and ready for retail sale and shall include Finished Marijuana that has been separated into individual packages or containers- for sale.

Flowering means the gametophytic or reproductive state of Cannabis or Marijuana in which the plant produces flowers, trichomes, and Cannabinoids characteristic of Marijuana.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

General Applicant means an applicant that has not been certified as an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant or an MTC Priority Applicant; and is not eligible to be an Expedited Applicant.

Greenhouse means a structure or thermally isolated Enclosed Area of a building that maintains a specialized sunlit environment used for and essential to the cultivation, protection or maintenance of plants.~~an Enclosed Area where Cannabis or Marijuana plants are cultivated that has been inspected by the Commission and determined to be a Greenhouse.~~

Hardship Cultivation Registration means a registration issued to a Registered Qualifying Patient under the requirements of 935 CMR 501.027: *Hardship*

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Cultivation Registration.

Healthcare Clinician or Provider means a Certifying Physician, Certifying Certified Nurse Practitioner or Certifying Physician's Assistant qualified under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, to issue Written Certifications for the medical use of Marijuana.

Hemp means the plant of the genus *Cannabis* or any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed 0.3% on a dry weight basis of any part of the plant of the genus *Cannabis*, or per volume or weight of ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana Product, or the combined percent of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant of the genus *Cannabis*, regardless of moisture content. MDAR has jurisdiction over Hemp.

Holdup Alarm means a silent alarm signal generated by the manual activation of a device that signals a robbery in progress.

Horticultural Lighting Equipment (HLE) means any lighting equipment (*e.g.*, fixtures, bulbs, ballasts, controls, *etc.*) that uses energy for the cultivation of plants, at any stage of growth (*e.g.*, germination, cloning/Mother Plants, Propagation, Vegetation, Flowering, and harvest).

Horticulture Lighting Square Footage (HLSF) means ~~Canopy an area to be calculated in square feet and measured using clearly identifiable boundaries of all areas(s) that will contain mature plants at any point in time, at any stage of growth, including all of the space(s) within the boundaries. HLSF may be noncontiguous, but each unique area included in the total HLSF calculations shall be separated by an identifiable boundary which includes, but is not limited to: interior walls, shelves, Greenhouse walls, hoop house walls, garden benches, hedge rows, fencing, garden beds, or garden plots. If plants are being cultivated using a shelving system, the surface area of each level shall be included in the total HLSF calculation.~~

Host Community means a municipality in which a Marijuana Establishment or Independent Testing Laboratory is located or in which an applicant has proposed locating an establishment.

Immature Plant means a rooted plant in the Vegetation stage of development that is no taller than eight inches, no wider than eight inches, and is in a growing/cultivating container.

Immediate Family Member means a spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, including in-laws.

Impassible Barrier means, for the purposes of determining the 500 foot buffer zone, a highway, public or private way or path, inaccessible structure, body of water, or other obstruction that renders any part of the 500-foot straight-line distance between a Marijuana Establishment Entrance and a School Entrance inaccessible by a pedestrian or automobile.

Independent Testing Laboratory means a laboratory that is licensed or registered by the Commission and is:

- (a) Currently and validly licensed under 935 CMR 500.101, or formerly and validly registered by the Commission;
- (b) Accredited to ISO 17025:2017 or the *International Organization for Standardization* 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Accrediting Cooperation mutual recognition arrangement or that is otherwise approved by the Commission;
- (c) Independent financially from any MTC Marijuana Establishment or Licensee; and
- (d) Qualified to test Marijuana and Marijuana Products, including MIPs, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34; M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15; 935 CMR 500.000;

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and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*; and Commission protocol(s).

Individual Order means a delineated amount of ~~Finished Marijuana or~~ Marijuana Products to be delivered by a ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery License Holder or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement to an individual Consumer and as permitted, a Marijuana Courier to a Patient or Caregiver, and not to exceed the individual possession amount limits as determined by statute.

Informed Consent means the consent obtained by a Research Licensee from potential participants in a research project that explains to potential participants the risks and potential benefits of a study, and the rights and responsibilities of the parties involved.

Informed Consent Form means the document provided to potential participants in a research project that explains to potential participants the risks and potential benefits of a study, and the rights and responsibilities of the parties involved.

Institutional Caregiver means an employee of a hospice program, long-term care facility, or hospital providing care to a Registered Qualifying Patient on the Premises of a long-term care facility, hospital or through a hospice program.

Institutional Review Board means a specifically constituted administrative body established or designated by a Marijuana Research Facility to review and oversee the design and methods of a research project and, where human or animal subject are a component of the research, to protect the rights and welfare of persons - recruited to participate in research.

Known Allergen means milk, egg, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, and soybeans, or such other allergen identified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ~~Commission~~.

Laboratory Agent means an employee of an Independent Testing Laboratory registered in accordance with 935 CMR 500.029, who transports, possesses or tests Cannabis or Marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.000.

Law Enforcement Authorities means local law enforcement including, but not limited to, the local police and fire departments within the municipality where the Licensee is sited, unless otherwise indicated.

License means the certificate issued by the Commission that confirms that a Marijuana Establishment or an Independent Testing Laboratory has met all applicable requirements pursuant to St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000. A Marijuana Establishment or Independent Testing Laboratory may hold a provisional or final License.

Licensee means a person or entity on the application and licensed by the Commission to operate a Marijuana Establishment or Independent Testing Laboratory under St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000. Any person or entity that solely provides initial capital to establish or operate the establishment and to whom, in return for the initial capital, requires only repayment of the loan and does not have any ownership or direct or indirect authority to control the Marijuana Establishment or Independent Testing Laboratory, will not be a Licensee.

Life-Limiting Illness means a Debilitating Medical Condition that does not respond to curative treatments, where reasonable estimates of prognosis suggest death may occur within two years.

Lighting Power Density (HLPD) means a measure of total watts of Horticultural Lighting Equipment per total Horticulture Lighting Square Footage, (HLE / HLSF = HLPD) expressed as number of watts per square foot.

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Limitation on Sales means a limitation on the sales of Marijuana or Marijuana Products by a Marijuana Establishment Licensee or Registrant arising from the regulations and until substantial compliance by a Licensee or Registrant with a law, regulation, guidance or other requirement for licensure or registration.

Limited Access Area means an indoor or outdoor area on the Premises of a Marijuana Establishment where Marijuana or Marijuana Products, or their byproducts are cultivated, stored, weighed, packaged, Processed, or disposed, under the control of a Marijuana Establishment, with access limited to only those Marijuana Establishment or Laboratory Agents designated by the Establishment after receipt of a Final License.

Local Authorities means local municipal authorities unless otherwise indicated.

Manufacture means to compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana Product.

Marijuana (or Cannabis) means all parts of any plant of the *genus Cannabis*, not excepted in 935 CMR 500.002: ~~Cannabis or Marijuana~~ (a) through (c) and whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; and resin extracted from any part of the plant; Clones of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin including tetrahydrocannabinol as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 1; provided that Cannabis shall not include:

- (a) the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature stalks, fiber, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant or the sterilized seed of the plant that is incapable of germination;
- (b) Hemp; or
- (c) the weight of any other ingredient combined with Cannabis or Marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or other products.

Marijuana Accessories (or Cannabis Accessories) means equipment, products, devices or materials of any kind that are intended or designed for use in planting, Propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, Manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, Processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, Repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing Cannabis or Marijuana into the human body.

Marijuana Courier means an entity licensed to deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Branded Goods directly to Consumers from a Marijuana Retailer, or directly to Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from an MTC, but is not authorized to sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products directly to Consumers, Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers and is not authorized ~~to~~ Wholesale, Warehouse, Process, Repackage, or White Label. A Marijuana Courier is an additional license type under G.L. c. 94G, § 4(b)(1) that allows for limited delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer under 935 CMR 500.002: Definitions or 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments and shall be subject to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b): Control Limitations.

Marijuana Cultivator means an entity licensed to cultivate, Process and package Marijuana, and to Transfer Marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to Consumers. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative is a type of Marijuana Cultivator.

Marijuana Delivery License Holder or Delivery License Holder means either a Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Delivery Operator Licensee.

Marijuana Delivery Operator or Delivery Operator means an entity licensed to purchase at Wholesale and Warehouse Finished Marijuana Products acquired from

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a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative, and- White Label, sell and deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Branded Goods directly to Consumers, but is not authorized to Repackage Marijuana or Marijuana Products or operate a storefront under this license. A Delivery Operator is an additional license type under G.L. c. 94G, § 4(b)(1) that allows for limited delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer under 935 CMR 500.002: Definitions or 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments and shall be subject to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b): Control Limitations.

Marijuana Establishment means a Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor or Outdoor), Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Microbusiness, Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Retailer, Marijuana Transporter, ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee, Marijuana Research Facility, Social Consumption Establishment or any other type of licensed Marijuana-related business, except a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC).

Marijuana Establishment Branded Good means a merchandise item offered for sale by a Marijuana Establishment, and identifiable as being of a particular Marijuana Establishment, distinct from those of other entities, by having the Marijuana Establishment's Brand Name. A Marijuana Establishment Branded Good does not include Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or Marijuana Accessories. It may include apparel, water bottles or other similar non-edible merchandise.

Marijuana Establishment Agent means ~~any Owner board member, director,~~ employee, Executive, ~~manager,~~ or volunteer of a Marijuana Establishment, who ~~shall be~~ 21 years of age or older. Employee includes a consultant or contractor who provides on-site services to a Marijuana Establishment related to the cultivation, harvesting, preparation, packaging, storage, testing, or dispensing of Marijuana.

Marijuana Establishment Entrance means the entrance or entrances that provides ingress and egress to Consumers, Registered Qualifying Patients and Caregivers to the Marijuana Establishment.

Marijuana-infused Product (MIP) means a Marijuana Product infused with Marijuana that is intended for use or consumption including, but not limited to, Edibles, ~~Cannabis Products~~, ointments, aerosols, oils, and Tinctures. A Marijuana-infused Product (MIP), when created or sold by a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC, shall not be considered a food or a drug as defined in M.G.L. c. 94, § 1. MIPs are a type of Marijuana Product.

Marijuana Products (or Cannabis Products) means Marijuana and its products, unless otherwise indicated. Marijuana Products includes products that have been Manufactured and contain Cannabis, Marijuana, or an extract from Cannabis or Marijuana, including concentrated forms of Marijuana and products composed of Marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including Edibles, Beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and Tinctures. Marijuana Products include Marijuana-infused Products (MIPs) defined in 935 CMR 500.002.

Marijuana Product Manufacturer means an entity licensed to obtain, Manufacture, Process and package Marijuana or Marijuana Products and to Transfer these products to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to Consumers.

Marijuana Regulation Fund means the fund established under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 14, in which fees, fines, and other monies collected by the Commission are deposited, except for fees collected by the Commission on behalf of other state agencies.

Marijuana Research Facility- means the Premises at which a Marijuana Research

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~~Facility Licensee is approved to conduct research an entity licensed to engage in~~

Marijuana Research Facility Licensee or Research Licensee means an academic institution, nonprofit corporation or domestic corporation or entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth, including a licensed Marijuana Establishment or MTC, that is licensed to conduct research.

Marijuana Retailer means an entity licensed to purchase, Repackage, White Label, and transport Marijuana~~Cannabis~~ or Marijuana Product from Marijuana Establishments and to Transfer or otherwise Transfer this product to Marijuana Establishments and to sell to Consumers. Unless licensed, retailers are prohibited from offering Marijuana or Marijuana Products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the Premises of a Marijuana Establishment.

Marijuana Transporter means an entity, not otherwise licensed by the Commission, that is licensed to possess ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana Products solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution to Marijuana Establishments or MTCs, but not to Consumers. Marijuana Transporters may be an Existing Licensee Transporter or Third-party Transporter.

Marijuana Vaporizer Device means a product containing concentrated marijuana oil that is converted into inhalable marijuana aerosolized vapors

Massachusetts Resident means a person whose primary Residence is in Massachusetts.

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC). (Formerly Known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD)), means an entity licensed under 935 CMR 501.101 that acquires, cultivates, possesses, Processes (including development of related products such as Edibles, ~~Marijuana or Marijuana Products,~~ MIPs, Tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), Repackages, transports, sells, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or administers Marijuana, products containing ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to Registered Qualifying Patients or their Personal Caregivers for medical use. Unless otherwise specified, MTC refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana for medical use.

Medical-use ~~Cannabis or~~ Marijuana (or Cannabis) means Marijuana that is cultivated, Processed, Transferred, tested or sold in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94I and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

Medical-use Marijuana or Marijuana Products means Marijuana Products that are Manufactured, Transferred, tested or sold in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

~~Medical Registration Card means an identification card issued formerly and validly by the DPH or currently and validly by the Commission, by the Medical Use of Marijuana Program, to a Registered Qualifying Patient, Personal Caregiver, Institutional Caregiver, MTC Agent or Laboratory Agent. The Medical Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, the identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under St. 2016, c. 334 as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, and M.G.L. c. 94G.~~

Microbusiness means ~~an entity-located marijuana operation~~ that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or Marijuana Product Manufacturer or both, in compliance with the operating procedures for each License and, if in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement issued by the Commission, may deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products produced at the licensed location directly to Consumers in compliance with established regulatory requirements for retail sale as it relates to delivery. A Microbusiness that is a Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase

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no more than 2,000 pounds of Marijuana per year from other Marijuana Establishments for the purpose of Marijuana Product manufacturing by the Licensee.

Mother Plant means a marijuana plant that is grown or maintained for the purpose of generating Clones, and that will not be used to produce plant material for sale to another Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.

MTC Agent means any Owner, employee, Executive, or volunteer of an MTC, who shall be 21 years of age or older. Employee includes a consultant or contractor who provides on-site services to an MTC related to the cultivation, harvesting, preparation, packaging, storage, testing, or dispensing of Marijuana or Marijuana Products for medical purposes.

MTC Priority Applicant means a ~~previously Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MTC) (previously, Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD)) certified by the Commission as an MTC Priority Applicant in 2018 upon that~~ demonstrating that it had at least a provisional Certification of Registration prior to April 1, 2018. ~~it had received a Final Certificate of Registration and is selling Marijuana or Marijuana infused Products as of the date of application; it had received a Final Certificate of Registration, but is not selling Marijuana or Marijuana infused Products as of the date of application; or it had received a Provisional Certificate of Registration, but not a Final Certificate of Registration.~~ This applicant has priority for the purposes of the review of its license application.

Mycotoxin means a secondary metabolite of a microfungus that is capable of causing death or illness in humans and other animals. For purposes of 935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000, Mycotoxin shall include aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin B2, aflatoxin G1, aflatoxin G2, and ochratoxin A.

Order to Show Cause means an order issued by the Commission or Commission Delegee on a determination that there are grounds to suspend or revoke a License or registration.

Other Jurisdiction means the United States, another state, or foreign jurisdiction, or a military, territorial or Native American tribal authority.

Outdoor Cultivation shall mean the cultivation of mature Cannabis without the use of artificial lighting in the Canopy area at any point in time. Artificial lighting is permissible only to maintain immature or vegetative Mother Plants.

Owner means any Equity Holder that possesses 10% equity or more in a Marijuana Establishment, MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory.

Panic Alarm means an audible security alarm signal generated by the manual activation of a device that signals a life threatening or emergency situation and calls for a law enforcement response.

Paraphernalia means "drug paraphernalia" as defined in M.G.L. c. 94C, § 1.

Patient Registration Card means ~~a Registration Card formerly and validly issued by DPH or~~ a temporary or an annual Registration Card currently and validly issued by the Commission; to a Registered Qualifying Patient. The Patient Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities, of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000 through Commission-supported databases. A Temporary Patient Registration issued to a Qualifying Patient shall be deemed a Registration Card.

Person means an individual or entity under the laws of the Commonwealth.

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Personal Caregiver means a person, registered by the Commission, who ~~shall be~~ 21 years of age or older, who has agreed to assist with a Registered Qualifying Patient's medical use of Marijuana, and is not the Registered Qualifying Patient's Certifying Healthcare Provider. A visiting nurse, personal care attendant, or home health aide providing care to a Registered Qualifying Patient may serve as a Personal Caregiver, including as a second Personal Caregiver ~~including~~ to patients younger than 18 years old.

Personal Caregiver Registration Card means ~~a Registration Card formerly and validly issued by the DPH or~~ a temporary or an annual Registration Card currently and validly issued by the Commission to a Personal Caregiver. The Registration Card allows access into Commission supported databases. The Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000. A temporary registration issued to a Personal Caregiver shall be deemed a Registration Card.

Persons or Entities Having Direct Control means any person or entity having direct control over the operations of a Marijuana Establishment, which satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) An Owner that possesses a financial interest in the form of equity of 10% or greater in a Marijuana Establishment;
- (b) A Person or Entity that possesses a voting interest of 10% or greater in a Marijuana Establishment or a right to veto significant events;
- (c) A Close Associate;
- (d) A Person or Entity that has the right to control or authority, through contract or otherwise including, but not limited to:
 1. To make decisions regarding operations and strategic planning, capital allocations, acquisitions and divestments;
 - ~~2.~~ 2. To appoint more than 50% of the directors or their equivalent;
 - ~~3.~~ 3. To appoint or remove Corporate-level officers or their equivalent;
 - ~~4.~~ 4. To make major marketing, production, and financial decisions;
 - ~~5.~~ 5. To execute significant (in aggregate of \$10,000 or greater) or exclusive contracts; or
 6. To earn 10% or more of the profits or collect more than 10% of the dividends;
- (e) A Court Appointee or assignee pursuant to an agreement for a general assignment or assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (f) A Third-party Technology Platform Provider that possesses any financial interest in a Delivery License, including but not limited to, a Delivery Agreement or other agreement for services.

Persons or Entities Having Indirect Control means any person or entity having indirect control over operations of a Marijuana Establishment. It specifically includes ~~any person with a controlling interest in persons or entities having control over~~ an indirect holding or parent company of the applicant, and the chief executive officer and executive director of those companies, or any person or entity in a position indirectly to control the decision-making of a Marijuana Establishment.

Pesticide means a substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest, and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant; provided that Pesticide shall not include any article that is a "new animal drug" within the meaning of § 201(v) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 321(v)), or that has been determined by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services not to be a new animal drug by a regulation establishing conditions of use for the article, or that is an animal feed within the meaning of § 201(w) of such act (21 U.S.C. § 321(w)).

Preapproved Court Appointee means a person or entity preapproved by the

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Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.104(3)(c) to serve as a Court Appointee over a Licensee or its delegee which may be recommended to a court of competent jurisdiction.

Pre-certification Application means an application reviewed by the Commission for pre-certification prior to provisional licensure. The Pre-certification Application may be available in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Pre-verification means the process of a Marijuana Retailer examining the identification presented by an individual Consumer to confirm that the identification is valid and matches the individual presenting it and collecting the information required by 935 CMR 500.000 prior to that Consumer being able to receive deliveries of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to the Consumer's Residence. A Marijuana Retailer ~~may shall~~ not acquire or record personal information about Consumers other than information typically required in a retail transaction.

Premises means any indoor or outdoor location over which a Marijuana Establishment or Independent Testing Laboratory or its agents may lawfully exert substantial supervision or control over entry or access to the property or the conduct of persons.

Priority Applicant means an MTC Priority Applicant (formerly a Registered Marijuana Dispensary or RMD Priority Applicant) or an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant.

Process or Processing means to harvest, dry, cure, trim and separate parts of the Cannabis or Marijuana plant by manual or mechanical means, except it shall not include Manufacture as defined in 935 CMR 500.002: ~~Manufacture.~~

Product Database means a Commission-operated technology platform displaying information about Marijuana Products produced by licensed Marijuana Product Manufacturers and sold by licensed Marijuana Retailer pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000 or sold by a Delivery Operator.

Production Area means a Limited Access Area within the Marijuana Establishment where Cannabis or Marijuana is handled or produced in preparation for sale.

Production Batch means a batch of finished plant material, Cannabis resin, Cannabis concentrate, or Marijuana-infused Product made at the same time, using the same methods, equipment and ingredients. The Licensee shall assign and record a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier to each Production Batch for the purposes of production tracking, product labeling and product recalls. All Production Batches shall be traceable to one or more Cannabis or Marijuana Cultivation Batches.

Program Transfer means the transfer of the medical use of Marijuana program pursuant to St. 2017, c. 55, §§ 64 through 71, and 82, and M.G.L. c. 94I.

Propagation means the reproduction of Cannabis or Marijuana plants by seeds, cuttings, or grafting.

Protected Patient Records means any document, record or electronic or written communication related to their care provided by a medical-use Marijuana Licensee or establishment or by a Certifying Healthcare Provider that is required to be confidential or protected from disclosure by law.

Provisional Marijuana Establishment License means a License issued by the Commission confirming that a Marijuana Establishment has completed the application process and satisfied the qualifications for initial licensure

Qualifying Patient means (i) a Massachusetts Resident or a non-Massachusetts

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Resident receiving end-of-life or palliative care or cancer treatment in Massachusetts as determined by a Certifying Healthcare Provider, who is 18 years of age or older who has been diagnosed by a Certifying Healthcare Provider as having a Debilitating Medical Condition; or (ii) a Massachusetts Resident, or a non-Massachusetts Resident receiving end-of-life or palliative care or cancer treatment in Massachusetts as determined by a Certifying Healthcare Provider, who is younger than 18 years old who has been diagnosed by two Massachusetts licensed Certifying Physicians, at least one of whom is a board-certified pediatrician, or board-certified pediatric subspecialist, oncologist, neurologist, or family physician as having a Debilitating Medical Condition that is also a Life-limiting Illness, subject to 935 CMR 501.010(10).

Quality Control Sample means a sample of Marijuana or Marijuana Product developed by a Marijuana Cultivator, a Marijuana Product Manufacturer, a Microbusiness, or a Craft Marijuana Cooperative that is provided internally to employees for purposes of ensuring product quality and making determinations about whether to sell the Marijuana or Marijuana Product.

Quarantine Order means an order to quarantine or otherwise restrict the sales or use of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, or MIPs by a Licensee or Registrant to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

Registered Qualifying Patient means a Qualifying Patient who ~~was formerly and validly issued a Registration Card by the DPH or~~ is currently and validly issued a temporary or an annual Registration Card by the Commission.

Registrant means the holder of a Registration Card ~~formerly and validly registered with the DPH or~~ currently and validly registered with the Commission. ~~It also means an RMD holder of Certificate of Registration formally and validly registered with the DPH or the Commission. After November 1, 2019, new and renewal MTC Licenses, as applicable, may be issued.~~

Registration Card means an identification card ~~formerly and validly issued by the DPH or~~ currently and validly issued by the Commission, to a Registered Qualifying Patient, Personal Caregiver, Institutional Caregiver, Marijuana Establishment or Laboratory Agent. The Registration Card allows access into Commission supported databases. The Registration Card facilitates verification of an individual Registrant's status including, but not limited to, the identification by the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000.

Removal of Product means an order issued against a Marijuana Establishment to remove and prohibit sales of categories of products, product types, specific product types or specific brands of products after notice and on a determination that the Marijuana or Marijuana Product poses a substantial risk to the public health, safety or welfare including, but not limited to, when the product is especially appealing to persons younger than 21 years old.

Repackage means to uniformly wrap or seal Marijuana that has already been wrapped or sealed, into a ready-made product for retail sale, without combining, infusing, or changing the chemical composition of the Marijuana.

~~Research Facility means an entity licensed to engage in research projects by the Commission.~~

Residence means a house, condominium or apartment, and excludes, unless otherwise authorized by law, dormitories or other on-campus college or university housing; bed-and-breakfast establishments, hotels, motels or other commercial hospitality operations; and federal public housing identified at <https://resources.hud.gov/>, shelters or residential programs.

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Residual Solvent means a volatile organic chemical used in the Manufacture of a ~~Cannabis~~ or Marijuana Product that is not completely removed by practical manufacturing techniques.

Responsible Vendor means a Marijuana Establishment that the Commission has determined to have completed the initial training requirements and has maintained its training requirement under 935 CMR 500.105(2).

Responsible Vendor Trainer means an independent business entity certified by the Commission to provide Responsible Vendor Training Program courses. No owner, manager, or employee of a Responsible Vendor Trainer may be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control of a Marijuana Establishment.

Responsible Vendor Training (RVT) Program means a mandatory program ~~operated by an education provider accredited by the Commission to provide that~~ provides training courses taught by a Responsible Vendor Trainer for Marijuana Establishment Agents in order to satisfy the minimum training of three hours of required training to Marijuana Establishment Agents under 935 CMR 500.105(2). ~~The program shall be mandatory and the topics covered shall include, but not be limited to: an understanding of different products and methods of consumption including Edibles; potency; effects; secondhand absorption time; procedures to ensure that Consumers are not overserved; procedures for mitigating the risk of an impaired Consumer and ensuring the safety of patrons and the general public in the event of impairment.~~

School Entrance means the entrance(s) that provide ingress and egress to students of the pre-existing public or private or private school providing education in kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12 at the time of the newspaper publication of the proposed Marijuana Establishment's community outreach meeting under 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)9.a..

SDO means the Supplier Diversity Office of the Massachusetts Operational Services Division (OSD).

Second Confirmatory Test means a second full panel of tests performed for reanalysis of a sample of Marijuana or Marijuana Products that failed an initial test for contaminants.

Seed-to-sale Electronic Tracking System means a system designated by the Commission as the system of record (Seed-to-sale SOR) or a secondary electronic tracking system used by a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC or an Independent Testing Laboratory. This system shall capture everything that happens to an individual Marijuana plant, from seed and cultivation, through growth, harvest and Manufacture of Marijuana Products and MIPs, including transportation, if any, to final sale of finished products. Seed-to-sale Electronic Tracking System shall utilize a unique-plant identification and unique-batch identification. It will also be able to track agents' and Registrants' involvement with the Marijuana Product. Any secondary system used by the Marijuana Establishment or an MTC or an Independent Testing Laboratory ~~must~~ shall integrate with the SOR in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Seed-to-sale System of Record (Seed-to-sale SOR) means the electronic tracking system designated and required by the Commission to perform a process.

Shelf-stable means able to be safely stored at room temperature in a sealed container. Shelf-stable does not include "Time/Temperature Controlled for Safety Food" as it is defined in the 2013 Food Code as adopted under 105 CMR 590.001(A).

Small Business means, for the purposes of 935 CMR 500.005(1)(b), an applicant or Licensee that (i) currently employs a combined total of 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees in all locations or employees work less than a combined total

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of 2,600 hours per quarter; and (ii) has gross revenues of \$45 million or less, as reported to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue the year prior to the date of the Licensee's initial or renewal application or as otherwise demonstrated in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Social Consumption Establishment means an entity licensed to sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products and allow Consumers to consume Marijuana or Marijuana Products solely on its Premises.

Social Consumption Pilot Program means a limited number of Social Consumption Establishments, specifically Social Consumption Establishments, in certified municipalities.

Social Equity Program Participant means an individual who qualified to participate in the Social Equity Program and is designated as a program participant by the Commission.

Substantial Modification means a material change to a term of a contract that a reasonable person would understand alters the relationship between the parties. A Substantial Modification shall include, but is not limited to, shifting responsibility for the performance of a contract term or increasing or decreasing the amount of consideration being paid for performance of the contract above an amount that is de minimis.

Summary Suspension means the suspension of any license or registration issued under 935 CMR 500.000, and the cessation of all operations in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Temporary Patient Registration means an interim registration document for patients and their Personal Caregivers generated automatically upon the Commission's receipt of a Certifying Healthcare Provider's Electronic Certification. The temporary registration document shall constitute a Registration Card for patients and their Personal Caregivers to access an MTC. Temporary registration shall expire 14 days after the Commission issues the Registration Card or on the issuance and receipt of an annual Registration Card, whichever occurs first.

Third-party Technology Platform Provider means an individual or entity that provides or hosts an internet-based application or group of applications developed for the facilitation of ordering and delivering ~~Cannabis through a Delivery-only Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement to a Consumer.~~ Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Branded Goods for delivery by a Delivery License Holder or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement to a Consumer. A Third-party Technology Platform Provider with a financial interest in a Delivery License shall be considered a Person or Entity Having Direct Control.

Tincture means a Cannabis-infused alcohol or oils concentrate administered orally in small amounts using a dropper or measuring spoon. Tinctures are not considered an Edibles ~~Marijuana Product~~ under 935 CMR 500.000 and are not subject to the dosing limitations applicable to Edible ~~Marijuana Products~~.

Transfer means the sale of Marijuana or Marijuana Products from a Marijuana Establishment to a separate Marijuana Establishment, Independent Testing Laboratory or MTC (but not to Consumers) subject to entry of the transaction in the Commission's Seed-to-sale SOR.

United States (US) means the United States of America.

Unreasonably Impracticable means that the measures necessary to comply with the regulations, ordinances or bylaws adopted pursuant to St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, 935 CMR 500.000 or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical*

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Use of Marijuana subject Licensees to unreasonable risk or require such a high investment of risk, money, time or any other resource or asset that a reasonably prudent businessperson would not operate a Marijuana Establishment.

Usable Marijuana means the fresh or dried leaves and flowers of the female Marijuana plant and any mixture or preparation thereof, including Marijuana, Marijuana Products or MIPs, but does not include the seedlings, seeds, stalks, roots of the plant, or Marijuana rendered unusable in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(12)(c).

Vault means a secured, limited access storage room within a Marijuana Establishment that is outfitted with adequate security features for the purposes of storing Marijuana or Marijuana Products or cash. A vault must be adequately sized to store inventory that is not being actively handled for purposes of dispensing, packaging, processing or transportation.

Vegetation means the sporophytic state of the Cannabis or Marijuana plant, which is a form of asexual reproduction in plants during which plants do not produce resin or flowers and are bulking up to a desired production size for Flowering.

Vendor Sample means a sample of Marijuana or Marijuana Product developed by a Marijuana Cultivator or a Marijuana Product Manufacturer licensed under the provisions of 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, that is provided to a Marijuana Product Manufacturer, a Marijuana Retailer or a Delivery Operator to promote product awareness.

Verified Financial Hardship means that an individual is a recipient of MassHealth, or Supplemental Security Income, or the individual's income does not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level, adjusted for family size.

Veteran means a person who served in the active military, naval or air, space service of the United States and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

Visitor means an individual, other than a Marijuana Establishment Agent or Laboratory Agent authorized by the Marijuana Establishment or Independent Testing Laboratory to be on the Premises of an Establishment for a purpose related to its operations and consistent with the objectives of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000, provided, however, that no such individual shall be younger than 21 years old.

Visitor Identification Badge means a badge issued by an MTC, Marijuana Establishment or the Commission to be used at all times while on the Premises of a Marijuana Establishment or an MTC or Independent Testing Laboratory. These identification badges ~~must~~ shall be issued in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

Waiver of Consent means the document signed by potential participants or the legal guardians of potential participants that waives one or more elements of consent.

Warehouse means an indoor structure or a portion of the structure on the licensee's Premises used by a Marijuana Establishment for the onsite storage of Marijuana and Marijuana Products in compliance with the regulatory requirements of 935 CMR 500.000 including the requirements for security, storage and disposal. For Delivery Operators, the location of the Warehouse shall be the Licensee's principle place of business in the host community.

Warehousing means the onsite storage of Marijuana and Marijuana Products that have been purchased at wholesale for eventual resale.

White Labeling means to affix a product label that includes the branding, including

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the name and logo, of a specific Marijuana Establishment Licensee to a Finished Marijuana Product that was previously produced and packaged by a licensed Product Manufacturer, Cultivator, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative for sale to Consumers. Vaporizer Devices shall not be white labeled. White labeled products shall be required to comply with 935 CMR 500.105(5): *Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products*, 935 CMR 500.105 (6): *Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products*, 935 CMR 500.130(6): *Product Database and* 935 CMR 500.146 (7): *White Labeling*.

Wholesale means the Transfer of Marijuana or Marijuana Product between Marijuana Establishments.

Wholesale Agreement means a contract between Marijuana Establishments defining the terms of Transfer of Marijuana or Marijuana Products between the Marijuana Establishments.

Written Certification means a form submitted to ~~the Department of Public Health (DPH)~~ or the Commission by a Massachusetts licensed Certifying Healthcare Provider describing the Qualifying Patient's pertinent symptoms, specifying the patient's Debilitating Medical Condition, and stating that in the physician's professional opinion the potential benefits of the medical use of Marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the patient.

14-day Supply means that amount of Marijuana, or equivalent amount of Marijuana in MIPs, that a Registered Qualifying Patient would reasonably be expected to need over a period of 14 calendar days for the Patient's personal medical use, which is 2.5 ounces, subject to 935 CMR 501.010(9), unless otherwise determined by a Certifying Healthcare Provider.

60-day Supply means that amount of Marijuana, or equivalent amount of Marijuana in MIPs, that a Registered Qualifying Patient would reasonably be expected to need over a period of 60 calendar -days for his or her personal medical use, which is ten ounces, subject to 935 CMR 501.010(9), unless otherwise determined by a Certifying Healthcare Provider.

500.003: Colocated Marijuana Operations (CMOs)

An adult-use Marijuana Cultivator, Product Manufacturer or Retailer also be registered as an MTC as defined in to 935 CMR 501.002. No other adult-use license type qualifies to be a CMO. Unless otherwise specified, CMOs shall comply with the requirements of each the adult-use and medical-use license or registration located on the Premises of the CMO.

500.005: Fees

(1) Marijuana Establishment Application and License Fees.

(a) Each applicant for licensure as a Marijuana Establishment shall pay to the Commission a nonrefundable application fee, annual license fee, and to the Seed-to-sale SOR provider, a monthly Seed-to-sale licensing fee. These fees do not include the costs associated with the Seed-to-sale licensing system, which includes a monthly program fee and fees for plant and package tags. These fees do not include the costs associated with criminal background checks as required under 935 CMR 500.030: *Registration of Marijuana Establishment Agents* or 935 CMR 500.101(1)(b)

(b) Waiver of Fees.

1. Application fees are waived for

- a. Microbusinesses;
- b. Businesses controlled by and with majority ownership comprised of Social Equity Program Participants and/or Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants; and
- c. Massachusetts Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and/or Veteran Business

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Enterprises (VBE) with valid certification from the Massachusetts Operational Services Division’s SDO and which are also considered to be Small Businesses as defined by the Commission.

This does not include the costs associated with background checks.

2. For Annual License Fees, a 50% reduction in the fee associated with an application for
 - a. Businesses controlled by and with majority ownership comprised of Social Equity Program Participants and/or Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants; ~~and~~
 - b. Massachusetts Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Veteran Business Enterprises (VBE) with valid certification from the Massachusetts Operational Services Division’s (SDO) and which are also considered to be Small Businesses as defined by the Commission receive a 50% reduction in the fee associated with an application.
3. For Annual Delivery License Fees, a 100% reduction for businesses controlled by and with majority ownership comprised of Social Equity Program Participants and/or Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants for the initial license fee payment. Upon renewal, and each year thereafter, there shall be a 50% reduction in the annual license fee for Delivery Licenses pursuant to 935 CMR 500.005(1)(b)2..
- ~~3.4.~~ Seed-to-sale SOR monthly program fees are waived for ~~Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants, Social Equity Program Participants,~~
 - a. Craft Marijuana Cooperatives; ~~and~~
 - b. Microbusinesses; ~~and~~
 - c. ~~Businesses controlled by and with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants and/or Social Equity Program Participants;~~ ~~and~~
 - d. Massachusetts Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Veteran Business Enterprises (VBE) with valid certification from the Massachusetts Operational Services Division’s SDO and which are also considered to be Small Businesses as defined by the Commission.

This waiver does not include other costs associated with the Seed-to-sale licensing system, specifically the fees for plant and package tags.

- ~~4.5.~~ All other applicants are responsible for the payment of fees in accordance with 935 CMR 500.005(a) and may not waive their obligation pursuant to 935 CMR 500.850, Waivers.
 - (c) Each applicant shall choose the tier at which it will be initially licensed.
 - (d) Application and Annual License Fee Schedule.

License Types	Application Fees (Indoor/Outdoor)	Annual License Fee (Indoor/Outdoor)
Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor or Outdoor)		
Tier 1: up to 5,000 square feet	\$200 (I)/\$100 (O)	\$1,250 (I)/\$625 (O)
Tier 2: 5,001 to 10,000 sq. ft.	\$400 (I)/\$200 (O)	\$2,500 (I)/\$1,250 (O)
Tier 3: 10,001 to 20,000 sq. ft.	\$600 (I)/\$300 (O)	\$5,000 (I)/\$2,500 (O)
Tier 4: 20,001 to 30,000 sq. ft.	\$2,000 (I)/\$1,500 (O)	\$20,000 (I)/\$10,000 (O)
Tier 5: 30,001 to 40,000 sq. ft.	\$2,000 (I)/\$1,500 (O)	\$22,500 (I)/\$11,250 (O)
Tier 6: 40,001 to 50,000 sq. ft.	\$2,000 (I)/\$1,500 (O)	\$25,000 (I)/\$12,500 (O)
Tier 7: 50,001 to 60,000 sq. ft.	\$2,000 (I)/\$1,500 (O)	\$30,000 (I)/\$15,000 (O)
Tier 8: 60,001 to 70,000 sq. ft.	\$2,000 (I)/\$1,500 (O)	\$35,000 (I)/\$17,500 (O)
Tier 9: 70,001 to 80,000 sq. ft.	\$2,000 (I)/\$1,500 (O)	\$40,000 (I)/\$20,000 (O)
Tier 10: 80,001 to 90,000 sq. ft.	\$2,000 (I)/\$1,500 (O)	\$45,000 (I)/\$22,500 (O)
Tier 11: 90,0001 to 100,000 sq. ft.	\$2,000 (I)/\$1,500 (O)	\$50,000 (I)/\$25,000 (O)

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License Types	Application Fees (Indoor/Outdoor)	Annual License Fee (Indoor/Outdoor)
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	Total fees for its Canopy. If more than six locations, add \$200 (I)/\$100(O) per additional location.	Total fees for its Canopy. If more than six locations, add \$1,250(I)/\$625(O) per additional location.
Marijuana Product Manufacturing	\$1,500	\$10,000
Marijuana Microbusiness	\$1,000	50% of all applicable license fees
Independent Testing Laboratory	\$1,500	\$10,000
Marijuana Retailer (brick-and-mortar)	\$1,500	\$10,000
Social Consumption Establishment	\$1,500	\$10,000
Marijuana Transporter: Third-party Transporter	\$1,500	\$5,000
Marijuana Transporter: Existing Licensee Transporter	\$1,000	\$5,000
Marijuana Delivery-only Licensee Courier	\$1,500	\$14,000
<u>Marijuana Delivery Operator</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement	\$500	\$5,000
Marijuana Research Facility	\$300	\$1,000
<u>Marijuana Research Permit</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

(e) Other Fees (cost per License).

Change in Name Fee	\$1,000
Change in Location Fee	50% of applicable License Fee
Change in Building Structure Fee	\$1,000
Change in Ownership or Control Fee (<i>involving at least one entity gaining ownership/control</i>)	\$5,000 per entity, per License
Change in Ownership or Control Fee (<i>involving individuals, e.g., change of Board Member</i>)	\$500 per person
Architectural Review Request Fee	\$1,500
<u>Packaging and Labeling Pre-Approval Application Fee</u>	<u>\$50 per product</u>

(2) Registration Card Holder Fees.

(a) An applicant for a Registration Card as a Marijuana Establishment Agent, a Laboratory Agent, or any other position designated as an agent by the Commission shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$1 ~~1,500~~ with any such application.

(b) An applicant for a renewal of a Registration Card as a Marijuana Establishment Agent, a Laboratory Agent, or any other position designated as an agent by the Commission shall pay a fee of \$1 ~~1,500~~.

(3) Fingerprint-based Criminal Background Checks Fees.

(a) All persons required to submit fingerprints shall pay a fee to be established by the Massachusetts Secretary of Administration and Finance, in consultation with Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety and Security and the Commission, to offset the costs of operating and administering a Fingerprint-based criminal background-check system.

(b) The Commission may pay the fee on behalf of applicants or reimburse applicants for all or part of the fee on the grounds of financial

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hardship.

(c) Any fees collected from fingerprinting activity under 935 CMR 500.000 shall be deposited into the Fingerprint-based Background Check Trust Fund, established in M.G.L. c. 29, § 2HHH.

- (4) For CMOs, an applicant or Licensee shall pay the applicable fees for each Marijuana Establishment set forth in 935 CMR 500.005: Fees and MTC set forth in 935 CMR 501.005: Fees.
- (5) Preapproved Court Appointees.
 - (a) Each applicant seeking to be Preapproved Court Appointee shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$500 for any such application.
 - (b) A Preapproved Court Appointee seeking to renew its designation shall pay a renewal fee of at least \$400.

500.029: Registration and Conduct of Laboratory Agents

- (1) The Commission shall issue a Laboratory Agent Registration Card to each applicant associated as an employee or volunteer with an Independent Testing Laboratory licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(7), or 935 CMR 501.029: *Registration of Independent Testing Laboratory Agents*, who is determined to be suitable for registration. All such individuals shall:
 - (a) Be 21 years of age or older;
 - (b) Have not been convicted of any felony drug offense in the Commonwealth or a like violation of the laws of an Other Jurisdiction;
 - (c) Have not been convicted of any offense involving the distribution of controlled substances to a minor or a like violation of the laws of an Other Jurisdiction; and
 - (d) Be determined to be suitable for registration consistent with the provisions of 935 CMR 500.800, 935 CMR 500.801 or 935 CMR 500.803.
- (2) An application for registration of a Laboratory Agent submitted to the Commission by an Independent Testing Laboratory shall include:
 - (a) The full name, date of birth, and address of the individual;
 - (b) All aliases used previously or currently in use by the individual, including maiden name, if any;
 - (c) ~~Written acknowledgment signed by the individual applicant of the limitations on his or her authorization to possess, test, transport, Transfer, and or Process Marijuana or Marijuana for Products testing purposes in the Commonwealth;~~
 - (~~e~~)(d) Written acknowledgment by the individual of the limitations on his or her authorization to possess, transport, and Process Marijuana for testing purposes in the Commonwealth;
 - (~~d~~)(e) A copy of the applicant's driver's license, government-issued identification card, liquor purchase identification card issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 34B, or other verifiable identity document acceptable to the Commission;
 - (~~e~~)(f) An attestation signed by the applicant that the applicant will not engage in the diversion of Marijuana and Marijuana Products;
 - (~~f~~) ~~Written acknowledgment signed by the applicant of any limitations on his or her authorization to possess, test or transport Marijuana Products in the Commonwealth;~~
- § 21, submitted in a form and manner as determined by the Commission; and
- (h) Background information including, as applicable:
 1. A description and the relevant dates of any criminal action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, whether for a felony or misdemeanor and which resulted in conviction, or guilty plea, or plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission of sufficient facts;
 2. A description and the relevant dates of any civil or administrative action under the laws of the Commonwealth or an Other Jurisdiction,

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relating to any professional or occupational or fraudulent practices;

3. A description and relevant dates of any past or pending denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or registration, or the denial of a renewal of a license or registration, for any type of business or profession, by Other Jurisdictions;

4. A description and relevant dates of any past discipline by, or a pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint by, the Commonwealth, or a like action or complaint by an Other Jurisdiction, with regard to any professional license or registration held by the applicant;

5. A nonrefundable application fee paid by the Independent Testing Laboratory with which the Independent Testing Laboratory Agent will be associated; and

6. Any other information required by the Commission.

(3) An Independent Testing Laboratory Person Having Direct Control registered with the Massachusetts DCJIS pursuant to 803 CMR 2.04: *iCORI Registration* shall submit to the Commission a CORI report and any other background check information required by the Commission for each individual for whom the Independent Testing Laboratory seeks a Laboratory Agent registration, obtained within 30 calendar days prior to submission.

(4) The Commission shall conduct fingerprint-based checks of state and national criminal history databases, as authorized by M.G.L. c. 94G, §§ 15 and 21 and Public Law 92-544, to determine the suitability of Laboratory Agents. As part of these checks, fingerprints are used to check the national criminal history records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Independent Testing Laboratory shall pay a nonrefundable fee ~~to~~ in a form and manner determined by the Commission for the purpose of administering the fingerprint-based background check.

(5) An Independent Testing Laboratory shall notify the Commission no more than one business day after a Laboratory Agent ceases to be associated with the Independent Testing Laboratory. The Laboratory Agent's registration shall be immediately void when the agent is no longer associated with the Independent Testing Laboratory.

(6) A Registration Card shall be valid for one year from the date of issue, and may be renewed on an annual basis on a determination by the Commission that the applicant for renewal continues to be suitable for registration based on satisfaction of the requirements included in 935CMR 500.800 and 935 CMR 500.801 or 935 CMR 500.803.

(7) After obtaining a Registration Card for a Laboratory Agent, an Independent Testing Laboratory is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, as soon as possible, but in any event, within five business days of any changes to the information that the Independent Testing Laboratory was previously required to submit to the Commission or after discovery that a Registration Card has been lost or stolen.

(8) A Laboratory Agent shall always carry the Registration Card associated with the appropriate Independent Testing Laboratory while in possession of Marijuana Products, including at all times while at an Independent Testing Laboratory, or while transporting Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

(9) A Laboratory Agent affiliated with multiple Independent Testing Laboratories shall be registered as a Laboratory Agent by each Independent Testing Laboratory and shall be issued a Registration Card for each lab.

(10) Laboratory Agents are strictly prohibited from receiving direct or indirect financial compensation from any Marijuana Establishment for which the Laboratory Agent is conducting testing, other than reasonable contract fees paid for conducting the testing in the due course of work.

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(11) Laboratory Agents ~~may shall~~ not be employed by other types of Marijuana Establishments while employed as a Laboratory Agent at one or more Independent Testing Laboratories.

500.030: Registration of Marijuana Establishment Agents

(1) A Marijuana Establishment shall apply for registration for all its ~~board members, directors,~~ employees, Owners, Executives, ~~managers,~~ and volunteers who are associated with that Marijuana Establishment. The Commission shall issue an agent Registration Card to each individual determined to be suitable for registration. All such individuals shall:

- (a) Be 21 years of age or older;
- (b) Have not been convicted of an offense in the Commonwealth involving the distribution of controlled substances to minors, or a like violation of the laws of Other Jurisdictions; and
- (c) Be determined suitable for registration consistent with the provisions of 935CMR 500.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration and 935 CMR 500.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure or 935 CMR 500.802: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Marijuana Establishment Agent.

(2) An application for registration of a Marijuana Establishment Agent shall include:

- (a) The full name, date of birth, and address of the individual;
- (b) All aliases used previously or currently in use by the individual, including maiden name, if any;
- (c) A copy of the applicant's driver's license, government-issued identification card, liquor purchase identification card issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 34B, or other verifiable identity document acceptable to the Commission;
- (d) An attestation that the individual will not engage in the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
- (e) Written acknowledgment by the applicant of any limitations on his or her authorization to cultivate, harvest, prepare, package, possess, transport, and dispense Marijuana in the Commonwealth;
- (f) Background information, including, as applicable:
 - 1. A description and the relevant dates of any criminal action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, whether for a felony or misdemeanor and which resulted in conviction, or guilty plea, or plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission of sufficient facts;
 - 2. A description and the relevant dates of any civil or administrative action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, relating to any professional or occupational or fraudulent practices;
 - 3. A description and relevant dates of any past or pending denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or registration, or the denial of a renewal of a license or registration, for any type of business or profession, by any federal, state, or local government, or any foreign jurisdiction;
 - 4. A description and relevant dates of any past discipline by, or a pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint by, the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, with regard to any professional license or registration held by the applicant; and
- (g) A nonrefundable application fee paid by the Marijuana Establishment with which the Marijuana Establishment Agent will be associated; and
- (h) Any other information required by the Commission

(3) A Marijuana Establishment Executive registered with DCJIS pursuant to 803 CMR 2.04: *iCORI Registration*, shall submit to the Commission a CORI report and any other background check information required by the Commission for each individual for whom the Marijuana Establishment seeks a Marijuana Establishment Agent registration, obtained within 30 calendar days prior to submission.

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(a) The CORI report obtained by the Marijuana Establishment shall provide information authorized under Required Access Level 2 pursuant to 803 CMR 2.05(3)(a)2.

(b) The Marijuana Establishment's collection, storage, dissemination and usage of any CORI report or background check information obtained for Marijuana Establishment Agent registrations shall comply with 803 CMR 2.00: *Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)* and all other applicable state and local laws and regulations.

(4) A Marijuana Establishment shall notify the Commission no more than one business day after a Marijuana Establishment Agent ceases to be associated with the establishment. The registration shall be immediately void when the agent is no longer associated with the establishment.

(5) An agent Registration Card shall be valid for one year from the date of issue and may be renewed thereafter on a tri-annual basis on a determination by the Commission that the applicant for renewal continues to be suitable for registration.

(6) After obtaining a Registration Card for a Marijuana Establishment Agent, a Marijuana Establishment is responsible for notifying the Commission, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, as soon as possible, but in any event, within five business days of any changes to the information that the establishment was previously required to submit to the Commission or after discovery that a Registration Card has been lost or stolen.

(7) A Marijuana Establishment Agent shall always carry a Registration Card associated with the appropriate Marijuana Establishment while in possession of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, including at all times while at the establishment or while transporting Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

(8) A Marijuana Establishment Agent affiliated with multiple Marijuana Establishments shall be registered as a Marijuana Establishment Agent by each Marijuana Establishment and shall be issued an agent Registration Card for each establishment.

(9) An Agent working in a CMO may only perform tasks and duties permitted by the license under which they are registered and may only perform both medical- and adult-use tasks and duties if registered under both 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* and 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

500.031 ~~_____~~: Denial of a Marijuana Establishment Agent Registration Card

Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for denial of an agent Registration Card for a Marijuana Establishment Agent, including Laboratory Agents:

(1) Failure to provide the information required in 935 CMR 500.029: *Registration and Conduct of Laboratory Agents* or 935 CMR 500.030: *Registration of Marijuana Establishment Agents* for an agent Registration Card;

(2) Provision of information on the application that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure;

(3) Failure to meet the requirements set forth in 935 CMR 500.029: *Registration and Conduct of Laboratory Agents* or 935 CMR 500.030: *Registration of Marijuana Agents* for an agent Registration Card;

(4) Revocation or suspension of an agent Registration Card in the previous six months;

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- (5) Failure by the Marijuana Establishment to pay all applicable fees; or
- (6) Other grounds, as the Commission may determine in the exercise of its discretion, that are directly related to the applicant's ability to serve as a Marijuana Establishment Agent, or that make the applicant unsuitable for registration; however, the Commission will provide notice to the applicant of the grounds prior to the denial of the agent Registration Card and a reasonable opportunity to correct these grounds.
 - (a) The Commission may delegate Registrants' suitability determinations to the Executive Director, who may appoint a Suitability Review Committee, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration*. Suitability determinations shall be based on credible and reliable information.
 - (b) The Executive Director may institute a suitability review based on a recommendation from Enforcement staff that background check information would result in or could support an adverse suitability determination. All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration*.

500.032: Revocation of a Marijuana Establishment Agent Registration Card

- (1) Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for revocation of an agent Registration Card issued to a Marijuana Establishment Agent, including Laboratory Agents:
 - (a) Submission of information in the application or renewal application that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure;
 - (b) Violation of the requirements of the state Marijuana laws, including 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*;
 - (c) Fraudulent use of a Marijuana Establishment Agent Registration Card including, but not limited to, tampering, falsifying, altering, modifying, duplicating, or allowing another person to use, tamper, falsify, alter, modify, or duplicate an agent Registration Card;
 - (d) Selling, Transferring, distributing, or giving Marijuana to any unauthorized person;
 - (e) Failure to notify the Commission within five business days after becoming aware that the agent Registration Card has been lost, stolen, or destroyed;
 - (f) Failure to notify the Commission within five business days after a change in the registration information contained in the application or required by the Commission to have been submitted in connection with the application an agent Registration Card, including open investigations or pending actions as delineated in 935 CMR 500.802: *Suitability Standard for Registration as a Marijuana Establishment Agent*, as applicable, that may otherwise affect the status of the suitability for registration of the Marijuana Establishment Agent;
 - (g) Conviction, guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission to sufficient facts of a felony drug offense involving distribution to a minor in the Commonwealth, or a like violation of the laws of an Other Jurisdiction; or
 - (h) Conviction, guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere* or admission to sufficient facts in the Commonwealth, or a like violation of the laws of another state, to an offense as delineated in 935 CMR 500.802: *Suitability Standard for Registration as a Marijuana Establishment Agent* or 935 CMR 500.803: *Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent*, as applicable, that may otherwise affect the status of the suitability for registration of the Marijuana Establishment Agent.
- (2) In addition to the grounds in 935 CMR 501.032(1), a conviction of a felony drug offense in the Commonwealth, or a like violation of the laws of an Other Jurisdiction shall be adequate grounds for the revocation of a Marijuana

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Establishment Agent Registration Card.

(3) Other grounds as the Commission may determine in the exercise of its discretion, that are directly related to the applicant's ability to serve as a Marijuana Establishment Agent, that make the Registrant unsuitable for registration. The Commission will provide notice to the Registrant of the grounds prior to the revocation of an agent Registration Card and a reasonable opportunity to correct these grounds.

(a) The Commission may delegate Registrants' suitability determinations to the Executive Director, who may appoint a Suitability Review Committee, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration. Suitability determinations shall be based on credible and reliable information.

(b) The Executive Director may institute a suitability review based on a recommendation from Enforcement staff that background check information would result in or could support an adverse suitability determination. All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration.

500.033: Void Registration Cards

(1) An agent Registration Card issued to a Marijuana Establishment Agent, including a Laboratory Agent, shall be void when:

- (a) The agent has ceased to be associated with the Marijuana Establishment or Independent Testing Laboratory that applied for and received the agent's Registration Card;
- (b) The card has not been surrendered on the issuance of a new agent Registration Card based on new information; or
- (c) The agent is deceased.

(2) A void agent Registration Card is inactive and invalid.

500.040: Leadership Rating Program for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana-related Businesses

(1) Leadership Rating Categories. In a time and manner to be determined by the Commission, Licensees will be eligible to earn leadership ratings in the following categories:

- (a) Social Justice Leader;
- (b) Local Employment Leader;
- (c) Energy and Environmental Leader; and
- (d) Compliance Leader.

(2) Leadership Rating Application.

- (a) Marijuana Establishments annually submit information, in a time and manner determined by the Commission, demonstrating their eligibility for the applicable leadership rating.
- (b) All information submitted is subject to verification and audit by the Commission prior to the award of a leadership rating.
- (c) Award of a leadership rating in one year does not entitle the applicant to a leadership rating for any other year.

(3) Leadership Rating Criteria.

- (a) Social Justice Leader. In the year preceding the date of application for a leadership rating, a Licensee satisfies at least two of the following:
 - 1. Upon the Legislature's establishment of a dedicated Social Equity or Technical Assistance Fund (Fund) or a similar fund, One percent of the Marijuana Establishment's gross revenue is donated to the ~~Social Equity Training and Technical Assistance~~ Fund; and
 - 2. The Licensee has conducted 50 hours of educational seminars targeted to residents of Areas of Disproportionate Impact in one or more of the

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following: Marijuana cultivation, Marijuana Product manufacturing, Marijuana retailing, or Marijuana business training. A Social Justice Leader may use a logo or symbol created by the Commission to indicate its leadership status;

~~2.3. The Licensee can demonstrate that a majority of employees have a conviction or continuance without a finding for an offense under M.G.L. c. 94C or an equivalent conviction in Other Jurisdictions;~~

~~3.4. Sixty-six percent (66%) or more of the Licensees employees are people of color, particularly Black, African American, Latinx, and Indigenous people, women, Veterans, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people. Black, African American, Latinx, Hispanic, Native American, Asian, Veterans, LGBTQ+, and/or women;~~

~~4.5. The Licensee has developed, and can demonstrate execution of, a Diversity Plan or Positive Impact Plan recognized as exemplary by the Commission in its discretion.~~

~~6. The Licensee can demonstrate that in a year, at least one percent of its gross revenue or a minimum of 20 hours of each staff member's paid time is contributed to supporting persons from communities disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition or an Area of Disproportionate Impact as determined by the Commission.~~

(a) Local Employment Leader. In the year preceding the date of application for a leadership rating:

1. 51% or more of the Licensee's employees have been a Massachusetts Resident for 12 months or more, as determined by the Commission; and
2. 51% or more of the Licensee's Executives have been a Massachusetts Resident for 12 months or more, as determined by the Commission.

~~3. 3-51% or more of ancillary business service expenditures purchased by the Licensee have been from businesses with its primary place of businesses within Massachusetts.~~

(c) Energy and Environmental Leader. In the year preceding the date of application for a leadership rating: ~~1. The the Licensee has met or exceeded its the~~ energy and environmental ~~impact~~ goals ~~in one or more subcategories in compliance with criteria published as Appendix B in the Energy & Environment Compiled Guidance: for its registration period;~~

1. Energy
2. Recycling & Waste Disposal
3. Transportation
4. Delivery
5. Water Usage
6. Soil Sampling

~~3. The Licensee has consistently documented and complied with best management practices for energy use, waste disposal and environmental impact;~~

1. All Licensee employees have completed all required trainings for their positions within 90 days of hire;
2. The Licensee has not ~~unresolved~~ ~~been issued a~~ written deficiency statements;
3. The Licensee has not been the subject of a Cease and Desist Order or a Quarantine Order;
4. The Licensee has not had its license suspended; and
5. The Licensee has met all timelines required by the Commission.

(e) Leadership ratings will be taken into consideration by the Commission in assessing fines pursuant to 935 CMR 500.360; *Fines* and disciplinary action pursuant to 935 CMR 500.450; *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Renewal Applications*.

500.050: Marijuana Establishments

(1) General Requirements.

(a) A Marijuana Establishment is required to be registered to do business in the Commonwealth as a domestic business corporation or another domestic business entity in compliance with 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of*

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Marijuana and to maintain the corporation or entity in good standing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, DOR, and DUA.

(b) Control Limitations.

1. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control shall be granted, or hold, more than three licenses in a particular class, except as otherwise specified in 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana.
2. An Independent Testing Laboratory or Standards Laboratory Licensee, or any associated Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, may not have a License in any other class.
3. To the extent that persons or entities seek to operate a testing facility in the Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket, 935 CMR 500.200: Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket applies.
4. The Commission shall receive notice of any such interests as part of the application pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101: Application Requirements.
5. Any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, or Licensee, shall be limited to a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy distributed across no more than three cultivation Licenses under 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana and three MTC Licenses. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative Licensee shall be limited to one license and a total of 100,000 square feet of Canopy.

6. Limitations on the Number and Type of Delivery Licenses.

- a. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control shall be granted or hold more than a combined total of three Marijuana Retailer Licenses and/or Delivery Licenses.
- b. No Third-party Technology Provider that is a Person or Entity with Direct Control shall be granted, or hold, more than one Delivery License.
- c. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control shall be granted or hold more than two Delivery Operator or Marijuana Courier Licenses at any time.

(c) License Classes are as follows:

1. Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor or Outdoor):
 - a. Tier 1: up to 5,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - b. Tier 2: 5,001 to 10,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - c. Tier 3: 10,001 to 20,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - d. Tier 4: 20,001 to 30,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - e. Tier 5: 30,001 to 40,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - f. Tier 6: 40,001 to 50,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - g. Tier 7: 50,001 to 60,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - h. Tier 8: 60,001 to 70,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - i. Tier 9: 70,001 to 80,000 square feet of Canopy;
 - j. Tier 10: 80,001 to 90,000 square feet of Canopy; or
 - k. Tier 11: 90,001 to 100,000 square feet of Canopy.
2. Craft Marijuana Cooperative;
3. Marijuana Product Manufacturer;
4. Marijuana Microbusiness;
5. Independent Testing Laboratory and Standards Laboratory;
6. Marijuana Retailer;
7. Social Consumption Establishment;
8. Marijuana Transporter:
 - a. Existing Licensee Transporter;
 - b. Third-party Transporter;
9. Marijuana Delivery License Holder:
 - e-a. Delivery only Licensee Marijuana Courier;
 - d-b. Marijuana Delivery Operator; and
- 9-10. Marijuana Research Facility.

(d) A Marijuana Establishment shall operate all activities authorized by the License only at the address(es) reported to the Commission for that license.

(e) All Marijuana Establishment Agents of the Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall be registered with the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.030: Registration of Marijuana Establishment Agents.

- (2) Marijuana Cultivator (Indoor or Outdoor).
- (a) A Marijuana Cultivator may cultivate, Process and package Marijuana, to transport Marijuana to Marijuana Establishments and to Transfer Marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to Consumers.
- (b) Marijuana Cultivators shall select a cultivation tier. Cultivation tiers are based on the square footage of Canopy:
1. Tier 1: up to 5,000;
 2. ~~2.~~ Tier 2: 5,001 to 10,000;
 3. ~~3.~~ Tier 3: 10,001 to 20,000;
 4. ~~4.~~ Tier 4: 20,001 to 30,000;
 5. ~~5.~~ Tier 5: 30,001 to 40,000;
 6. ~~6.~~ Tier 6: 40,001 to 50,000;
 7. ~~7.~~ Tier 7: 50,001 to 60,000;
 8. ~~8.~~ Tier 8: 60,001 to 70,000;
 9. ~~9.~~ Tier 9: 70,001 to 80,000;
 10. ~~10.~~ Tier 10: 80,001 to 90,000; or
 11. ~~11.~~ Tier 11: 90,001 to 100,000.
- (c) Tier Expansion. A Marijuana Cultivator may submit an application, in a time and manner determined by the Commission, to change the tier in which it is classified. A Marijuana Cultivator may change tiers to either expand or reduce production. If a Marijuana Cultivator is applying to expand production, it ~~must~~ shall demonstrate that while cultivating at the top of its production tier, it has sold 85% of its product consistently over the six months preceding the application for expanded production for an indoor cultivator, or during the harvest season prior to the application for expanded production for an outdoor cultivator.
- (d) Tier Relegation. In connection with the license renewal process for Marijuana Cultivators, the Commission will review the records of the Marijuana Cultivator during the six months prior to the application for renewal for an indoor cultivator or during the harvest season prior to the application for renewal for an outdoor cultivator. The Commission may reduce the Licensee's maximum Canopy to a lower tier if the Licensee sold less than 70% of what it produced during the six months prior to the application for renewal for an indoor cultivator or during the harvest season prior to the application for renewal for an outdoor cultivator.
- (e) Tier Factors. When determining whether to allow expansion or relegate a Licensee to a different tier, the Commission may consider factors including, but not limited to:
1. Cultivation and production history, including whether the plants/inventory suffered a catastrophic event during the licensing period;
 2. Transfer, sales, and excise tax payment history;
 3. Existing inventory and inventory history;
 4. Sales contracts; and
 5. Any other factors relevant to ensuring responsible cultivation, production, and inventory management.
- (3) Craft Marijuana Cooperative.
- (a) A Craft Marijuana Cooperative may be organized as a limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or a cooperative corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth.
- (b) The Members or shareholders of the cooperative ~~must~~ shall be residents of the Commonwealth for the 12 months immediately preceding the filing of an application for a license.
- (c) The Craft Marijuana Cooperative shall have:
1. One Member ~~that has of the Craft Marijuana Cooperative shall have~~ filed a Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss from Farming, within the five years prior to application for licensure; ~~or~~
 2. An agreement to lease land wholly owned by a person or entity that has filed a Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss from Farming, within the five years prior to application for licensure.
- (d) Where the agreement to lease land in 935 CMR 500.050(3)(c)2. renders the

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individual or entity filing a Schedule F (Form 1040) a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, the Craft Marijuana Cooperative shall report the individual or entity and submit the agreement, as required by 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)(1).

(e) The Craft Marijuana Cooperative ~~must shall~~ operate consistently with the Seven Cooperative Principles established by the International Cooperative Alliance in 1995.

(f) The cooperative license authorizes it to cultivate, obtain, Manufacture, Process, package, brand and Transfer Marijuana Products and to deliver Marijuana to Marijuana Establishments, but not to Consumers.

(g) The Craft Marijuana Cooperative is limited to one license, under which it may cultivate Marijuana, subject to the limitations of 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments. The cooperative's total locations are limited to cultivating 100,000 square feet of Canopy. A cooperative is not limited in the number of cultivation locations it may operate, provided that for each location over six locations, additional application and licensing fees shall apply pursuant to 935 CMR 500.0050(13)(d). The cooperative may also conduct activities authorized for Marijuana Product Manufacturers at up to three locations.

(h) For the Seed-to-sale SOR, a cooperative that designates a system administrator will pay one licensing program fee on a monthly basis for Seed-to-sale tracking software.

(i) Members of a cooperative ~~may shall~~ not be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in any other Marijuana Establishment. Such restriction ~~may shall~~ not be construed to prohibit a Craft Marijuana Cooperative for applying for a Marijuana Retailer, Marijuana Existing Licensee Transporter, Marijuana Research or Social Consumption Establishment License.

(j) Tier Expansion. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative may submit an application, in a time and manner determined by the Commission, to change the tier in which it is classified. A cooperative may change tiers to either expand or reduce production. If a cooperative is applying to expand production, it ~~must shall~~ demonstrate that while cultivating at the top of its production tier, it has sold 85% of its product consistently over the six months preceding the application for expanded production for an indoor cultivator, or during the harvest season prior to the application for expanded production for an outdoor cultivator.

(k) Tier Relegation. In connection with the license renewal process for Craft Marijuana Cooperatives, the Commission will review the records of the cooperative during the six months prior to the application for renewal for an indoor cultivator or during the harvest season prior to the application for renewal for an outdoor cultivator. The Commission may reduce the Licensee's maximum Canopy to a lower tier if the Licensee sold less than 70% of what it produced during the six months prior to the application for renewal for an indoor cultivator or during the harvest season prior to the application for renewal for an outdoor cultivator.

(l) Tier Factors. When determining whether to allow expansion or relegate a Licensee to a different tier, the Commission may consider factors including, but not limited to:

1. Cultivation and production history, including whether the plants/inventory suffered a catastrophic event during the licensing period;
2. Transfer, sales, and excise tax payment history;
3. Existing inventory and inventory history;
4. Sales contracts; and
5. Any other factors relevant to ensuring responsible cultivation, production, and inventory management.

(4) Marijuana Product Manufacturer. A Marijuana Product Manufacturer may obtain, Manufacture, Process and package Marijuana Products, to transport Marijuana Products to Marijuana Establishments and to Transfer Marijuana Products to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to Consumers.

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(5) Marijuana Microbusiness.

- (a) A Microbusiness is an ~~Colocated CMO Marijuana Establishment~~ entity that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or Marijuana Product Manufacturer or both and, if in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement issued by the Commission, may deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products produced at the licensed location directly to Consumers in compliance with established regulatory requirements for retail sale as it relates to delivery. A Microbusiness that is a Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase no more than 2,000 pounds of Marijuana or its dry-weight equivalent in raw concentrate per year from other Marijuana Establishments, but not any other Marijuana Products.
- (b) A Microbusiness shall comply with all operational requirements imposed by 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments through 935 CMR 500.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Retail Sale on Marijuana Cultivators and Marijuana Product Manufacturers, and Retailers, to the extent the Licensee engages in such activities.
- (c) A Microbusiness Licensee ~~shall~~ may not be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control for any other Marijuana Establishment except a Social Consumption Establishment. A majority of the Microbusiness' Executives or Members ~~must~~ shall have been residents of Massachusetts for no less than 12 months prior to application.
- (d) Application fees and license fees for Microbusinesses shall be set at 50% of the combined sum of the application fees and license fees for all the cultivation or manufacturing activities in which the Licensee engages.
- (e) Delivery Endorsements shall be subject to the exclusivity provisions for ~~Delivery only~~ Delivery Licensees established in 935 CMR 500.050(10)(b).

(6) Social Consumption Establishment Pilot Program.

- (a) Under the Social Consumption Establishment Pilot Program, Social Consumption Establishments may apply for licensure.
- (b) Municipal Participation for Social Consumption Pilot Program.
1. The Commission may select no more than 12 Massachusetts municipalities for participation in the pilot program.
 2. The Commission shall establish criteria for selecting participating municipalities. The Commission may take into consideration factors including, but not limited to, the geographic location, socioeconomic characteristics, and population size of municipal applicants.
 3. An interested municipality shall submit an application for participation in a form and manner determined by the Commission.
 4. The application for participation shall be signed by the municipality's contracting authority.
 - ~~5.~~ The Commission shall make the Pre-certification Application identified in 935 CMR 500.101(2)(c) available for Social Consumption licenses upon the Commission's selection of at least six municipalities for participation in the Social Consumption Pilot Program.

~~(b)(c)~~ Social Consumption Establishment licenses shall be limited on an exclusive basis to businesses controlled by and with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants or Social Equity Program Participants; Microbusinesses; and Craft Marijuana Cooperatives, for a period of ~~36~~24 months from the date the first Social Consumption Establishment receives a notice to commence operations, provided, however, that the Commission may, by vote, decide to extend that period following a determination that the goal of the exclusivity period to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law, by farmers, and by businesses of all sizes, has not been met.

1. The Commission shall develop criteria for evaluating whether the goals of the exclusivity period are met which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Overall rates of participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been

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disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law, by farmers, and by businesses of all sizes;

b. Overall rates of participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people of color;

c. Licenses granted to businesses with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants and Social Equity Program Participants; Microbusinesses; and Craft Marijuana Cooperatives;

d. Number of registered agents who are Social Equity Program Participants;

e. Number of Social Consumption Establishments in operation and business performance relative to other Marijuana Establishments;

f. Financial feasibility of continued participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law, by farmers, and by businesses of all sizes if exclusivity period ends; and

g. Any other information the Commission determines relevant.

2. The Commission shall collect and report on data measuring the criteria throughout the exclusivity period. The Commission shall begin evaluating whether the goals of the exclusivity period have been met at least eight months before the end of the ~~3624~~-month period to provide adequate time to consider whether an extension of the ~~3624~~-month period is necessary prior to the conclusion of that time period.

3. The licenses may be made available to any qualifying applicants after the ~~3624~~-month period, unless the Commission affirmatively votes to extend the period of exclusivity by

a period of 12 months after the first ~~3624~~-month period. Any subsequent extension of the exclusivity period would require the Commission affirmatively to find that the goals and objectives of the exclusivity period as set forth in 935 CMR 500.050(10)(b)1. have not been met.

~~(d)~~ (d) No person or entity other than those disclosed in the application shall be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in a Social Consumption Establishment license.

(7) Independent Testing Laboratory.

(a) ~~Prior to final licensure~~ ~~an~~ Independent Testing Laboratory shall be:

1. Accredited to the most current International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement; or

2. Certified, registered, or accredited by an organization approved by the Commission.

(b) An Executive or Member of a Marijuana Establishment is prohibited from being a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in an Independent Testing Laboratory providing testing services for any Marijuana Establishment, except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 500.200: Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket;

(c) No individual employee of a laboratory providing testing services for Marijuana Establishments may receive direct or indirect financial compensation from any Marijuana Establishment, except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 500.200: Counties of Duke County and Nantucket;

(d) Standards Laboratory. A laboratory meeting the requirements of the Independent Testing Laboratory may be licensed as a Standards Laboratory to ensure consistent and compliant testing by the Independent Testing Laboratories. An Independent Testing Laboratory may not serve as a Standards Laboratory.

1. On request by the Commission, a Standards Laboratory shall test samples of Marijuana Products in a time and manner to be determined by the Commission.

2. Testing shall be performed in a manner determined by the Commission so as not to reveal to the laboratory the source of the Marijuana Products.

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3. The Standards Laboratory shall submit the results of testing to the Commission for review.
 4. The Standards Laboratory shall retain the Marijuana Products tested pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(7)(d)1., until directed to Transfer or dispose of them by the Commission. Any disposal shall take place in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(12): Waste Disposal.
- (8) Marijuana Retailer.
- (a) General Requirements.
 1. A Marijuana Retailer may purchase, transport, sell, Repackage, or otherwise Transfer Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Marijuana Establishments and sell to Consumers. A Marijuana Retailer cannot deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers ~~or unless the Marijuana Retailer also has been issued a Delivery License, nor may a Marijuana Retailer~~ allow on-site social consumption by Consumers on the Premises of the Marijuana Establishment, provided that a Retail Licensee's interests in Delivery Licenses shall be limited to a combined total of three licenses in either category of Retail or Delivery, subject to the limitations in 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b)6.
 2. A retailer shall operate all Marijuana-related activities solely at the address identified in the license.
 3. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in a Marijuana Retailer license shall be granted or hold more than a combined total of three Marijuana Retailer Licenses and/or Delivery Licenses, subject to the limitations in 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b)6.
 - (b) A Marijuana Retailer shall provide a retail location accessible to Consumers 21 years of age or older, or, if colocated with an MTC, Registered Qualifying Patients with the Medical Use of Marijuana Program in possession of a Medical Registration Card.
- (9) Marijuana Transporter.
- (a) An entity may only transport Marijuana Products when such transportation is not already authorized under a Marijuana Establishment license if it is licensed as a Marijuana Transporter:
 1. Third-party Transporter. An entity formerly registered or currently licensed to do business in Massachusetts that does not hold another Marijuana Establishment license pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments and is not formerly registered or currently licensed as an MTC pursuant to 935 CMR 501.000: Medical Use of Marijuana. A Third-party Transporter is permitted to transport Marijuana and Marijuana Products between Marijuana Establishments and between MTCs.
 2. Existing Licensee Transporter. A Marijuana Establishment that wishes to contract with other Marijuana Establishments to transport their Marijuana Products to other Marijuana Establishments.
 - (b) All Marijuana Transporter, their agents and employees, who contract with a Marijuana Establishment to transport Marijuana Products ~~must~~ shall comply with St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55G, L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana.
 - (c) Marijuana Transporters will be allowed to warehouse Marijuana Products in a form and manner determined by the Commission.
- (10) ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier.
- (a) ~~A Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier may deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products directly to Consumers from a Marijuana Retailer or to Patients or Caregivers from an MTC with which the ~~Delivery-Only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier has a Delivery Agreement. ~~A Delivery-only Licensee shall not have a retail location accessible to the public. A Marijuana Courier may be an Owner of or have a controlling interest in a Cultivation, Product Manufacturing, Social Consumption Establishment, Research, Retail or Transportation license.~~

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~~(a)~~(b) ~~A Delivery-only Licensee~~ A Marijuana Courier shall be limited on an businesses controlled by and with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants or Social Equity Program Participants for a period of ~~3624~~ months from the date the first ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery receives a notice to commence operations, provided, however, that the Commission may vote ~~to expand eligibility for a Delivery License during the~~ the goal of the exclusivity period to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law has not been met; and the Commission may vote to expand eligibility for Delivery Licenses during the exclusivity period pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(10)(b)4.

1. The Commission shall develop criteria for evaluating whether the goals of the exclusivity period are met, which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Overall rates of participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law;
 - b. Overall rates of participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people of color;
 - c. Licenses granted to businesses with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants and Social Equity Program Participants;
 - d. Number of registered agents who are Social Equity Program Participants;
 - e. Number of ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensees in operation and business performance relative to other Marijuana Establishments;
 - f. Financial feasibility of continued participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law if exclusivity period ends; and
 - g. Any other information the Commission determines relevant.
2. The Commission shall collect and report on data measuring the criteria throughout the exclusivity period. The Commission shall begin evaluating whether the goals of the exclusivity period have been met at least eight months before the end of the ~~3624~~-month period to provide adequate time to consider whether an extension of the ~~3624~~-month period is necessary prior to the conclusion of that time period.
3. The licenses shall generally be available to applicants after the ~~3624~~-month period unless the Commissioners affirmatively votes to extend the period of exclusivity by a period of 12 months after the first ~~3624~~-month period. Any subsequent extension of the exclusivity period would require the Commission affirmatively to find that the goals and objectives of the exclusivity period as set forth in 935 CMR 500.050(10)(b)1. have not been met.

4. If data collected by the Commission demonstrates progress toward the goals and objectives of the exclusivity period as set forth in 935 CMR 500.050(10)(b)1. and that demand for consumer delivery is likely to exceed the supply that could be provided by businesses that meet the exclusivity requirements during the exclusivity period, the Commission may vote during the exclusivity period to allow the following additional businesses to own Delivery Licenses:

- a. Worker-owned cooperatives organized to operate consistently with the Seven Cooperative Principles established by the International Cooperative Alliance in 1995; or
- ~~a.~~b. Massachusetts Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Veteran Business Enterprises (VBE) with valid certification from the Massachusetts Operational Services Division's SDO.

(c) No person or entity other than those disclosed in the application shall be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in a ~~Delivery-~~

~~only Delivery License.~~

~~(d) No Person or Entity with Direct or Indirect Control shall possess, or be granted, more than ~~three~~two (23) Delivery Licenses.~~

~~(e) After the promulgation of these regulations, any application or license classified as a Delivery-Only license pursuant to previously adopted regulations shall be converted to a Delivery License application or license governed by this section.~~

(11) Marijuana Delivery Operator.

- (a) A Delivery Operator may Wholesale and Warehouse Finished Marijuana Products acquired from a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative and sell and deliver directly to Consumers. A Delivery Operator may be an Owner of or have a controlling interest in a Cultivation, Product Manufacturing, Social Consumption Establishment, Research, Transportation or Retail license, subject to the limitations stated in 935 CMR 500.050(11)(e).
- (b) A Delivery Operator Licensee shall operate a warehouse for the purpose of storing Finished Marijuana Products.
- (c) Notwithstanding that a Delivery Operator is not considered to be a Marijuana Retailer as defined under 935 CMR 500.002 or authorized to engage in permitted activities under 935 CMR 500.050(8), but is authorized to sell Finished Marijuana Products directly to consumers, a Delivery Operator shall register as a vendor with the Department of Revenue and collect and remit marijuana retail taxes in accordance with 830 CMR 64N.1.1: *Marijuana Retail Taxes*.
- (d) Delivery Operator Licenses shall be limited on an exclusive basis to businesses controlled by and with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants or Social Equity Program Participants for a period of 36 months from the date the first Delivery Operator Licensee receives a notice to commence operations, provided, however, that the Commission may vote to extend that period following a determination that the goal of the exclusivity period to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law has not been met; and the Commission may vote to expand eligibility for Delivery Licenses during the exclusivity period pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(11)(d)4.
1. The Commission shall develop criteria for evaluating whether the goals of the exclusivity period are met, which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Overall rates of participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law;
 - b. Overall rates of participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by people of color;
 - c. Licenses granted to businesses with majority ownership comprised of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants and Social Equity Program Participants;
 - d. Number of registered agents who are Social Equity Program Participants;
 - e. Number of Delivery Licensees in operation and business performance relative to other Marijuana Establishments;
 - f. Financial feasibility of continued participation in the regulated Marijuana industry by communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by Marijuana prohibition and enforcement of the law if exclusivity period ends; and
 - g. Any other information the Commission determines relevant.
 2. The Commission shall collect and report on data measuring the criteria throughout the exclusivity period. The Commission shall begin evaluating whether the goals of the exclusivity period have been met at least eight months before the end of the 36-month period to provide adequate time to

consider whether an extension of the 36-month period is necessary prior to the conclusion of that time period.

3. The licenses shall generally be available to applicants after the 36-month period unless the Commissioners affirmatively votes to extend the period of exclusivity by a period of 12 months after the first 36-month period. Any subsequent extension of the exclusivity period would require the Commission affirmatively to find that the goals and objectives of the exclusivity period as set forth in 935 CMR 500.050(11)(d)1. have not been met.

4. If data collected by the Commission demonstrates progress toward the goals and objectives of the exclusivity period as set forth in 935 CMR 500.050(11)(d)1. and that demand for consumer delivery is likely to exceed the supply that could be provided by businesses that meet the exclusivity requirements during the exclusivity period, the Commission may vote during the exclusivity period to allow the following additional businesses to own Delivery Licenses:

c. Worker-owned cooperatives organized to operate consistently with the Seven Cooperative Principles established by the International Cooperative Alliance in 1995; or

d. Massachusetts Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Veteran Business Enterprises (VBE) with valid certification from the Massachusetts Operational Services Division's SDO.

(e) No person or entity other than those disclosed in the application shall be a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in a Delivery License.

(f) No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control in a Delivery Operator License shall obtain, or be granted, more than a combined total of three Delivery and/or Marijuana Retail Licenses, subject to the limitations in 935 CMR 050(1)(b): Control Limitations. A License is considered to be a Marijuana Retail License for purposes of license cap limits as outlined in 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana. This provision shall not be construed or interpreted to indicate that a License is a Marijuana Retail license unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

(g) Two years from the date the first Delivery Operator Licensee receives a notice to commence operations, the Commission or its designee shall commence an evaluation of the development of the Cannabis delivery market in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which may include assessing the competitiveness and concentration of the market, the repackaging and white labeling requirements, and any other matter as determined by the Commission. The Commission shall complete its evaluation within four months, unless the Commission determines that there is a reasonable basis for an extension. The Commission may take any action, including, but not limited to, issuing regulations or guidance, it deems necessary to address issues with market development.

(124) **Marijuana Research Facility Licensee.**

(a) A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee may cultivate, purchase or otherwise acquire Marijuana for the purpose of conducting research regarding Marijuana Products conduct research after receiving approval from the Commission. A license to operate a Marijuana Research Facility shall be separate from receipt of a Research Permit to conduct a specific research project at the Marijuana Research Facility.

(b) A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee may be an academic institution, nonprofit corporation or domestic corporation or entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth, including a licensed Marijuana Establishment or MTC.

(c) Any research involving humans must be authorized by an Institutional Review Board. Unless otherwise authorized by law, any Marijuana Research Facility Licensee that is not licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments or 935 CMR 501.050: Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTCs) to engage in the cultivation, production or retail sale of Marijuana or

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Marijuana Products shall acquire all Marijuana or Marijuana Products used in research from a Marijuana Establishment or MTC licensed to engage in such activity, except:

1. A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee may engage in cultivation or product manufacturing of Marijuana or Marijuana Products if the cultivation or product manufacturing process is the subject of its research; or
2. As otherwise determined by the Commission.

(d) A Marijuana Research Facility may be colocated with another Marijuana Establishment or MTC license provided that the Marijuana Research Facility and the colocated licensed Marijuana Establishment or MTC are:

1. Commonly owned; and
2. Clearly physically separated.

(e) A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee may not Transfer Marijuana or Marijuana Products to another Marijuana Establishment, other than for testing, or sell to a Consumer, Registered Qualifying Patient or Caregiver Marijuana or Marijuana Products that has been ~~cultivated~~ acquired for a research project under its Marijuana Research Facility License.

~~(e) All research regarding Marijuana must be conducted by individuals 21 years of age or older.~~

500.100: Application for Licensing of Marijuana Establishments

500.101: Application Requirements

(1) New Applicants. An applicant in any category of Marijuana Establishment shall file, in a form and manner specified by the Commission, an application for licensure as a Marijuana Establishment. The application shall consist of three sections: Application of Intent; Background Check; and Management and Operations Profile, except as otherwise provided. The applicant may complete any section of the application in any order. Once all sections of the application have been completed, the application may be submitted. Application materials, including attachments, may be subject to release pursuant to the Public Records Law,

M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26.

(a) Application of Intent. An applicant for licensure as a Marijuana Establishment shall submit the following as part of the Application of Intent:

1. Documentation that the Marijuana Establishment is an entity registered to do business in Massachusetts and a list of all Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control. In addition, the applicant shall submit any contractual, management, or other written document that explicitly or implicitly conveys direct or indirect control over the Marijuana Establishment to the listed person or entity pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b);
2. A disclosure of an interest of each individual named in the application in any Marijuana Establishment application for licensure or Licensee in Massachusetts;
3. Documentation disclosing whether any individual named in the application have past or present business interests in Other Jurisdictions;
4. Documentation detailing the amounts and sources of capital resources available to the applicant from any individual or entity that will be contributing capital resources to the applicant for purposes of establishing or operating the identified Marijuana Establishment for each license applied for. If any person or entity contributing initial capital, either in cash or in kind, would be classified as a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, in exchange for the initial capital, they ~~must shall~~ also be listed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)1. Information submitted shall be subject to review and verification by the Commission as a component of the application process. Required documentation shall include:
 - a. The proper name of any individual or registered business name of any entity;
 - b. The street address, provided, however that the address ~~shall may~~

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- not be a post office box;
 - c. The primary telephone number;
 - d. Electronic mail;
 - e. The amount and source of capital provided or promised;
 - f. A bank record dated within 60 days of the application submission date verifying the existence of capital;
 - g. Certification that funds used to invest in or finance the Marijuana Establishment were lawfully earned or obtained; and
 - h. Any contractual or written agreement pertaining to a loan of initial capital, if applicable.
5. Documentation of a bond or an escrow account in an amount set by 935 CMR 500.105(16); *Bond*;
6. Identification of the proposed address for the license;
7. Documentation of a property interest in the proposed address. The proposed Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~shall be identified in the documentation as the entity that has the property interest. Interest may be demonstrated by one of the following:
- a. Clear legal title to the proposed site;
 - b. An option to purchase the proposed site;
 - c. A legally enforceable agreement to give such title; or
 - d. Documentation evidencing permission to use the Premises.
8. Documentation in the form of a single-page certification signed by the contracting authorities for the municipality and applicant evidencing that the applicant for licensure and host municipality in which the address of the Marijuana Establishment is located have executed a Host Community agreement;
9. Documentation that the applicant has conducted a community outreach meeting consistent with the Commission's Guidance for License Applicants on Community Outreach within the six months prior to the application. Documentation ~~must~~shall include:
- a. Copy of a notice of the time, place and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, that was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town at least 14 calendar days prior to the meeting;
 - b. Copy of the meeting notice filed with the city or town clerk, the planning board, the contracting authority for the municipality and local cannabis licensing authority, if applicable;
 - c. Attestation that at least one meeting was held within the municipality where the establishment is proposed to be located;
 - d. Attestation that at least one meeting was held after normal business hours;
 - e. Attestation that notice of the time, place and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, was mailed at least seven calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to abutters of the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, and residents within 300 feet of the property line of the petitioner as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such Owner is located in another city or town;
 - f. Information presented at the community outreach meeting, which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - i. The type(s) of Marijuana Establishment to be located at the proposed address;
 - ii. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will be maintained securely;
 - iii. Steps to be taken by the Marijuana Establishment to prevent diversion to minors;
 - iv. A plan by the Marijuana Establishment to positively impact the community;
 - v. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will not constitute a nuisance as defined by law; and

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- vi. An attestation that community members were permitted to ask questions and receive answers from representatives of the Marijuana Establishment.
 10. A description of plans to ensure that the Marijuana Establishment is or will be compliant with local codes, ordinances, and bylaws for the physical address of the Marijuana Establishment, which shall include, but not be limited to, the identification of all local licensing requirements for the adult use of Marijuana;
 11. A plan by the Marijuana Establishment to positively impact Areas of Disproportionate Impact, as defined by the Commission, for the purposes established in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(iv). The plan shall outline the goals, programs, and measurements the Marijuana Establishment will pursue once licensed;
 12. The requisite nonrefundable application fee pursuant to 935 CMR 500.005: ~~Fees~~; and
 13. Any other information required by the Commission.
- (b) **Background Check.** Prior to an application being considered complete, each applicant for licensure ~~must shall~~ submit the following information:
1. The list of individuals and entities in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)1.;
 2. Information for each individual identified in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)1. which shall include:
 - a. The individual's full legal name and any aliases;
 - b. The individual's address;
 - c. The individual's date of birth;
 - d. A photocopy of the individual's driver's license or other government-issued identification card;
 - e. A CORI Acknowledgment Form, pursuant to 803 CMR 2.09: *Requirements for Requestors to Request CORI*, provided by the Commission, signed by the individual and notarized;
 - f. Authorization to obtain a full set of fingerprints, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 21 ~~and Public Law 92-544~~, submitted in a form and manner as determined by the Commission; and
 - g. Any other authorization or disclosure deemed necessary by the Commission, for the purposes of conducting a background check.
 3. **Relevant Background Check Information.** All Persons and Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control, ~~including and~~ those individuals and entities contributing 10% or more in the form of a loan, shall provide information detailing involvement in any of the following criminal, civil, or administrative matters:
 - a. A description and the relevant dates of any criminal action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction, whether for a felony or misdemeanor including, but not limited to, action against any health care facility or facility for providing Marijuana for medical- or adult-use purposes, in which those individuals either owned shares of stock or served as board member, Executive, officer, director or member, and which resulted in conviction, or guilty plea, or plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission of sufficient facts;
 - b. A description and the relevant dates of any civil action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or an Other Jurisdiction including, but not limited to, a complaint relating to any professional or occupational or fraudulent practices;
 - c. A description and relevant dates of any past or pending legal or ~~enforcement-disciplinary~~ actions in the Commonwealth or any other state against an entity whom the applicant served as a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, related to the cultivation, Processing, distribution, or sale of Marijuana for medical- or adult-use purposes;
 - d. A description and the relevant dates of any administrative action with regard to any professional license, registration, or certification, including any complaint, order, stipulated agreement or settlement, or disciplinary action, by the Commonwealth, or like action in an Other

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Jurisdiction including, but not limited to, any complaint or issuance of an order relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license, registration, or certification;

e. A description and relevant dates of any administrative action, including any complaint, order or disciplinary action, by the Commonwealth, or a like action by an Other Jurisdiction with regard to any professional license, registration, or certification, held by any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, if any;

f. A description and relevant dates of actions against a license to prescribe or distribute controlled substances or legend drugs held by any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control that is part of the applicant's application, if any; and

g. Any other information required by the Commission.

(c) Management and Operations Profile. Each applicant shall submit, with respect to each application, a response in a form and manner specified by the Commission, which includes:

1. Detailed information regarding its business registration with the Commonwealth, including the legal name, a copy of the articles of organization and bylaws as well as the identification of any doing-business-as names;
2. A certificate of good standing, issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the Corporations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth;
3. A certificate of good standing or certificate of tax compliance issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the DOR;
4. A certificate of good standing, issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the DUA, if applicable. If not applicable, a written statement to this effect is required;
5. A proposed timeline for achieving operation of the Marijuana Establishment and evidence that the Marijuana Establishment will be ready to operate within the proposed timeline after notification by the Commission that the applicant qualifies for licensure;
6. A description of the Marijuana Establishment's plan to obtain a liability insurance policy or otherwise meet the requirements of 935 CMR 500.105(10): Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow;
7. A detailed summary of the business plan for the Marijuana Establishment;
8. A detailed summary of operating policies and procedures for the Marijuana Establishment which shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for:
 - a. Security;
 - b. Prevention of diversion;
 - c. Storage of Marijuana;
 - d. Transportation of Marijuana;
 - e. Inventory procedures;
 - f. Procedures for quality control and testing of product for potential contaminants;
 - g. Personnel policies;
 - h. Dispensing procedures;
 - i. Recordkeeping procedures;
 - j. Maintenance of financial records; and
 - k. Diversity plans to promote equity among minorities people of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people, women, Veterans, people-persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people of all gender identities and sexual orientation, in the operation of the Marijuana Establishment. The plan shall outline the goals, programs, and measurements the Marijuana Establishment will pursue once licensed.
9. A detailed description of qualifications and intended training(s) for Marijuana Establishment Agents who will be employees;
10. The Management and Operation Profile submitted in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c) shall demonstrate compliance with the

operational requirements set forth in 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments through 935 CMR 500.145: Additional Operational Requirements for Delivery of Marijuana, and Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods to Consumers and as Permitted, to Patients or Caregivers~~935 CMR 500.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Retail Sale~~, as applicable;

11. Disclosure of the proposed hours of operation, and the names and contact information for individuals that will be the emergency contacts for the Marijuana Establishment; and

12. Any other information required by the Commission.

(2) ~~Delivery Only~~ Delivery and Social Consumption ~~Pilot Program~~ Application Process.

(a) ~~Municipal Participation for Social Consumption Pilot Program.~~

(a)(b) Pre-certification Application. The Pre-certification Application shall consist of three sections: Application of Intent, Background Check and Management and Operations Profile.

~~1. The Commission shall make the Pre-certification Application available on the Commission selecting at least six municipalities for participation in the Social Consumption Pilot Program pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(a).~~

~~3-2.~~ The Commission may determine an applicant to be pre-certified upon finding the applicant has submitted responsive documentation demonstrating a propensity to successfully operate under a ~~Delivery Only~~ Delivery license or Social Consumption Establishment.

~~4-3.~~ On approval of the Pre-certification Application, the applicant shall be given a dated notice of such approval along with a copy of the Pre-certification Application to the extent permitted by law.

~~5-4.~~ Application materials, including attachments, may be subject to release pursuant to the Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26.

(c) Application of Intent. An applicant for pre-certification under this section shall submit the following as part of the Application of Intent:

1. Documentation that the Marijuana Establishment is an entity registered to do business in Massachusetts and a list of all Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control;
2. A disclosure of an interest of each individual named in the application in any Marijuana Establishment for licensure in Massachusetts;
3. Documentation disclosing whether any individual named in the application have past or present business interests in Other Jurisdictions;
4. The requisite nonrefundable application fee pursuant to 935 CMR 500.005: Fees; and
5. Any other information required by the Commission.

(d) Background Check. Each applicant for pre-certification ~~must~~ shall submit the following information:

1. The list of individuals and entities in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)1;
2. Relevant Background Check Information. All Persons and Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control listed in the Pre-certification Application shall provide information detailing involvement in any of the following criminal, civil, or administrative matters:
 - a. A description and the relevant dates of any criminal action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or Other Jurisdictions, whether for a felony or misdemeanor including, but not limited to, action against any health care facility or facility for providing Marijuana for medical- or adult-use purposes, in which those individuals either owned shares of stock or served as board member, Executive, officer, director or member, and which resulted in conviction, or guilty plea, or plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission of sufficient facts;
 - b. A description and the relevant dates of any civil action under the laws of the Commonwealth, or Other Jurisdictions including, but not limited to, a complaint relating to any professional or occupational or

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fraudulent practices;

c. A description and relevant dates of any past or pending legal or ~~enforcement disciplinary~~ actions in the Commonwealth or any Other Jurisdiction against an entity whom the applicant served as a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, related to the cultivation, Processing, distribution, or sale of Marijuana for medical- or adult-use purposes;

d. A description and the relevant dates of any administrative action ~~with regard to any professional license, registration, or certification,~~ including any complaint, order, stipulated agreement or settlement, or disciplinary action, by the Commonwealth, or like action in an Other Jurisdiction including, but not limited to:-

i. ~~any complaint or issuance of an order relating to~~ the denial, suspension, or revocation, ~~or other action with regard to of a~~ professional or occupational ~~of a~~ license, registration, or certification or the surrender of a license;

ii. administrative actions with regard to unfair labor practices, employment discrimination, or other prohibited labor practices;

and

iii. administrative actions with regard to financial fraud, securities regulation, or consumer protection.

~~e. A description and relevant dates of any administrative action, including any complaint, order or disciplinary action, by the Commonwealth, or a like action by Other Jurisdictions with regard to any professional license, registration, or certification, held by any Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, if any;~~

~~g-f.~~ Any other information required by the Commission.

(e) **Management and Operations Profile.** Each applicant shall submit, with respect to each application, a response in a form and manner specified by the Commission, which includes:

1. A description of the Marijuana Establishment's plan to obtain a liability insurance policy or otherwise meet the requirements of 935 CMR 500.105(10): Liability Insurance or Maintenance of Escrow;

2. A detailed summary of the business plan for the Marijuana Establishment;

3. A detailed summary of operating policies and procedures for the Marijuana Establishment which shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for:

a. Security, including specific plans for securing entrances and that all Finished Marijuana and Finished Marijuana Products are kept out of plain sight and not visible from a public place;

b. Prevention of diversion;

c. Where applicable to Delivery Licensees, procedures to ensure the safe delivery of Finished Marijuana Products to Consumers and as permitted, to Patients and Caregivers;

~~e. prevention of a Consumer from bringing Marijuana or Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories onto the Premises that have not been obtained from the Social Consumption Establishment, including policies for ensuring Marijuana Accessories brought on-site, if permitted, do not contain Marijuana or Marijuana Products not obtained from the Social Consumption Establishment;~~

e. Transportation of Marijuana;

f. Inventory procedures, including procedures for reconciling undelivered Individual Orders at the close of the business day;

g. Procedures for quality control and testing of product for potential contaminants;

h. Personnel policies;

i. Dispensing procedures, including the process for how Individual Orders will be filled;

j. Procedures to ensure that Consumers are not overserved or that individual order delivery limits are adhered to;

k. procedures to educate Consumers about risk of impairment and penalties for operating under the influence;

- ~~l. procedural and operational plans to ensure the Marijuana~~
~~n. Maintenance of financial records; and~~
~~o. if vaporization or other non-smoking forms of consumption involving heat are permitted indoors, procedures and building plans or schematic to ensure that:~~
~~t. A detailed description of qualifications and intended training(s) for Marijuana Establishment Agents who will be employees;~~
4. The Management and Operation Profile submitted in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c) shall demonstrate compliance with the operational requirements set forth by incorporation in 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments through 935 CMR 500.145: Additional Operational Requirements for Delivery of Marijuana, and Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods to Consumers and as Permitted, to Patients or Caregivers~~935 CMR 500.050(2)(b)~~, as applicable;
 5. Disclosure of the proposed hours of operation, and the names and contact information for individuals that will be the emergency contacts for the Marijuana Establishment; and
 6. Any other information required by the Commission.
- (f) Provisional License Application. The provisional license application shall consist of the three sections of the application, the Application of Intent, Background Check, and Management and Operations Profile.
1. An applicant may submit a provisional license application within ~~2442~~ months of the date of the applicant's pre-certification approval pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(c)(4).
 2. If there has been a material change of circumstances after the submission of these sections as part of the Pre-certification Application, the applicant shall revise this information and attest in a form and manner determined by the Commission.
 3. The applicant may submit any section of the application in any order. Once all sections of the application have been completed, the application may be submitted.
 4. Once all sections of the application have been completed, the application may be submitted for review.
 5. Once the Provisional License application has been submitted, it will be reviewed in the order it was received pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(2): Action on Completed Applications.
 6. The Pre-certification and Provisional License application combined will be reviewed in accordance with 935 CMR 500.102(1): Action on each Application.
 7. Application materials, including attachments, may be subject to release pursuant to the Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26.
- (g) Application of Intent. An applicant for licensure under this section shall submit the following as part of the Application of Intent:
1. A list of all Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control currently associated with the proposed establishment. In addition, the applicant shall submit any contractual, management, or other written document that explicitly or implicitly conveys direct or indirect control over the Marijuana Establishment to the listed person or entity pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b);
 2. A disclosure of an interest of each individual named in the application in any Marijuana Establishment or MTC application for in Massachusetts;
 3. Documentation disclosing whether any individual named in the application have past or present business interests in Other Jurisdictions;
 4. Documentation of a bond or an escrow account in an amount set by 935 CMR 500.105(16): Bond;
 5. Identification of the proposed address for the license;
 6. Documentation of a property interest in the proposed address. The proposed Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall be identified in the documentation as the entity that has the property interest. Interest may be

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demonstrated by one of the following:

- a. Clear legal title to the proposed site;
- b. An option to purchase the proposed site
- c. A legally enforceable agreement to give such title; or
- d. Documentation from the Owner evidencing permission to use the Premises.

7. Disclosure and documentation detailing the amounts and sources of capital resources available to the applicant from any individual or entity that will be contributing capital resources to the applicant for purposes of establishing or operating the identified Marijuana Establishment for each license applied for. If any person or entity contributing initial capital, either in cash or in kind, would be classified as a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control, in exchange for the initial capital, they ~~must~~ shall also be listed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)1. Information submitted shall be subject to review and verification by the Commission as a component of the application process. Required documentation shall include:

- a. The proper name of any individual or registered business name of any entity;
- b. The street address, provided, however that the address ~~shall~~ may not be a post office box;
- c. The primary telephone number;
- d. Electronic mail;
- e. The amount and source of capital provided or promised;
- f. A bank record dated within 60 days of the application submission date verifying the existence of capital;
- g. Certification that funds used to invest in or finance the Marijuana Establishment were lawfully earned or obtained; and
- h. Any contractual or written agreement pertaining to a loan of initial capital, if applicable.

8. Documentation that the applicant has conducted a community outreach meeting consistent with the Commission's *Guidance for License Applicants on Community Outreach* within the six months prior to the application. Documentation ~~must~~ shall include:

- a. Copy of a notice of the time, place and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, that was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town at least ~~seven~~ 14 calendar days prior to the meeting;
- b. Copy of the meeting notice filed with the city or town clerk;

9. Attestation that notice of the time, place and subject matter of the meeting, including the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, was mailed at least seven calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to abutters of the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, and residents within 300 feet of the property line of the petitioner as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such Owner is located in another city or town;

- a. Information presented at the community outreach meeting, which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - i. The type(s) of marijuana establishment to be located at the proposed address;
 - ii. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will be maintained securely;
 - iii. Steps to be taken by the marijuana establishment to prevent diversion to minors;
 - iv. A plan by the marijuana establishment to positively impact the community;
 - v. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will not constitute a nuisance as defined by law; and
 - vi. An attestation that community members were permitted to ask questions and receive answers from representatives of the

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marijuana establishment.

- b. Documentation in the form of a single-page certification signed by the contracting authorities for the municipality and applicant evidencing that the applicant for licensure and host municipality in which the establishment is located executed a host community agreement. In addition to this requirement, the host community shall state that they have—and accepted the Social Consumption Establishment applicant's plans to:
 - i. Mitigate noise;
 - ii. Mitigate odor; and
 - iii. Comply with outdoor smoking laws, ordinances, or bylaws.
 - c. A description of plans to ensure that the marijuana establishment is or will be compliant with local codes, ordinances, and bylaws for the physical address of the marijuana establishment, which shall include, but not be limited to, the identification of any local licensing requirements for social consumption of the adult use of marijuana;
 - d. A plan by the marijuana establishment to positively impact areas of disproportionate impact, as defined by the commission, for the purposes established in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(iv). The plan shall outline the goals, programs, and measurements the marijuana establishment will pursue once licensed; and
 - e. Any other information required by the Commission.
- (h) Background Check. Each applicant for licensure ~~must~~shall submit complete background check application information in compliance with the provisions of 935 CMR 500.101(2)(e);
1. Each applicant for licensure ~~under~~ shall submit the list of individuals and entities in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(b)2. and 935 CMR 500.101(2)(d)1.
 2. The applicant shall resubmit the information required under 935 CMR 500.101(1)(b) if there has been a material change of circumstances including, but not limited to, a change in the list of individuals and entities identified above.
- (i) Management and Operations Profile. Each applicant shall submit, with respect to each application, a response in a form and manner specified by the Commission, which includes:
1. Detailed information regarding its business registration with the Commonwealth, including the legal name, a copy of the articles of organization and bylaws as well as the identification of any doing-business-as names;
 2. A certificate of good standing, issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the Corporations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth;
 3. A certificate of good standing or certificate of tax compliance issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the DOR;
 4. A certificate of good standing, issued within the previous 90 days from submission of an application, from the DUA, if applicable. If not applicable, a written statement to this effect is required;
 5. A proposed timeline for achieving operation of the Marijuana Establishment and evidence that the Marijuana Establishment will be ready to operate within the proposed timeline after notification by the Commission that the applicant qualifies for licensure;
 6. A diversity plan to promote equity among ~~minorities~~ people of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people, women, Veterans, ~~people~~ persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ ~~people of all gender identities and sexual orientation~~, in the operation of the Marijuana Establishment. The plan shall outline the goals, programs, and measurements the Marijuana Establishment will pursue once licensed.
- (j) The Executive Director of the Commission may approve, provided the Executive Director gives the Commission timely notice of his decision:
- (a) Applications for Delivery Pre-Certification;
 - (b) Applications and authorization to commence operations for Delivery

Endorsements pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050(5) for licensed Marijuana Microbusinesses that have complied with Commission requirements pertaining to delivery operations.

(3) Additional Specific Requirements.

(a) Additional Requirements for Cultivators. In addition to the requirements for the Management and Operations Profile set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c), applicants for a license to operate Marijuana Establishment for cultivation shall also provide as part of the Management and Operation Profile packet an operational plan for the cultivation of Marijuana, including a detailed summary of the policies and procedures for cultivation, consistent with state and local law including, but not limited to, the Commission's Guidance on Integrated Pest Management ~~effective November 1, 2019.~~

(b) Additional Requirements for Craft Marijuana Cooperatives. In addition to the requirements for the Management and Operations Profile and the Application of Intent set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c) and (g), applicants for a license to operate a Marijuana Establishment as a Craft Marijuana Cooperative shall provide:

1. As part of the Application of Intent:
 - a. Evidence of residency within the Commonwealth for a period of 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application;
 - b. Evidence of the cooperative's organization as a limited liability company or limited liability partnership, or a cooperative corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth;
 - c. Evidence that one Member has filed a Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss from Farming, within the past five years; and
 - d. Evidence that the cooperative is organized to operate consistently with the Seven Cooperative Principles established by the International Cooperative Alliance in 1995.
2. As part of the Management and Operations Profile:
 - a. The plan required of Cultivators pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(1)(d)1.; and
 - b. The plan(s) and documentation required of Marijuana Product Manufacturers pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(1)(d)3., as applicable.

(c) Additional Requirements for Marijuana Product Manufacturers. In addition to the requirements for the Management and Operations Profile set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c), applicants for a license to operate a Marijuana Establishment for Product Manufacturing shall also provide, as part of the Management and Operation Profile packet:

1. A description of the types, forms and shapes, colors, and flavors of Marijuana Products that the Marijuana Establishment intends to produce;
2. The methods of production;
3. A safety plan for the Manufacture and production of Marijuana Products including, but not limited to, sanitary practices in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000: *State Sanitary Code Chapter X – Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments.*
4. A sample of any unique identifying mark that will appear on any product produced by the applicant as a branding device; and
5. A detailed description of the Marijuana Establishment's proposed plan for obtaining Marijuana from a licensed Marijuana Establishment(s).

(d) Additional Requirements for Microbusinesses. In addition to the requirements for the Management and Operations Profile and the Application of Intent set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c) and (g), applicants for a license to operate a Marijuana Establishment as a Microbusiness shall also provide:

1. As part of the Application of Intent, evidence of residency within the Commonwealth for a period of 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application;
2. As part of the Management and Operations Profile, the same plans required of Marijuana Cultivators pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(3)(a), Marijuana Product Manufacturers pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(3)(c), and in the case of a Delivery Endorsement, Retailers pursuant to 935 CMR

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500.101(3)(e) to the extent that these requirements implicate retail sales involving delivery.

(e) Additional Requirements for Retailers. In addition to the requirements for the Management and Operations Profile set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c), applicants for a license to operate a Marijuana Establishment for retail shall also provide, as part of the Management and Operation Profile packet, a detailed description of the Marijuana Establishment's proposed plan for obtaining Marijuana Products from a licensed Marijuana Establishment(s).

(f) Additional Requirements for Independent Testing Laboratories. In addition to the requirements for the Management and Operations Profile set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c), applicants for a license to operate an Independent Testing Laboratory may provide, as part of the Management and Operations Profile packet, documentation demonstrating accreditation that complies with 935 CMR 500.050(7)(a). If unable to demonstrate accreditation prior to provisional licensure, the applicant shall demonstrate accreditation prior to final licensure.

(g) Additional Requirements for Marijuana Courier Applicants. In addition to the requirements set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(2): *Delivery and Social Consumption Application Process*, applicants to operate under a Marijuana Courier license shall also provide the following:

1. As part of the Pre-Certification application, a delivery plan that demonstrates compliance with 935 CMR 500.145: *Additional Operational Requirements for Delivery of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods to Consumers.*
2. As part of the Provisional License application, information and documentation regarding any agreement, and the agreement if applicable, with a Marijuana Retailer or MTC and/or Third-party Technology Platform pursuant to 935 CMR 500.145(1)(g).

(h) Additional Requirements for Delivery Operator Applicants. In addition to the requirements set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(2): *Delivery and Social Consumption Application Process*, applicants to operate under a Delivery Operator License shall also provide the following:

1. As part of the Pre-Certification application, a delivery plan that demonstrates compliance with 935 CMR 500.145: *Additional Operational Requirements for Delivery of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods to Consumers* and 935 CMR 500.146: *Additional Operational Requirements for Marijuana Delivery Operators.*
2. As part of the Pre-Certification application, a plan to obtain Marijuana and Marijuana Products.
3. As part of the Provisional License application, information and documentation regarding any agreements with Third-party Technology Platforms pursuant to 935 CMR 500.145(1)(g).
4. As part of the Provisional License application, a detailed plan for White Labeling, if applicable, which shall include:
 - a. An image of the logo and name to be used as part of the label;
 - b. An indication of whether the applicant intends the label to be affixed by the Applicant or by Marijuana Establishments with which the Applicant intends to enter into Wholesale Agreements; and
 - c. Identification of the Marijuana Establishments from which the Applicant anticipates entering into Wholesale Agreements, if known. If unknown at the time of Provisional License application, the Applicant shall be required to identify the Marijuana Establishments prior to Final Licensure.
5. Applicants for Delivery Operator Licenses shall comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.103(1)(h).

(i) Additional Requirements for Social Consumption Establishment Applicants. In addition to the requirements set forth in 935 CMR 500.101(2): *Delivery and Social Consumption Application Process*, applicants for a license to operate a Social Consumption Establishment shall also provide the following summaries of policies and procedures as part of their Pre-

Certification application:

1. Prevention of a Consumer from bringing Marijuana or Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories onto the Premises that have not been obtained from the Social Consumption Establishment, including policies for ensuring Marijuana Accessories brought on-site, if permitted, do not contain Marijuana or Marijuana Products not obtained from the Social Consumption Establishment;
- ~~2. Disposal procedures for unsold and unconsumed Marijuana Products;~~
3. If vaporization or other non-smoking forms of consumption involving heat are permitted indoors, procedures and building plans or schematic to ensure that:
 - a. The area(s) in which consumption involving heat takes place are isolated from the other areas, separated by walls and a secure door, with access only from the Social Consumption Establishment;
 - b. Employees have access to a smoke-free, vapor-free area where they may monitor the consumption area from a smoke-free, vapor-free area;
 - c. A ventilation system directs air from the consumption area to the outside of the building through a filtration system sufficient to remove vapor, consistent with all applicable building codes and ordinances, and adequate to eliminate odor at the property line;
4. Procedures to ensure no sales occur within the consumption area;
5. Employees shall monitor the consumption from a smoke-free, vapor-free area including, but not limited to, an employee monitoring the exit of the Marijuana Establishment;
6. Procedures to ensure that smoking as defined by M.G.L. c. 270, § 22 is prohibited indoors.

(4) MTC Priority Applicants. An MTC Priority Applicant shall be granted priority review of its application for a Marijuana Establishment license that is colocated with and for the same type of licensed activity (Marijuana Cultivator, Product Manufacturer or Retailer) as the MTC (formerly, RMD) license which was the basis for its priority review status certified by the Commission.

- (a) The MTC license, for which priority review status was certified by the Commission, shall be active at the time the Marijuana Establishment application is submitted in order to receive priority review for that application.
- (b) An MTC Priority Applicant shall be eligible for priority review of only its application for a Marijuana Establishment license that is:
 1. Colocated with the MTC whose Certificate of Registration was the basis for its priority review status previously certified by the Commission in 2018; and
 2. For the same type of licensed activity (Marijuana Cultivator, Product Manufacturer or Retailer) for which the MTC received a provisional Certificate of Registration or final Certificate of Registration that formed the basis of its priority review status certified by the Commission in 2018.

(5) Expedited Applicants. Following the review of applications submitted by priority applicants, applications submitted by Expedited Applicants shall be reviewed.

- (a) The following applicants are eligible to be considered Expedited Applicants:
 1. Social Equity Participants;
 2. Marijuana Microbusiness applicants;
 3. Marijuana Craft Marijuana Cooperative applicants;
 4. Independent Testing Laboratory applicants;
 5. Outdoor Marijuana Cultivator applicants; or
 6. Minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses.
- (b) Eligibility Criteria
 1. Applicants for Marijuana Microbusinesses, Craft Marijuana Cooperatives, Independent Testing Laboratories, and Outdoor Marijuana

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Cultivators are only eligible for expedited review for those specific applications only and no other type of license application.

2. A Social Equity Participant shall possess 10% or more of equity in a proposed ME for the application to receive expedited review.

3. A minority-, woman-, and/or veteran-owned business shall:

a. Disclose this designation in their license application and either be certified as that specific type of business with the SDO or submit documentation in a time and manner determined by the Commission to demonstrate that they have signed up for the SDO's required business class.

b. Receive certification as minority-, women-, and/or veteran-owned business by the SDO prior to obtaining a final license.

(6) CMO License Requirements, Marijuana Establishment applicants seeking to operate as an MTC shall also comply with the application requirements in 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

500.102: Action on Applications

(1) Action on Each Application. The Commission shall grant licenses with the goal of ensuring that the needs of the Commonwealth are met regarding access, quality, and community safety.

(a) License applications shall be evaluated based on the applicant's:

1. Demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth;

2. Suitability for licensure based on the provisions of 935 CMR 500.101(1): *New Applicants*, 935 CMR 500.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration* and 935 CMR 500.801: *Suitability Standard for Licensure*; and

3. Evaluation of the thoroughness of the applicant's responses to the required criteria. The Commission shall consider each license application submitted by an applicant on a rolling basis.

(b) The Commission shall notify each applicant in writing that:

1. The application has been deemed complete;

~~2. The application has been deemed incomplete, and include the grounds for which it has been deemed incomplete; or~~

~~2-3.~~ The Commission requires further information within a specified period of time before the packet is determined to be complete.

(c) Failure of the applicant to adequately address all required items in its application in the time required under 935 CMR 500.102: *Action on Applications* will result in evaluation of the application as submitted. Nothing in 935 CMR 500.101: *Application Requirements* is intended to confer a property or other right or interest entitling an applicant to a meeting before an application may be denied.

(d) On determination that the application is complete, a copy of the completed application, to the extent permitted by law, will be forwarded to the municipality in which the Marijuana Establishment will be located. The Commission shall request that the municipality respond within 60 days of the date of the correspondence that the applicant's proposed Marijuana Establishment ~~is in compliance~~ complies with municipal bylaws or ordinances.

(e) The applicant shall keep current all information required by 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, or otherwise required by the Commission. The applicant shall report any changes in or additions to the content of the information contained in the application to the Commission within five business days after such change or addition. If a material change occurs to an application deemed complete, the Commission may deem the application incomplete pending further review. If an application is initially deemed complete, and later deemed incomplete, a notice will be provided to the applicant. An incomplete application must be fully evaluated pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(a) prior to being deemed complete again and submitted to the Commission pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 5(a).

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- (2) Action on Completed Applications.
- (a) Priority application review will be granted to existing MTC Priority Applicants and Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants.
 - (b) The Commission shall review applications from Priority Applicants on an alternating basis, beginning with the first-in-time-application received from either an MTC Priority Applicant or Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant as recorded by the Commission's electronic license application tracking system. Where no completed application is available for review by the Commission from either of the priority groups defined in 935 CMR 500.102(2)(a), the Commission shall review the next complete application from either group.
 - (c) The Commission shall grant or deny a provisional license not later than 90 days following notification to the applicant that all required packets are considered complete. Applicants shall be notified in writing that:
 - 1. The applicant shall receive a provisional license which may be subject to further conditions as determined by the Commission; or
 - 2. The applicant has been denied a license. Denial shall include a statement of the reasons for the denial.
 - (d) Failure of the applicant to complete the application process within the time specified by the Commission in the application instructions shall be grounds for denial of a license.

500.103: Licensure and Renewal

- (1) Provisional License. On selection by the Commission, an applicant shall submit the required license fee and subsequently be issued a provisional license to develop a Marijuana Establishment, in the name of the entity. Such provisional license shall be subject to reasonable conditions specified by the Commission, if any.
- (a) The Commission shall review architectural plans for the building or renovation of a Marijuana Establishment. Construction or renovation related to such plans ~~shall~~ may not begin until the Commission has granted approval. Submission of such plans shall occur in a manner and form established by the Commission including, but not limited to, a detailed floor plan of the Premises of the proposed Marijuana Establishment that identifies the square footage available and describes the functional areas of the Marijuana Establishment, including areas for any preparation of Marijuana Products, and, if applicable, such information for the single allowable off-Premises location in Massachusetts where Marijuana will be cultivated or Marijuana Products will be prepared; and a description of plans to ensure that the Marijuana Establishment will be compliant with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines.
 - (b) To demonstrate compliance with 935 CMR 500.120(11), a Marijuana Cultivator applicant ~~must~~ shall also submit an energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation. For a Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative with a cultivation location sized as Tier 1 or Tier 2, compliance with any of the requirements of 935 CMR 500.120(11) may be demonstrated through an energy compliance letter prepared by one or more of the following energy professionals:
 - 1. A Certified Energy Auditor certified by the Association of Energy Engineers;
 - 2. A Certified Energy Manager certified by the Association of Energy Engineers;
 - 3. A Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer; or
 - 4. A Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect.
 - (c) A Marijuana Establishment shall construct its facilities in accordance with 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, conditions set forth by the Commission in its provisional license and architectural review, and any applicable state and local laws, regulations, permits or licenses.
 - (d) The Commission may conduct inspections of the facilities, as well as review all written materials required in accordance with 935 CMR 500.000:

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(e) The applicable license fee shall be paid within 90 days from the date the applicant was approved for a provisional license by the Commission. Failure to pay the applicable license fee within the required time frame shall result in the license approval expiring. If this occurs, a new license application will need to be completed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101: Application Requirements and will require Commission approval.

(f) To the extent updates are required to the information provided for initial licensure, the Marijuana Cultivator ~~must~~ shall submit an updated energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation, together with a renewal application submitted under 935 CMR 500.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure.

(g) Prior to the issuance of a final license, an Independent Testing Laboratory shall demonstrate compliance with 935 CMR 500.050(7)(a) and provide to the Commission documentation relating to its accreditation.

(h) To the extent that an Applicant for a Delivery Operator License decides, following the submission of the Application for Provisional Licensure but prior to receiving Final Licensure, that the Applicant will engage in White Labeling, the Applicant shall submit the information required by 935 CMR 500.101(3)(h)4. to the Commission. The Executive Director shall determine whether the submission satisfies the requirements of 935 CMR 500.101(3)(h)4..

(2) Final License. On completion of all inspections required by the Commission, a Marijuana Establishment is eligible for a final license. All information described in 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana that is not available at the time of submission ~~must~~ shall be provided to and approved by the Commission before Marijuana Establishment may receive a final license. Such final licenses shall be subject to reasonable conditions specified by the Commission, if any.

(a) No person or entity shall operate a Marijuana Establishment without a final license issued by the Commission.

(b) A provisional or final license may not be assigned or transferred without prior Commission approval.

(c) A provisional or final license shall be immediately void if the Marijuana Establishment Ceases to Operate or if, without the permission of the Commission, it relocates.

(d) Acceptance of a provisional or final license constitutes an agreement by the Marijuana Establishment that it will adhere to the practices, policies, and procedures that are described in its application materials, as well as all relevant laws, regulations, and any conditions imposed by the Commission as part of licensure.

(e) The Marijuana Establishment shall post the final license in a conspicuous location on the Premises at each Commission-approved location.

(f) The Marijuana Establishment shall conduct all activities authorized by 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana at the address(es) identified on the final license issued by the Commission.

(3) The Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall be operational within the time indicated in 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c)4. or as otherwise amended through the application process and approved by the Commission through the issuance of a final license.

(4) Expiration and Renewal of Licensure. The Marijuana Establishment's license, as applicable, shall expire one year after the date of issuance of the provisional license and annually thereafter, and may be renewed as follows, unless an action has been taken based on the grounds set forth in 935 CMR 500.450: Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation, and Denial of Renewal Applications.

(a) No later than 60 calendar days prior to the expiration date, a Marijuana Establishment shall submit a completed renewal application to the Commission in a form and manner determined by the Commission, as well as

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the required license fee.

(b) The Marijuana Establishment shall submit as a component of the renewal application a report or other information demonstrating the establishment's efforts to comply with the plans required under 935 CMR 500.101(1): New Applicants, including 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)11. and 935 CMR 500.100(1)(c)7.k., as applicable. The report shall, at a minimum, have detailed, demonstrative, and quantifiable proof of the establishment's efforts, progress, and success of said plans.

(c) A Marijuana Cultivator engaged in indoor cultivation ~~must~~ shall include a report of the Marijuana Cultivator's energy and water usage over the 12-month period preceding the date of the application.

(d) To the extent updates are required to the information provided for initial licensure, the Marijuana Cultivator ~~must~~ shall submit an updated energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation, together with a renewal application submitted under 935 CMR 500.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure.

(e) The Marijuana Establishment shall submit as a component of the renewal application certification of good standing from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the DOR, and the DUA. Certificates of good standing will be valid if issued within 90 days of the submittal of the renewal application.

(f) A Marijuana Establishment shall submit as a component of the renewal application documentation that the establishment requested from its Host Community the records of any cost to a city or town reasonably related to the operation of the establishment, which would include the city's or town's anticipated and actual expenses resulting from the operation of the establishment in its community. The applicant shall provide a copy of the electronic or written request, which should include the date of the request, and either the substantive response(s) received or an attestation that no response was received from the city or town. The request should state that, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 3(d), any cost to a city or town imposed by the operation of a Marijuana Establishment or MTC shall be documented and considered a public record as defined by M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26.

(g) The Marijuana Establishments shall update as needed, and ensure the accuracy of, all information that it submitted on its initial application for a license.

(h) The Marijuana Establishment shall comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.104(1) in accordance with that section separately from the renewal application.

(i) Commission shall issue a renewal license within 30 days of receipt of a renewal application and renewal license fee to a Licensee in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 6, if the Licensee:

1. Is in good standing with the Secretary of Commonwealth, DOR, and DUA;
2. Provided documentation demonstrating substantial effort or progress towards achieving its goals submitted as part of its plans required under 935 CMR 500.101(1), including 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)11. and (1)(c)7.k., as applicable; and
3. No new information submitted as part of the renewal application, or otherwise obtained, presents suitability issues for any individual or entity listed on the application or license.

(j) All Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants shall submit, as part of its renewal application, an attestation in a form and manner determined by the Commission, executed by the individuals who, through ownership, qualify an applicant or licensee as an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant certifying that:

1. Such individuals have had control and ownership since licensure, or the most recent renewal; and
2. The licensee acknowledges that it may only avail itself of the benefits of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant status so long as such individuals continue to have control and ownership or otherwise satisfy the criteria of Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant status as

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provided 935 CMR 500.0002: Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant.

(k) CMO Marijuana Retailers shall submit the following information pertaining to patient supply of marijuana:

1. The licensee's policy and the procedures (e.g., data points, formulas) relied on to determine what constitutes a sufficient quantity and variety of marijuana products consistent with 935 CMR 500.140(15): Patient Supply; and

2. The licensee's policy and procedures for determining what qualifies as a reasonable substitution for a medical marijuana product under 935 CMR 500.140(15): Patient Supply and its policy for communicating reliance on the substitution to patients.

(5) The Commission shall maintain a publicly available and searchable source of information about all operating licensees, including delivery licensees, on its website.

500.104: Notification and Approval of Changes

(1)(2) Prior to making the following changes, the Marijuana Establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission and pay the appropriate fee. No such change shall be permitted until approved by the Commission or in certain cases, the Commission has delegated authority to approve changes to the Executive Director. Failure to obtain approval of such changes may result in a license being suspended, revoked, or deemed void.

(a) Location Change. Prior to changing its location, a Marijuana Establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission.

(b) Ownership or Control Change.

1. Ownership Change. Prior to any change in ownership, where an Equity Holder acquires or increases its ownership to 10% or more of the equity or contributes 10% or more of the initial capital to operate the Marijuana Establishment, including capital that is in the form of land or buildings, the Marijuana Establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission.

2. Control Change. Prior to any change in control, where a new Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control should be added to the license, the Marijuana Establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission prior to effectuating such a change. An individual, corporation, or entity shall be determined to be in a position to control the decision-making of a Marijuana Establishment if the individual, corporation, or entity falls within the definition of Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control.

3. Priority Applicants Change in Ownership or Control.

a. Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants shall notify the Commission of any change in ownership or control, regardless of whether such change would require the applicant to seek approval pursuant to 935 CMR 500.104(1)(b)1. and 2.

b. Where a certified Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant seeks approval by the Commission of a change in ownership or control, the applicant must undergo the approval process provided by 935 CMR 500.104 prior to making a change in ownership or control. When an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant notifies the Commission of any change in ownership or control, the Commission shall review anew the applicant's eligibility for economic empowerment certification status.

b.c. When an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant implicates the approval process established in 935 CMR 500.104(1)(b)(1)-(2), the applicant shall seek approval by the Commission of a change in ownership or control, and shall undergo the approval process provided therein prior to making a change in ownership or control.

i. In order to maintain its status as an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant, the Economic Priority Applicant in its submission ~~must~~ shall demonstrate that it continues to qualify as an

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Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant, as defined in 935 CMR 500.002: Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant.

~~ii. On receipt of notice and a request for approval under 935 CMR 500.104: Notification and Approval of Changes, the Commission shall review anew the applicant's eligibility for economic empowerment certification status.~~

~~iv-iii.~~ The applicant may still seek approval of a change of ownership or control.

(c) Structural Change. Prior to any modification, remodeling, expansion, reduction or other physical, non-cosmetic alteration of the Marijuana Establishment, the establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission.

(d) Name Change. Prior to changing its name, the Marijuana Establishment shall submit a request for such change to the Commission. Name change requests, and prior approval, shall apply to an establishment proposing a new or amending a current doing-business-as name.

(e) ~~Receiverships~~Court Supervised Proceedings. Notification and approval requirements ~~of~~with respect to ~~receiverships~~Court Appointees and Court Supervised Proceedings provisions are detailed in 935 CMR 500.104(3): Court Supervised Proceedings-

~~(2)~~(3) The Executive Director of the Commission may approve, provided the Executive Director gives the Commission timely notice of his decision:

(a) A Location Change;

(b) A Name Change;

(c) Any new equity owner, provided that the equity acquired is below 10%;

(d) Any new Executive or Director, provided that the equity acquired is below 10%;

(e) A reorganization, provided that the ownership and their equity does not change; and

(f) Court Appointees, as detailed in 935 CMR 500.104(3): Court Supervised Proceedings.

(4) Court Supervised Proceedings.

(a) Commission Petition.

1. The Commission or its delegee may seek to file a petition where there is an imminent threat or danger to the public health, safety or welfare, which may include one or more of the following:

a. Notice of violations of state or federal criminal statutes, including, but not limited to, M.G.L. c. 94C, §§ 32 and 34;

b. Non-compliance with or violations of its statute or regulations such that the imposition of fines or other disciplinary actions would not be sufficient to protect the public;

c. Conditions that pose a substantial risk of diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to the illicit market or to individuals under the age of 21 who do not possess a valid pediatric Patient Registration Card issued by the Commission;

d. Conditions that pose a substantial risk to Patients, including, but not limited to, patient supply;

e. Violations of testing or inventory and transfer requirements such that the —Commission cannot readily monitor Marijuana and Marijuana Products cultivated, manufactured, transported, delivered, transfer, or sold by a Licensee; or

f. Other circumstance that the Commission or its delegee determines possess an imminent threat or danger to public health, safety, or welfare.

2. The Commission or its delegee may seek to file a petition, intervene, or otherwise participate in a Court Supervised Proceeding or any other proceeding to secure its rights under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 19.

3. Nothing in this section shall limit the Commission's authority under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(v).

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(b) Delegation. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 10, § 76(j), the Commission may delegate to the Executive Director the authority to appear on its behalf in Court Supervised Proceedings or any other proceeding, and to administer and enforce its regulations relative to such proceedings or Court Appointees, which includes, but is not limited to, the following.

1. To determine the form and manner of the application process for a Preapproved Court Appointee;
2. To preapprove, recommend, disqualify, or discipline Court Appointees; ~~or~~
3. To approve the distribution of escrow funds under 935 CMR 500.105(10): *Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow* or bond funds under 935 500.105(16): *Bonds*, including, but not limited to, to cover the cost of a Court Appointee or the operations of a Marijuana Establishment under supervision subject to the receipt of a court order prior to the expenditure of such funds;
4. To approve the use of additional funds subject to the receipt of a court order prior to the expenditure of such funds;
5. To preapprove or approve certain transactions, provided, however, any change in the ownership or control under 935 CMR 500.104(1) shall be considered by the Commission; or
6. To impose fines or other disciplinary action under 935 CMR 500.500, however, any suspension or revocation of a License under 935 CMR 500.450 shall be considered by the Commission.

(c) Notice to the Commission.

1. A Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee shall provide notice to the Commission of a petition or Court Supervised Proceeding or any other proceeding implicating these regulations:
 - a. Five (5) business days prior to the Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control filing a petition; or
 - b. On receipt of notice that a petition was filed or an imminent threat of litigation was received.
2. Notice to the Commission shall include a copy of the relevant communications, petition, pleadings and supporting documents, and shall be sent electronically to Commission@CCCMass.Com and by mail to the Cannabis Control Commission at:

Cannabis Control Commission,
ATTN: General Counsel – Court Appointees
Union Station
2 Washington Square
Worcester, MA 01604

3. As soon as practicable, the Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee shall provide electronic and written notice to the Commission if the circumstances giving rise to the petition pose or may pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.
4. As soon as practicable, the Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee shall provide notice to the court that it is licensed by the Commission and of the regulations relative to Court Supervised Proceedings and Court Appointees, including, but not limited to, the qualifications for a Court Appointee established in 935 CMR 500.104(3)(d)1, and the list of Preapproved Court Appointees.
5. A Licensee or Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control over a Licensee that fails to comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.104(3) may be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to revocation or suspension of any license or registration under 935 CMR 500.450: *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Renewal Application.*

(d) Commission Qualifications for Court Appointees.

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1. Qualifications. The Commission deems the following qualifications essential in a Court Appointee, subject to the court's discretion. At a minimum, an individual or entity seeking to be a Preapproved Court Appointee shall demonstrate the following qualifications consistent with the regulatory requirements for licensees. An applicant may seek a waiver of these qualifications under 935 CMR 500.850: Waiver. The failure to maintain these qualifications may be a basis for disqualification.
 - a. Suitability. An applicant must demonstrate suitability under 935 CMR 500.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure and Table A.
 - b. Ownership and Control Limits. A person or entity named as a Court Appointee shall, prior to and as a result of being a Court Appointee, be in compliance with the control limitations set forth in 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b) or any other limitations on licensure set forth in 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana.
2. Application Process for Preapproved Court Appointees. The Commission or its delegee may preapprove, recommend, disqualify, or discipline Preapproved Court Appointees. A person or entity seeking to be a Preapproved Court Appointee shall pay a fee established in 935 CMR 500.005(5)(a) and submit the following information and make the necessary disclosures:
 - a. Qualifications. An applicant shall demonstrate the qualifications set forth in 935 CMR 500.104(3)(d)1.
 - b. Credentials. An applicant shall demonstrate sufficient training, knowledge and experience, to ensure a Licensee under supervision shall comply with Commissions statutory and regulatory requirements.
 - c. Affiliated Individuals or Entities. An applicant shall identify any person or entity that may exert control or influence over the Preapproved Court Appointee, whether or not such individuals or entities are can exercise the authority of a Court Appointee.
 - d. Engaged Individuals or Entities. An applicant shall identify any person or entity that the applicant intends to engage in conducting the work of a Court Appointee, whether or not such individuals or entities are exercising the authority of a Court Appointee.
 - e. Financial Information. An applicant shall make such financial disclosures necessary to determine its ability to serve as a Court Appointee.
 - f. Licenses: The applicant shall submit any professional or occupational licenses and represent that these licenses are in good standing.
 - g. Good Standing. If the applicant is an entity, it shall submit a valid Certificate of Good Standing issued by each the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Department of Revenue.
 - h. Limitations. The applicant shall identify any limitations on the ability to serve as a Court Appointee, including, but not limited to, capacity, qualifications, credentials, conflicts of interest, and financial requirements.
 - i. An applicant shall submit any additional information the Commission or its delegee may request, in its sole discretion.
 - j. Suitability. An applicant shall demonstrate suitability to operate a Licensee. If the applicant is an entity, each individual exercising the authority of a Court Appointee shall demonstrate suitability as provided herein. An applicant shall demonstrate suitability by:
 - i. Submitting to a criminal background check in accordance with 935 CMR 500.030: Registration of Marijuana Establishment Agents, 500.101: Application

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Requirements, and 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments; or

ii. If authorized by the Commission, submitting an attestation under the pains and penalties of perjury that the applicant is suitable to operate a Licensee.

3. Application requirements in this 935 CMR 500.104(3)(d)2, shall apply only to persons and entities acting as a Court Appointee.

4. Renewal. In order to remain as Preapproved Court Appointee, each Preapproved Court Appointee, on the anniversary of their preapproval, shall annually attest to the Commission under the pains and penalties of perjury that there has been no material change to the information and disclosures submitted as part of the initial application or provide updated information and disclosures with respect to those that have changed, and pay the fee identified in 935 CMR 500.005(5)(b).

(e) Licensee's Obligations. A Licensee placed under the oversight or a Court Appointee shall:

1. Continue to comply with all legal and regulatory requirements applicable to a Licensee, except as otherwise determined pursuant a court order or a waiver granted pursuant to 935 CMR 500.850: Waivers.

2. Provide the Commission with any documents requested by the Commission.

3. Cooperate with the Commission's efforts to intervene as an interested party in any ~~Court~~ proceeding pursuant to which a Court Appointee is sought.

4. Comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.104(1) upon final disposition of the License(s) subject to oversight by a Court Appointee.

5. When a Licensee files a petition, it shall propose in such petition a Court Appointee with the qualifications identified in 935 CMR 500.104(3)(d)1. ~~And/or may choose~~ or identify ~~from the Commission's list of~~ a Preapproved Court Appointees.

(f) Applicability of this Section 935 CMR 104(3).

1. All Licensees and Persons or Entities having Direct or Indirect Control shall comply with the notice requirements established in 935 CMR 500.104(3)(c).

2. A Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control that has its ownership or control interest placed under the oversight of a Court Appointee shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection 935 CMR 500.104(3)(b) and (d) through (f), provided however, that upon final disposition of the interest in question, the Licensee shall comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.104(1), as applicable.

3. Any Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant or any other Licensee subject to regulatory benefits provided for in 935 CMR 500.005(b), 500.050(6) and (10), 500.101(13) that is placed under the oversight of a Court Appointee shall have such status suspended until such time as the Court Appointee's work is deemed complete pursuant to a court order, at which time, such status will go back into effect, provided the Licensee continues to satisfy all requisite criteria.

(4) Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors. A Licensee must seek Commission approval, in a form or manner determined by the Commission, prior to effectuating an Assignment for the benefit of Creditors. The Commission may delegate authority to approve such agreements to the Executive Director, provided however, that any transfer of a License shall be subject to Commission Approval.

(5) The Marijuana Establishment shall keep current all information required by 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* or otherwise required by the Commission. The Marijuana Establishment shall report any changes in or additions to the content of the information contained in any document to the Commission within five business days after such change or addition.

500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments

- (1) Written Operating Procedures. Every Marijuana Establishment shall have and follow a set of detailed written operating procedures. If the Marijuana Establishment has an additional location, it shall develop and follow a set of such operating procedures for that facility. A CMO shall have written operating procedures that comply with both 935 CMR 500.105(1): *Written Operating Procedures* and 935 CMR 501.105(1): *Written Operating Procedures* and may do so by having two sets of written operating procedures applicable to each medical-use and adult-use operations or having one set of written operating procedures, provided it complies with both medical-use and adult-use requirements. Operating procedures shall include, but need not be limited to the following:
- (a) Security measures in compliance with 935 CMR 500.110: *Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments*;
 - (b) Employee security policies, including personal safety and crime prevention techniques;
 - (c) A description of the Marijuana Establishment's hours of operation and after-hours contact information, which shall be provided to the Commission, made available to Law Enforcement Authorities on request, and updated pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*;
 - (d) Storage and waste disposal of Marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(11): *Storage Requirements*;
 - (e) Description of the various strains of Marijuana to be cultivated, Processed or sold, as applicable, and the form(s) in which Marijuana will be sold;
 - (f) Price list for Marijuana and Marijuana Products and any other available products, and alternate price lists for patients with documented Verified Financial Hardship, as defined in 935 CMR 501.002: *Verified Financial Hardship*, as required by 935 CMR 501.100(1)(f);
 - (g) Procedures to ensure accurate recordkeeping, including inventory protocols for Transfer and inventory in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(8) and (9);
 - (h) Plans for quality control, including product testing for contaminants in compliance with 935 CMR 500.160: *Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products*;
 - (i) A staffing plan and staffing records in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(9)(d);
 - (j) Emergency procedures, including a disaster plan with procedures to be followed in case of fire or other emergencies;
 - (k) Alcohol, smoke, and drug-free workplace policies;
 - (l) A plan describing how Confidential Information and other records required to be maintained confidentially will be maintained;
 - (m) A policy for the immediate dismissal of any Marijuana Establishment Agent who has:
 - 1. Diverted Marijuana, which shall be reported to Law Enforcement Authorities and to the Commission;
 - 2. Engaged in unsafe practices with regard to operation of the Marijuana Establishment, which shall be reported to the Commission; or
 - 3. Been convicted or entered a guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission to sufficient facts of a felony drug offense involving distribution to a minor in the Commonwealth, or a like violation of the laws of any Other Jurisdiction.
 - (n) A list of all board of directors, members and Executives of a Marijuana Establishment, and Members, if any, of the Licensee ~~must~~ shall be made available on request by any individual. This requirement may be fulfilled by placing this required information on the Marijuana Establishment's website;
 - (o) Policies and procedure for the handling of cash on Marijuana Establishment Premises including, but not limited to, storage, collection frequency, and transport to financial institution(s), to be available on inspection.
 - (p) Policies and procedures to prevent the diversion of Marijuana to individuals younger than 21 years old;

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- (q) Policies and procedures for energy efficiency and conservation that shall include:
1. Identification of potential energy use reduction opportunities (including, but not limited to, natural lighting, heat recovery ventilation and energy efficiency measures), and a plan for implementation of such opportunities;
 2. Consideration of opportunities for renewable energy generation including, where applicable, submission of building plans showing where energy generators could be placed on the site, and an explanation of why the identified opportunities were not pursued, if applicable;
 3. Strategies to reduce electric demand (such as lighting schedules, active load management and energy storage); and
 4. Engagement with energy efficiency programs offered pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25, § 21, or through municipal lighting plants.
- (r) ~~Policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with applicable standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, including plans to identify and address any biological, chemical or physical hazards. Such policies and procedures shall include, at a minimum, a hazard communication plan, personal protective equipment assessment, a fire protection plan, and an emergency action plan. Policies and procedures to promote workplace safety consistent with t~~The standards set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651, *et seq.*, including the general duty clause under 29 U.S.C. § 654, whereby:

Each employer (a) shall furnish to each of its employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to its employees; (b) shall comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under this act. Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations, and orders issued pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 651, *et seq.*, which are applicable to the employee's own actions and conduct.

All current and updated regulations and references at 29 CFR Parts 1903, 1904, 1910, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1926, 1928, and 1977 are incorporated by reference, and applicable to all places of employment covered by 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.

- (2) Marijuana Establishment Agent Training.
- (a) Marijuana Establishments, including Independent Testing Laboratories, shall ensure that all Marijuana Establishment Agents complete minimum requirements prior to performing job functions.
1. At a minimum, Marijuana Establishment Agents shall receive a total of eight hours of training annually. The eight-hour total tFraining requirement shall be tailored to the roles and responsibilities of the job function of each Marijuana Establishment Agent, and at a,
 2. A minimum of four hours of training must shall include be from Responsible Vendor Training Program courses established under 935 CMR 500.105(2)(b). Any additional RVT hours over the four-hour RVT requirement may count toward the eight-hour total training requirement.
 3. Non-RVT training may be conducted in-house by the Marijuana Establishment or by a third-party vendor engaged by the Marijuana Establishment. Basic on-the-job training Marijuana Establishments provide in the ordinary course of business may be counted toward the eight-hour total training requirement.
 4. Agents responsible for tracking and entering product into the Seed-to-sale SOR ~~must~~ shall receive training in a form and manner determined by the Commission. At a minimum, staff shall receive eight hours of on-going training annually.
 5. Marijuana Establishments shall maintain records of compliance with all training requirements noted above. Such records shall be maintained for four years and Marijuana Establishments shall make such

records available for inspection on request.

6. An individual who is both a Marijuana Establishment Agent and MTC Agent at a CMO location shall receive the training required for each license under which the agent is registered, including, without limitation, with respect to patient privacy and confidentiality requirements, which may result in instances that would require such an agent to participate in more than eight hours of training.

(a)(b) Responsible Vendor Training.

1. On or after July 1, 2019, all current Owners, managers and employees of a Marijuana Establishment Agents, including Laboratory Agents, that are involved in the handling and or sale of Marijuana for adult use at the time of licensure or renewal of licensure, as applicable, shall have attended and successfully completed a Responsible Vendor Training Program to be designated a "Responsible Vendor."

2. Once a Licensee is designated a "Responsible Vendor", all new employees involved in the handling and sale of Marijuana for adult use shall successfully complete a Responsible Vendor Training Program within 90 days of hire.

b. On completing the Basic Core Curriculum, a Marijuana Establishment Agent is eligible to take the Advanced Core Curriculum.

a.c. Exception for Administrative Employees. Marijuana Establishment Agents who serve as administrative employees and do not handle or sell Marijuana are exempt from the four-hour RVT requirement but may take the "a Responsible Vendor" program Training Program course on a voluntary basis as part of fulfilling the eight-hour total training requirement.

2. Once a Marijuana Establishments must maintain records of Establishment is designated a Responsible Vendor Training Program compliance, all Marijuana Establishment Agents employed by the Marijuana Establishment that are involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for four years and make them available to inspection adult use shall successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum within 90 days of hire.

4.3. After successful completion of the Basic Core Curriculum, each Marijuana Establishment Agent involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for adult use shall fulfill the four-hour RVT requirement every year thereafter for the Marijuana Establishment to maintain designation as a Responsible Vendor. Failure to maintain Responsible Vendor status is grounds for action by the Commission and any other applicable licensing authority on request during normal business hours.

5.4. Responsible Vendor Trainer Certification Training Program Standards.

a. No owner, manager or employee of a Responsible Vendor program shall have an interest in Trainer may be a licensed Person Or Entity Having Direct Or Indirect Ownership or Control of a Marijuana Establishment.

b. Program providers Responsible Vendor Trainers shall submit their programs program materials to the Commission prior to offering courses, every two years for approval as a following for Commission certification of the Responsible Vendor program.

c. Responsible Vendor Training Program courses shall consist of at least two hours of instruction time.

d. The program Except as provided in 935 CMR 500.105(2)(b)(4)(e), Responsible Vendor Training Program courses shall be taught in a real-time, interactive, virtual or in-person classroom setting wherein which the instructor is able to verify the identification of each individual attending the program and certify completion of the program by the individual identified.

e. The Responsible Vendor Training Program courses may be presented in a virtual format that is not taught in a real-time, provided that the Responsible Vendor Trainer, as part of its application for

certification, can demonstrate means:

- i. To verify the identification of each trainee participating in the program provider course and certify completion by the individual.
- ii. To track trainees' time needed to complete the course training;
- iii. To allow for the trainees to ask questions of the Responsible Vendor Trainer, for example, by email, virtual discussion board, or group/class discussion; and
- iv. To evaluate each trainee's proficiency with course material.
- f. Responsible Vendor Trainers shall seek certification for each Basic Core Curriculum and Advanced Core Curriculum. Applications for Advanced Core Curriculum certification will be open on or before July 1, 2022.
- e.g. Responsible Vendor Trainers shall maintain its training records at its principal place of business during the applicable year and for the following three for four years.
- f.h. The program provider shall Responsible Vendor Trainers shall make the records available for inspection by the Commission and any other applicable licensing authority on request during normal business hours.
- g.i. The program Responsible Vendor Trainers shall provide to the appropriate Marijuana Establishment and Marijuana Establishment Agent written documentation of attendance and successful evaluation of proficiency, such as passage of a test on the knowledge of the required curriculum for each attendee.
- h.j. Attendees Trainees who can speak and write English fluently must shall successfully pass demonstrate proficiency, such as passing a written test with a score of 70% or better.
- i.k. Attendees Marijuana Establishment Agents who cannot speak or write English may be offered a verbal evaluation or test, provided that the same questions are given as are on the written test and the results of the verbal test are documented with a passing score of 70% or better.
- j.l. Program providers Responsible Vendor Trainers shall solicit effectiveness evaluations from individuals Marijuana Establishment Agents who have completed their program-(s).

6.5 Certification Training Class Basic Core Curriculum. The Basic Core Curriculum shall cover the following subject matter:

- a. Discussion concerning Marijuana's effect on the human body. Training shall include, including:
 - i. Scientifically based evidence on the physical and mental health effects based on the type of Marijuana Product;
 - ii. The amount of time to feel impairment;
 - iii. Visible signs of impairment; and
 - iv. Recognizing the signs of impairment.
- b. Diversion prevention and prevention of sales to minors, including best practices.
- c. Compliance with all tracking requirements.
- d. Acceptable forms of identification. Training shall include:
 - i. How to check identification;
 - ii. Spotting false and confiscating fraudulent identification;
 - iii. Patient registration cards formerly and validly issued by the DPH or currently and validly issued by the Commission;
 - iv. Provisions for confiscating fraudulent identifications; and
 - v. Prohibited purchases and practices, including purchases by persons under the age of twenty-one in violation of M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13.
- e. Other key state laws and rules affecting Owners, managers, and employees Marijuana Establishment Agents, which shall include:
 - i. Local and state licensing and enforcement;
 - *ii. Permitting inspections by state and local licensing and enforcement authorities;
 - *i-iii. Local and state licensing and enforcement, including registration and license sanctions;

- iv. Incident and notification requirements;
- v. Administrative, civil, and criminal liability;
- vi. Health and safety standards, including waste disposal;
- vii. Patrons prohibited from bringing Marijuana and Marijuana Products onto licensed premises;
- viii. Permitted hours of sale;
- ~~xix.~~ Licensee responsibilities for activities occurring within licensed premises;
- Maintenance of records, including confidentiality and privacy; and
- ~~xiii.~~ Privacy issues; and

6. Advanced Core Curriculum.

- a. Each Advanced Core Curriculum class shall be approved by the Commission prior to being offered. The curriculum shall build on the knowledge, skills, and practices covered in the Basic Core Curriculum.
- b. An Advanced Core Curriculum class shall include standard and best practices in one or more of the following areas
 - i. Cultivation;
 - ii. Product Manufacturing;
 - iii. Retail;
 - iv. Transportation
 - v. Social Consumption;
 - vi. Laboratory Science;
 - vii. Energy and Environmental Best Practices;
 - viii. Social Justice and Economically Reparative Practices;
 - ix. Implicit Bias and Diversity Training;
 - x. Worker Safety;
 - xi. Food Safety and Sanitation;
 - xii. Confidentiality and Privacy;
 - xiii. In dept coverage of any topic(s) taught in the Basic Core Curriculum; or
 - xiv. Such other topic as the Commission may approve in its sole discretion.

7. Delivery Core Curriculum. In addition to the Basic Core Curriculum, all Marijuana Establishment Agents acting as delivery employees of a Delivery-only Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall have attended and successfully completed Delivery Core Curriculum prior to making a delivery, which shall, to the extent not covered in Basic Core Training, include, without limitation, training on:

- a. Safely conducting deliveries;
- b. Safe cash handling practices;
- c. Strategies for de-escalating potentially dangerous situations;
- d. Securing product following any instance of diversion, theft or loss of Finished Marijuana Products pursuant to 935 CMR 500.110(1)(m);
- e. Collecting and communicating information to assist in investigations;
- f. Procedures for checking identification;
- g. Indications of impairment;
- h. Notification to Consumers of use of mandatory recording devices; and
- ~~f.i.~~ Such other areas of training determined by the Commission to be included in a Responsible Vendor Training Program.

(3) Requirements for the Handling of Marijuana.

- (a) A Marijuana Establishment authorized to Process Marijuana shall do so in a safe and sanitary manner. A Marijuana Establishment shall Process the leaves and flowers of the female Marijuana plant only, which shall be:
 - 1. Well cured and free of seeds and stems;
 - 2. Free of dirt, sand, debris, and other foreign matter;
 - 3. Free of contamination by mold, rot, other fungus, pests and bacterial diseases and satisfying the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 500.000: *Good Manufacturing Practices for Food*, and if applicable, 105 CMR

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590.000: *State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments;*

4. Prepared and handled on food-grade stainless steel tables with no contact with Licensees' or Marijuana Establishment Agents' bare hands; and
 5. Packaged in a secure area.
- (b) All Marijuana Establishments, including those that develop Repackage, or Process non-edible Marijuana Products, shall comply with the following sanitary requirements:
1. Any Marijuana Establishment Agent whose job includes contact with Marijuana or non-edible Marijuana Products, including cultivation, production, or packaging, is subject to the requirements for food handlers specified in 105 CMR 300.000: *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements;*
 2. Any Marijuana Establishment Agent working in direct contact with preparation of Marijuana or non-edible Marijuana Products shall conform to sanitary practices while on duty, including:
 - a. Maintaining adequate personal cleanliness; and
 - b. Washing hands thoroughly in an adequate hand-washing area before starting work, and at any other time when hands may have become soiled or contaminated.
 3. Hand-washing facilities shall be adequate and convenient and shall be furnished with running water at a suitable temperature. Hand-washing facilities shall be located in the Marijuana Establishment in Production Areas and where good sanitary practices require Employees to wash and sanitize their hands, and shall provide effective hand-cleaning and sanitizing preparations and sanitary towel service or suitable drying devices;
 4. There shall be sufficient space for placement of equipment and storage of materials as is necessary for the maintenance of sanitary operations;
 5. Litter and waste shall be properly removed, disposed of so as to minimize the development of odor and minimize the potential for the waste attracting and harboring pests. The operating systems for waste disposal shall be maintained in an adequate manner pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(12): Waste Disposal;
 6. Floors, walls, and ceilings shall be constructed in such a manner that they may be adequately kept clean and in good repair;
 7. There shall be adequate safety lighting in all Processing and storage areas, as well as areas where equipment or utensils are cleaned;
 8. Buildings, fixtures, and other physical facilities shall be maintained in a sanitary condition;
 9. All contact surfaces, including utensils and equipment, shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Such surfaces shall be cleaned and sanitized as frequently as necessary to protect against contamination, using a sanitizing agent registered by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in accordance with labeled instructions. Equipment and utensils shall be so designed and of such material and workmanship as to be adequately cleanable;
 10. All toxic items shall be identified, held, and stored in a manner that protects against contamination of Marijuana Products. Toxic items ~~shall~~ may not be stored in an area containing products used in the cultivation of Marijuana. The Commission may require a Marijuana Establishment to demonstrate the intended and actual use of any toxic items found on the Premises;
 11. A Marijuana Establishment's water supply shall be sufficient for necessary operations. Any private water source shall be capable of providing a safe, potable, and adequate supply of water to meet the Marijuana Establishment's needs;
 12. Plumbing shall be of adequate size and design, and adequately installed and maintained to carry sufficient quantities of water to required locations throughout the Marijuana Establishment. Plumbing shall properly convey sewage and liquid disposable waste from the Marijuana

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Establishment. There shall be no cross-connections between the potable and wastewater lines;

13. A Marijuana Establishment shall provide its employees with adequate, readily accessible toilet facilities that are maintained in a sanitary condition and in good repair;

14. Products that can support the rapid growth of undesirable microorganisms shall be held in a manner that prevents the growth of these microorganisms;

15. Storage and transportation of finished products shall be under conditions that will protect them against physical, chemical, and microbial contamination as well as against deterioration of finished products or their containers; and

16. All vehicles and transportation equipment used in the transportation of Marijuana Products or Edibles requiring temperature control for safety ~~must shall~~ be designed, maintained, and equipped as necessary to provide adequate temperature control to prevent the Marijuana Products or Edibles from becoming unsafe during transportation, consistent with applicable requirements pursuant to 21 CFR 1.908(c).

(c) All Marijuana Establishments, including those that develop or Process Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~, shall comply with sanitary requirements. All Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ shall be prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 590.000: *State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments*.

(d) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, a CMO shall comply with 935 CMR 500.105(3): *Requirements for the Handling of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 501.105(3): *Handling of Marijuana*.

(4) Marketing and Advertising Requirements.

(a) Permitted Practices. The following advertising, ~~marketing, and branding~~ activities are permitted:

1. A Marijuana Establishment may develop a ~~Brand Name~~business name and logo to be used in labeling, signage, and other materials; provided however, that use of medical symbols, images of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, or related Paraphernalia images, that are appealing to persons younger than 21 years old, and colloquial references to Marijuana and Cannabis and Marijuana are prohibited from use in ~~this business name and logo~~the Brand Name;

2. Brand Name Sponsorship of a charitable, sporting or similar event, so long as the following conditions are met.

a. Sponsorship of the event is limited to the Brand Name.

b. Any advertising at or in connection with such an event is prohibited, unless such advertising is targeted to entrants or participants reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data, and reasonable safeguards have been employed to prohibit advertising from targeting or otherwise reaching entrants or participants reasonably expected to be under 21 years of age, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data;

~~—except that advertising, marketing, and branding at or in connection with such an event is prohibited, unless at least 85% of the audience reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data;~~

a. Sponsorship of said event shall be included in its Positive Impact Plan submitted in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)11; —

~~a-b.~~ Sponsorship of the event is limited to the Brand Name;

~~b-c.~~ Any advertising at or in connection with such an event is prohibited, unless such advertising is targeted to entrants or participants reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data, and reasonable safeguards have been employed to prohibit advertising from targeting or otherwise reaching entrants or participants reasonably expected to be under 21

~~years of age, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data; For this event, the audience must be at least 85 per cent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, up-to-date audience composition data;~~

~~4. A Marijuana Establishment engaging in Brand Name Sponsorship under 935 CMR 500.105(4)(a)2. and 3. shall retain documentation of reliable, reasonable audience composition data that is the basis for allowing any such advertising or branding for a period of one (1) year, or longer if otherwise required by the Commission, or a court or agency with jurisdiction.~~

~~2-5.~~ A Marijuana Establishment may display, in secure, locked cases, samples of each product offered for sale and subject to the requirements of 935 CMR 500.110: Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments.

These display cases may be transparent. An authorized Marijuana Establishment Agent may remove a sample of Marijuana from the case and provide it to the Consumer for inspection, provided the Consumer may not consume or otherwise use the sample, unless otherwise authorized herein;

~~3-6.~~ The establishment may post prices in the store and may respond to questions about pricing. The Marijuana Establishment shall provide a catalogue or a printed list of the prices and strains of Marijuana available at the Marijuana Establishment to Consumers and may post the same catalogue or printed list on its website and in the retail store;

~~4-7.~~ A Marijuana Establishment may engage in reasonable ~~marketing-~~ advertising ~~and branding-~~ practices that are not otherwise prohibited in 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b) that do not jeopardize the public health, welfare or safety of the general public or promote the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana use in individuals younger than 21 years old ~~or otherwise~~

~~promote practices inconsistent with the purposes of M.G.L. c. 94G or 94I.~~ Any such ~~marketing-~~ advertising ~~and branding-~~ created for viewing by the public shall include the statement "Please Consume Responsibly", in a conspicuous manner on the face of the advertisement and shall include a minimum of two of the following warnings in their entirety in a conspicuous manner on the face of the advertisement:

- a. "This product may cause impairment and may be habit forming.";
- b. "Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug.";
- c. "There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product.";
- d. "For use only by adults 21 years of age or older. Keep out of the reach of children."; or
- e. "Marijuana should not be used by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding."

~~5-8.~~ All ~~marketing-~~ advertising ~~and branding-~~ produced by or on behalf of a Marijuana Establishment ~~for Marijuana or Marijuana Products-~~ shall include the following warning, including capitalization, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(xxvi):

“This product has not been analyzed or approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN. There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product. Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment. The impairment effects of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products-~~ may be delayed by two hours or more. In case of accidental ingestion, contact poison control hotline 1-800-222-1222 or 9-1-1. This product may be illegal outside of MA.”

9. A Licensee may utilize employee discounts as part of the Marijuana Establishment's operating policy and procedure for prevention of diversion pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(1)(c)8.b. Institution of an employee discount program under this subsection shall not be considered a prohibited practice under 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b).

(b) ~~Prohibited Practices.~~ The following advertising, ~~marketing, and branding~~ activities are prohibited:

1. Advertising, ~~marketing, and branding~~ in such a manner that is deemed to be is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly or by omission or ambiguity;
2. Advertising, ~~marketing and branding~~ by means of television, radio, internet, mobile applications, social media, or other electronic communication, billboard or other outdoor advertising, or print publication, unless at least 85% of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older as determined by reliable and current audience composition data;
3. Advertising, ~~marketing, and branding~~ that utilizes statements, designs, representations, pictures or illustrations that portray anyone younger than 21 years old;
4. Advertising, ~~marketing, and branding~~ including, but not limited to, mascots, cartoons, ~~brand sponsorships~~ and celebrity endorsements, that is deemed to appeal to a person younger than 21 years old;
- 4.5. Brand sponsorship including, but not limited to, mascots, cartoons, and celebrity endorsements, that is deemed to appeal to a person younger than 21 years old;
- ~~5.6.~~ Advertising, ~~marketing, and branding~~, including statements by a Licensee, that makes any false or statements concerning other Licensees and the conduct and products of such other Licensees that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly or by omission or ambiguity;
- ~~6. Advertising, marketing, and branding through certain identified promotional items as determined by the Commission including, but not limited to, gifts, giveaways, discounts, points based reward systems, customer loyalty programs, coupons, or "free" or "donated" Marijuana;~~
8. Advertising on any billboards, or any other public signage, which fails to comply with all state and local ordinances and requirements;
9. ~~Installation Use~~ of any ~~illuminated, neon, or illuminated or~~ external signage beyond the period of 30 minutes before sundown until closing, provided however, that the Commission may further specify minimum signage requirements;
10. The use of vehicles equipped with radio or loudspeakers for the ~~Advertising~~ of Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
11. The use of radio or loudspeaker equipment in any Marijuana Establishment for the purpose of ~~Advertising attracting attention to~~ the sale of Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
12. Advertising Brand Name Sponsorship, marketing, and branding at, or in connection with, of a charitable, sporting or similar event, unless such advertising is targeted to entrants or participants reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data, and reasonable safeguards have been employed to prohibit advertising from targeting or otherwise reaching entrants or participants reasonably expected to be under 21 years of age, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data;
- ~~12. unless at least 85% of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data;~~
- ~~Use of unsolicited pop-up advertisements on the internet or text message; unless the advertisement is a mobile device application installed on the device by the owner of the device who is 21 years of age or older and includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature.~~

15. ~~Any a~~Advertising, ~~marketing or branding solely for the promotion of~~ Products, on Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods, including but not limited to clothing, cups, drink holders, apparel accessories, electronic equipment or accessories, sporting equipment, novelty items and similar portable promotional items;
 16. Advertising, ~~marketing or branding,~~ on or in public or private vehicles and at bus stops, taxi stands, transportation waiting areas, train stations, airports, or other similar transportation venues including, but not limited to, vinyl-wrapped vehicles or signs or logos on transportation vehicles not owned by the Marijuana Establishment or company cars;
 17. ~~Advertising, marketing, branding.~~The display of signs or other printed material~~ter~~ advertising any brand or any kind of Marijuana or Marijuana Products that are displayed on the exterior of any licensed Premises or interior of any licensed Premises where Marijuana Products are not regularly and usually kept for sale;
 18. Advertising ~~or marketing~~ of the price of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, except as permitted above pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(4)(a)6; ~~and~~
 19. Display of Marijuana or Marijuana Products so as to be clearly visible to a person from the exterior of a Marijuana Establishment.
 20. Advertising through the marketing of free promotional items-, including, but not limited to, gifts, giveaways, discounts, points-based reward systems, customer loyalty programs, coupons, and "free" or "donated" Marijuana, except as otherwise permitted by 935 CMR 500.105(4)(a)9. and except for the provision of Brand Name take-away bags by a Marijuana Establishment for the benefit of customers after a retail purchase is completed;
- (c) Nothing in 935 CMR 500.105(4): Advertising Requirements prohibits a Marijuana Establishment from using a mark provided by the Commission which uses images of Marijuana or Marijuana Products.
~~(d) CMOs shall comply with the requirements of each 935 CMR 500.105(4): Advertising Requirements and 935 CMR 500.105(4): Advertising Requirements with respect to the applicable license. A CMO may develop a single marketing campaign, provided, however, it shall apply the most restrictive requirements applicable under either license.~~
- (5) Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.
- (a) Labeling of Marijuana Not Sold as a Marijuana Product. Prior to Marijuana being sold or Transferred, ~~a Marijuana Cultivator a~~ Marijuana Establishment shall ensure the placement of a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 of an inch in size on each package of Marijuana that it makes available for retail sale, containing at a minimum the following information:
 1. The name and registration number, telephone number and email address of the ~~Marijuana Cultivator~~ Licensee that produced the Marijuana, together with the retail Licensee's business telephone number, ~~electronic~~ mail address, and website information, if any;
 2. ~~The quantity of Usable Marijuana contained within the package;~~
 3. A batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;
 4. Net weight or volume in US customary and metric units, -listed in that order;
 5. The full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the package, including THC and other Cannabinoid levels;
 6. A statement and a seal certifying that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15;
 7. This statement, including capitalization;

This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is

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against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.;

8. The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~:



9. The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



10. 935 CMR 500.105(5)(a) shall apply to Marijuana packaged as a Finished Marijuana Product for purposes of Wholesale to a Delivery Operator for delivery to Consumers, provided that the Marijuana Cultivator, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative is responsible for compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(5): Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products for all Marijuana intended to be wholesaled for delivery to Consumers by a Delivery Operator. White labeling of Finished Marijuana Products wholesaled from a Marijuana Cultivator, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative for delivery to consumers by a Delivery Operator may be performed by either Licensee, provided that white labeling is explicitly authorized by the Commission under the specific Delivery Operator License and reflected in any Wholesale Agreement.

11. 935 CMR 500.105(5)(a) shall not apply to Marijuana packaged for transport of wholesale cultivated Marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(8): Inventory and Transfer, shall not apply to Marijuana packaged by a Marijuana Cultivator for transport to a Marijuana Retailer in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(13), provided however, that the Marijuana Retailer is responsible for compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(5): Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products for all Marijuana Products sold or displayed tofor Consumers.

(b) Labeling of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~. Prior to Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ being sold or Transferred, the Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall place a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 of an inch in size on each Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ that it prepares for retail sale or wholesale, containing at a minimum the following information:

1. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Product Manufacturer that produced the Marijuana Product, together with the Marijuana Product Manufacturer's business telephone number, e-mail address, and website information, if any;
2. The name of the Marijuana Product;
3. Refrigeration of the product is required, as applicable;
4. Total nNet weight or volume in US customary and metric units, listed in that order, of the Marijuana Product;
5. The number of servings sizes within the Marijuana Product based on the limits provided in 935 CMR 500.150(3): Additional Labeling and

Packaging Requirements for Edibles and the specific weight in milligrams of a serving size:

~~1.~~ ~~The quantity of Usable Marijuana contained within the product as measured in ounces;~~

~~5-7.~~ A list of ingredients, including the full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the Marijuana Product, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) and other Cannabinoids in the package and in each serving of a Marijuana Product as expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume;

~~2.~~ ~~The serving size of the Marijuana Product in milligrams;~~

~~8-9.~~ The date of creation and the recommended "use by" or expiration date which ~~shall~~ may not be altered or changed;

~~9-10.~~ A batch number, sequential serial number and bar codes when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;

~~10-11.~~ Directions for use of the Marijuana Product;

~~11-12.~~ A statement and a seal that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15;

~~12-13.~~ A warning if nuts or other Known Allergens are contained in the product; and

~~13-14.~~ This statement, including capitalization:

“The impairment effects of edible products may be delayed by two hours or more. This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.”;

~~14-15.~~ The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~:



~~15-16.~~ The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



~~16-17.~~ 935 CMR 500.105(5)(b) shall apply to Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ produced by a Marijuana Product Manufacturer for transport to a ~~Marijuana Retailer Licensee~~ in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(~~8-13~~); ~~Inventory and Transfer~~ and shall be in addition to any regulation regarding the appearance of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ under 935 CMR 500.150: Edibles.

18. The White Labeling of Edibles to be sold and delivered by a Delivery Operator may be conducted by the licensed Microbusiness or Product Manufacturer of the Edible at the Microbusiness's or Product Manufacturer's Premises or by the Delivery Operator at the Warehouse

of the Delivery Licensee, provided that white labeling is explicitly authorized by the Commission under the specific Delivery Operator License and reflected in any Wholesale Agreement.

(c) Labeling of Marijuana Concentrates and Extracts. Prior to Marijuana concentrates or extracts being sold or Transferred, the Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall place a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 of an inch in size on each Marijuana concentrate container that it prepares for retail sale or wholesale, containing at a minimum the following information:

1. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Product Manufacturer that produced the Marijuana Product, together with the Marijuana Product Manufacturer's business telephone number, e-mail address, and website information, if any;
2. The name of the Marijuana Product;
3. Product identity including the word "concentrate" or "extract" as applicable;

4. ~~Total n~~Net weight or ~~f~~ volume expressed in US customary units and metric units, listed in that order, of the Marijuana Product;

~~5. If applicable, the~~A statement of the serving size and number of servings perin the Marijuana Product-container or amount suggested for use based on the limits provided in 935 CMR 500.150(43);-Additional Labeling and Packaging Requirements for Edibles -and the specific weight in milligrams of a serving size;

~~5-6.~~ The type of Marijuana used to produce the product, including what, if any, Processing technique or solvents were used;

7. A list of ingredients including, but not limited to, the full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the Marijuana Product, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) and other Cannabinoids in the package and in each serving of a Marijuana Product as expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume, and the amount of specific additives infused or incorporated during the manufacturing process, whether active or inactive, including, but not limited to, thickening agents, thinning agents, and specific terpenes, expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume, ~~and in a form and matter determined by the Commission.~~

a. For Marijuana Vaporizer Devices, identification of specific additives shall include, but not be limited to, any additives identified on the FDA's Inactive Ingredient Database for "Respiratory (inhalation)" or "Oral" routes of administration and based on dosage form as an aerosol product or inhalant. The FDA Inactive Ingredient Database is available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/72482/download>. If the FDA database or its equivalent is no longer available, licensees shall use the database identified by the Commission.

b. For Marijuana Vaporizer Devices produced using only cannabis-derived terpenes, the following statement: "This product was produced using only cannabis-derived terpenes."

c. For Marijuana Vaporizer Devices produced using terpenes other than cannabis-derived terpenes, the following statement: "This product was produced using terpenes derived from sources other than cannabis."A statement of the serving size and number of servings per container or amount suggested for use based on the limits provided in 935 CMR 500.150;

~~6-8.~~ The date of creation and the recommended "use by" or expiration date;

~~7-9.~~ A batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;

~~8-10.~~ Directions for use of the Marijuana Product;

~~9-11.~~ A statement and a seal that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15;

~~10-12.~~ A warning if nuts or other Known Allergens are contained in the

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product;

~~11.13.~~ This statement, including capitalization:

“This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.”;

~~12.14.~~ The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~:



~~13.15.~~ The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



~~14.16.~~ 935 CMR 500.105(5)(c) shall apply to Marijuana concentrates and extracts produced by a Marijuana Product Manufacturer for transport to a Marijuana Retailer in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(13): *Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments.*

(d) Labeling of Marijuana Infused Tinctures and Topicals. Prior to Marijuana infused Tinctures or topicals being sold or Transferred the Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall place a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 ~~of an~~ inch in size on each container of Marijuana infused Tincture or topical that it prepares for retail sale or wholesale, containing at a minimum the following information:

1. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Product Manufacturer that produced the Marijuana Product, together with the Marijuana Product Manufacturer's business telephone number, e-mail address, and website information, if any;
2. The Marijuana Product's identity;
3. The type of Marijuana used to produce the product, including what, if any, Processing technique or solvents were used;
4. A list of ingredients, including the full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the Marijuana Product, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) and other Cannabinoids in the package and in each serving of a Marijuana Product as expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume;
5. ~~Total n~~Net weight or volume as expressed in US customary units ~~and~~ metric units, listed in that order, of the Marijuana Product;
6. If applicable, the number of servings in the Marijuana Product based on the limits provided in 935 CMR 500.150(3): *Additional Labeling and Packaging Requirements for Edibles and the specific weight in milligrams of a serving size;*

~~6.7.~~ The date of product creation;

~~7.8.~~ A batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used,

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to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;

~~8-9.~~ Directions for use of the Marijuana Product

~~9-10.~~ A statement and a seal that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15;

~~10-11.~~ A warning if nuts or other Known Allergens are contained in the product; and

~~11-12.~~ This statement, including capitalization:

“This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.”;

~~12-13.~~ The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~:



~~13-14.~~ The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



15. 935 CMR 500.105(5)(d) shall apply to Marijuana-infused Tinctures and topicals produced by a Marijuana Product Manufacturer for transport to a ~~Marijuana Retailer~~ Licensee in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105 ~~(8-13)~~ Inventory and Transfer.

(e) Labeling of Repackaged Marijuana. Prior to Repackaged Marijuana being sold, the Retailer shall place a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 inch in size on each container of Marijuana that it prepares for retail sale.

1. The Affixed label shall contain at a minimum the following information:

a. The name and registration number of the Cultivator that produced the Marijuana;

b. Business or trade name of licensee that packaged the product, if different from the Cultivator;

c. Date of Harvest;

d. Type of Marijuana or name of strain;

e. The full Cannabinoid Profile of the Marijuana contained within the Repackaged Product, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ^9 -THC) and other Cannabinoids in the package;

f. The net weight or volume as expressed in US customary units or metric units;

g. A batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used, to identify the batch associated with manufacturing and Processing;

h. A statement and a seal that the product has been tested for contaminants, that there were no adverse findings, and the date of testing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15;

a.i. This statement, including capitalization:

“This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.”;

j. The following symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana:



k. The following symbol or other easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates that the product is harmful to children:



(e)(f) In circumstances where the labeling of the Marijuana Product is unreasonable or impractical, the Marijuana Establishment may include the labeling information on a peel-back label or may place the product in a ~~take-away sealed~~ bag with an insert or additional, easily readable label ~~firmly Affixed to~~placed within that bag.

(g) CMOs shall comply with the labeling requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(5): *Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* for all adult-use sales and 935 CMR 501.105(5): *Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* for all medical-use sales.

(6) Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(a) ~~Tamper or Child-resistant Packaging.~~ Licensees licensed subject to 935 CMR 500.050(54): *Marijuana Product Manufacturer* shall ensure that all Marijuana Products, ~~other than those offered at wholesale by a Marijuana Cultivator,~~ that are provided for sale to Consumers by a Licensee shall be sold in ~~tamper or child-resistant~~ packaging. Licensees licensed subject to 935 CMR 500.050(2): *Marijuana Cultivator* shall ensure that all Finished Marijuana Products provided at wholesale for delivery to Consumers by a Marijuana Delivery Operator shall be sold in child-resistant packaging. To be in compliance comply with 935 CMR 500.105(6): *Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products*, Licensees shall ensure:

1. That to the extent it is not Unreasonably Impracticable for the specific type of product, Marijuana Products are packaged in containers that are:
 - a. Opaque and plain in design;
 - b. Do not use bright colors, cartoon characters and other features designed to appeal to minors.~~Not be able to be opened easily with scissors~~

~~if appealing to children;~~

c. Resealable for any marijuana product intended for more than a single use or containing multiple servings; and

d. Certified by a qualified ~~third party tamper or~~ child-resistant packaging testing firm that the packaging ~~is in compliance~~ complies with the most recent poison prevention packaging regulations of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission as included at 16 CFR 1700. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

2. That where compliance with the requirements of ~~tamper or~~ child-resistant packaging is deemed to be Unreasonably Impracticable, Marijuana or Marijuana Products shall be placed in an exit package that is:

a. Capable of being resealed and made ~~tamper or~~ child-resistant resistant again after it has been opened;

b. Includes the following statement, including capitalization, in at least ten-point Times New Roman, Helvetica or Arial font: "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN."; and

c. Is certified by a qualified third-party ~~tamper or~~ child-resistant packaging testing firm that the packaging ~~is in compliance~~ with complies the most recent poison prevention packaging regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as included at 16 CFR 1700.

(b) Limits on Packaging Design. Packaging for Marijuana or Marijuana Products sold or displayed for consumers, including any label or imprint affixed to any packaging containing Marijuana, Marijuana Products or any exit packages, ~~shall may~~ not be attractive minors. Packaging is explicitly prohibited from:

1. Using bright colors, defined as colors that are "neon" in appearance;

2. Imitating or having a semblance to any existing branded consumer products, including foods and beverages, that do not contain marijuana;

3. Featuring cartoons;

4. Featuring a design, brand or name that resembles a non-cannabis consumer product of the type that is typically marketed to minors;

5. Featuring symbols or celebrities that are commonly used to market products to minors;

6. Featuring images of minors; and

7. Featuring words that refer to products that are commonly associated with minors or marketed to minors.

(c) Packaging of Multiple Servings.

1. Packaging for Marijuana Products sold or displayed for Consumers in multiple servings shall include the following statement on the exterior of the package in a printed font that is no smaller than ten-point Times New Roman, Helvetica or Arial, including capitalization: "INCLUDES MULTIPLE SERVINGS".

2. Packaging for Marijuana Products in solid form sold or displayed for Consumers in multiple servings shall allow a Consumer to easily perform the division into single servings.

a. ~~Edibles Marijuana Products~~ in a solid form shall be easily and permanently scored to identify individual servings.

b. Notwithstanding 935 CMR 500.105(6)(c)2.a., where a product is unable, because of its form, to be easily and permanently scored to identify individual servings, the product shall be packaged in a single serving size. The determination of whether a product ~~is able to can~~ be easily and permanently scored shall be decided by the Commission consistent with sub-regulatory guidelines established by the Commission and provided to Licensees.

c. Packaging for Marijuana Product Beverages shall be packages solely in a single serving size. Multiple serving beverages are strictly prohibited for sale.

(d) Each single serving of an ~~Edibles Marijuana Product~~ contained in a multiple-serving package shall be marked, stamped or otherwise imprinted with the symbol issued by the Commission under 935 CMR 500.105(5). Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products that indicates that the single serving is a Marijuana Product.

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(e) Serving size shall be determined by the processor, but in no instance shall an individual serving size of any Marijuana Product contain more than five milligrams of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) subject to the testing variance specified in 935 CMR 500.160(11).

(f) CMOs shall comply with the packaging requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(6): *Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products for adult-use sales* or 935 CMR 501.105(6): *Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products for medical-use sales.*

(7) Packaging and Labeling Pre-approval. Prior to ~~Marijuana~~ or a Marijuana Product being sold at a Marijuana Establishment, ~~a CMO~~, a Licensee or License Applicant may submit an application, ~~in a form and manner determined by the Commission~~, for packaging and label approval to the Commission. ~~An application for pre-approval may be submitted at any time prior to Marijuana or Marijuana Product being sold or at any time a substantive change is made to the packaging or labeling of Marijuana or Marijuana Product.~~ The Commission ~~shall~~ may charge a fee for packaging and labeling pre-approval pursuant to 935 CMR 500.005: *Fees.*

(a) Packaging and labeling pre-approval review shall be limited to the physical attributes of, and statutorily required warnings on, the packaging and label, including but not limited to legibility, but shall not include a review of specific Independent Testing Laboratory test results required pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(5) and (6). The packaging and labeling pre-approval process shall ~~in no way substitute for compliance~~ be in addition to the requirements of 935 CMR 500.105(4) through (6).

(b) In addition to an application for packaging and labeling pre-approval in a form and manner determined by the Commission, an applicant for pre-approval shall submit electronic files of the following to the Commission:

1. For packaging pre-approval, two images of the packaging, one depicting the front of the packaging and one depicting the back of the packaging. Photographs shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI. Photographs shall be against a white background.

2. For labeling pre-approval, one image of each label requested for review. Photographs shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI. Photographs shall be against a white background.

(c) The Commission shall make every effort to make a pre-approval determination based on information submitted. In the event that a pre-approval determination is unable to be made conclusively based on submitted photographs, the Commission may request to view the packaging or label in person or through a video conference. Any such request by the Commission shall be made to the applicant electronically or in writing.

(7)(8) Inventory and Transfer.

(a) Subject to Marijuana or Marijuana Products being entered into the Seed-to-sale SOR, a Marijuana Establishment may Transfer product to an MTC; and an MTC may Transfer product to a Marijuana Establishment as long as there is no violation of the dosing limitations set forth in 935 CMR 500.150(4); ~~Advertising Requirements~~ or the limitations on total MTC inventory as set forth in 935 CMR 501.105(8)(~~mk~~)12. and 3. Such Transfers cannot violate provisions protecting patient supply under 935 CMR ~~502500.140(915):~~ Patient Supply. An MTC ~~must~~ shall limit its Transfer of inventory of seeds, plants, and Usable Marijuana to reflect the projected needs of Registered Qualifying Patients.

(b) Real-time inventory shall be maintained as specified by the Commission and in 935 CMR 500.105(8)(c) and (d) including, at a minimum, an inventory of Marijuana plants; Marijuana plant-seeds and Clones in any phase of development such as Propagation, Vegetation, and Flowering; Marijuana ready for dispensing; all Marijuana Products; and all damaged, defective, expired, or contaminated Marijuana and Marijuana Products awaiting disposal.

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- (c) A Marijuana Establishment shall:
1. Establish inventory controls and procedures for the conduct of inventory reviews, and comprehensive inventories of Marijuana Products in the process of cultivation, and finished, stored Marijuana;
 2. Conduct a monthly inventory of Marijuana in the process of cultivation and finished, stored Marijuana;
 3. Conduct a comprehensive annual inventory at least once every year after the date of the previous comprehensive inventory; and
 4. Promptly transcribe inventories if taken by use of an oral recording device.

(d) The record of each inventory shall include, at a minimum, the date of the inventory, a summary of the inventory findings, and the names, signatures, and titles of the individuals who conducted the inventory.

(e) A Marijuana Establishment shall attach plant tags to all Marijuana, Clones, and plants and attach package tags to all Finished Marijuana and Marijuana Products, and track all Marijuana seeds, Clones, plants, and Marijuana Products, using a Seed-to-sale methodology in a form and manner to be approved by the Commission.

(f) The failure to enter inventory into the Seed-to-sale SOR may result in the suspension or revocation of a Marijuana Establishment License.

(g) Any distribution and acquisition of Marijuana and Marijuana Products shall be tracked in the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner determined by the Commission. Any distribution of Marijuana and Marijuana Products that is not tracked in the Seed-to-sale SOR may result in the suspension or revocation of a Marijuana Establishment License or other administrative action.

~~(h)~~ No Marijuana Product, including Marijuana, may be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that has not first been tested by Independent Testing Laboratories, except as allowed under 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana.

~~(i)~~ A CMO shall implement procedures for electronic separation of medical- and adult-use Marijuana, MIPs, and Marijuana Products in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(j) A CMO shall designate whether Marijuana or MIPs, or Marijuana Products are intended for sale for adult use or medical use through the SOR. Products shall be transferred to the appropriate license within the Seed-to-sale SOR prior to sale. After the point of sale, there shall be a reconciliation of that inventory in the SOR.

~~(8)~~(9) Recordkeeping. Records of a Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall be available for inspection by the Commission, on request. The financial records of a Marijuana Establishment shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Written records that are required and are subject to inspection include, but are not necessarily limited to, all records required in any section of 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, in addition to the following:

- (a) Written Operating Procedures as required by 935 CMR 500.105(1): Written operating Procedures;
- (b) Inventory Records as required by 935 CMR 500.105(8): Inventory and Transfer;
- (c) Seed-to-sale SOR Electronic Tracking System ~~r~~Records for all Marijuana Products as required by 935 CMR 500.105(8)(e);
- (d) The following personnel records:
 1. Job descriptions for each employee and volunteer position, as well as organizational charts consistent with the job descriptions;
 2. A personnel record for each marijuana establishment agent. Such records shall be maintained for at least 12 months after termination of the individual's affiliation with the marijuana establishment and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. All materials submitted to the commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.030(2);
 - b. Documentation of verification of references;

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- c. The job description or employment contract that includes duties, authority, responsibilities, qualifications, and supervision;
 - d. Documentation of all required training, including training regarding privacy and confidentiality requirements, and the signed statement of the individual indicating the date, time, and place he or she received said training and the topics discussed, including the name and title of presenters;
 - e. Documentation of periodic performance evaluations;
 - f. A record of any disciplinary action taken; and
 - g. Notice of completed ~~responsible vendor~~Responsible Vendor Training Program -and ~~eight-hour in-house related duty~~ training for Marijuana Establishment Agents required under 935 CMR 500.105(2): *Marijuana Establishment Agent Training*.
3. A staffing plan that will demonstrate accessible business hours and safe cultivation conditions;
4. Personnel policies and procedures, including, at a minimum, the following:
- a. Code of ethics;
 - b. Whistle-blower policy; and
 - ~~a-c.~~ A policy which notifies persons with disabilities of their rights under <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/about-employment-rights> or a comparable link, and includes provisions prohibiting discrimination and providing reasonable accommodations; and
- ~~4-5.~~ All background check reports obtained in accordance with M.G.L c. 6 § 172, 935 CMR 500.029: *Registration and Conduct of Laboratory Agents*, 935 CMR 500.030: *Registration of Marijuana Establishment Agents*, and 803 CMR 2.00: *Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)*.
- (e) Business records, which shall include manual or computerized records of:
- 1. Assets and liabilities;
 - 2. Monetary transactions;
 - 3. Books of accounts, which shall include journals, ledgers, and supporting documents, agreements, checks, invoices, and vouchers;
 - 4. Sales records including the quantity, form, and cost of marijuana products; and
 - 5. Salary and wages paid to each employee, or stipend, executive compensation, bonus, benefit, or item of value paid to any persons having direct or indirect control over the marijuana establishment.
- (f) Waste disposal records as required under 935 CMR 500.105(12): *Waste Disposal*; and
- (g) Following closure of a Marijuana Establishment, all records ~~must~~ shall be kept for at least two years at the expense of the Marijuana Establishment and in a form and location acceptable to the Commission.

~~9~~(10) Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow.

- (a) A Marijuana Establishment shall obtain and maintain general liability insurance coverage for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in aggregate, annually, and product liability insurance coverage for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in aggregate, annually, except as provided in 935 CMR 500.105(10)(b) or otherwise approved by the Commission. The deductible for each policy shall be no higher than \$5,000 per occurrence.
- (b) A Marijuana Establishment that documents an inability to obtain minimum liability insurance coverage as required by 935 CMR 500.105(10)(a) may place in escrow a sum of no less than \$250,000 or such other amount approved by the Commission, to be expended for coverage of liabilities.
- (c) The escrow account required pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(10)(b) ~~must~~ shall be replenished within ten business days of any expenditure.
- (d) Reports documenting compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(10): *Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow* shall be made in a manner and form determined by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000;

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(e) A CMO shall maintain the insurance coverage or escrow account required under 500.105(10): *Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow* or 935 CMR 501.105(10): *Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow per location.*

~~(10)~~(11) Storage Requirements.

(a) A Marijuana Establishment shall provide adequate lighting, ventilation, temperature, humidity, space, and equipment, in accordance with applicable provisions of 935 CMR 500.105: *General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments* and 935 CMR 500.110: *Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments*.

(b) A Marijuana Establishment shall have separate areas for storage of Marijuana that is outdated, damaged, deteriorated, mislabeled, or contaminated, or whose containers or packaging have been opened or breached, until such products are destroyed.

(c) Marijuana Establishment storage areas shall be maintained in a clean and orderly condition.

(d) Marijuana Establishment storage areas shall be free from infestation by insects, rodents, birds, and pests of any kind.

(e) Marijuana Establishment storage areas shall be maintained in accordance with the security requirements of 935 CMR 500.110: *Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments*.

~~(11)~~(12) Waste Disposal.

(a) All recyclables and waste, including organic waste composed of or containing Finished Marijuana and Marijuana Products, shall be stored, secured, and managed in accordance with applicable state and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations. All exterior waste receptacles located on the Marijuana Establishment's Premises shall be locked and secured ~~as~~ to prevent unauthorized access.

(b) Liquid waste containing Marijuana or by-products of Marijuana Processing shall be disposed of in compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements, including but not limited to, for discharge of pollutants into surface water or groundwater (Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26 through 53; 314 CMR 3.00: *Surface Water Discharge Permit Program*; 314 CMR 5.00: *Groundwater Discharge Program*; 314 CMR 12.00: *Operation Maintenance and Pretreatment Standards for Wastewater Treatment Works and Indirect Dischargers*; the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulations at 40 CFR Part 122; 314 CMR 7.00: *Sewer System Extension and Connection Permit Program*), or stored pending disposal in an industrial wastewater holding tank in accordance with 314 CMR 18.00: *Industrial Wastewater Holding Tanks and Containers, Construction, Operation, and Record Keeping Requirements*.

(c) Organic material, recyclable material and solid waste generated at a Marijuana Establishment shall be redirected or disposed of as follows:

1. Organic and recyclable material shall be redirected from disposal in accordance with the waste disposal bans described at 310 CMR 19.017: *Waste Bans*.

2. To the greatest extent feasible:

a. Any recyclable material as defined in 310 CMR 16.02: *Definitions* shall be recycled in a manner approved by the Commission; and

b. Any Marijuana containing organic material as defined in 310 CMR 16.02: *Definitions* shall be ground up and mixed with other organic material as defined in 310 CMR 16.02: *Definitions* such that the resulting mixture renders any Marijuana unusable for its original purpose. Once such Marijuana has been rendered unusable, the organic material may be composted or digested at an aerobic or anaerobic digester at an operation that ~~is in compliance~~complies with the requirements of 310 CMR 16.00: *Site Assignment Regulations for*

Solid Waste Facilities.

3. Solid waste containing Marijuana generated at a Marijuana Establishment shall be ground up and mixed with other solid waste at the Marijuana Establishment such that the resulting mixture renders any Marijuana unusable for its original purpose. Once such Marijuana has been rendered unusable, the resulting solid waste may be brought to a solid waste transfer facility or a solid waste disposal facility (e.g., landfill or incinerator) that holds a valid permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection or by the appropriate agency in the jurisdiction in which the facility is located.

(d) No fewer than two Marijuana Establishment Agents ~~must~~ shall witness and document how the solid waste or organic material containing Marijuana is handled on-site including, but not limited to, the grinding up, mixing, storage and removal from the Marijuana Establishment in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(12): *Waste Disposal*. When Marijuana Products or waste is disposed or handled, the Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall create and maintain an electronic record of the date, the type and quantity disposed or handled, the manner of disposal or other handling, the location of disposal or other handling, and the names of the two Marijuana Establishment Agents present during the disposal or other handling, with their signatures. A Marijuana Establishment shall keep these records for at least three years. This period shall automatically be extended for the duration of any ~~enforcement~~ disciplinary action and may be extended by an order of the Commission.

~~(12)~~(13) Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments.

(a) General Requirements.

1. A licensed Marijuana Establishment shall; ~~as an element of its License,~~ be licensed to transport its Marijuana and Marijuana Products to other licensed establishments, including except as otherwise provided herein.

2. Marijuana Products may only be transported between licensed Marijuana Establishments by registered Marijuana Establishment Agents.

3. A licensed Marijuana Transporter may contract with a licensed Marijuana Establishment to transport that Licensee's Marijuana Products to other licensed Marijuana Establishments.

4. The originating and receiving licensed Marijuana Establishments shall ensure that all transported Marijuana Products are linked to the Seed-to-sale ~~tracking program~~ SOR. For the purposes of tracking, seeds and Clones shall be properly tracked and labeled in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

5. Any Marijuana Product that is undeliverable or is refused by the destination Marijuana Establishment shall be transported back to the originating establishment.

6. All vehicles transporting Marijuana Products shall be staffed with a minimum of two Marijuana Establishment Agents. At least one agent shall always remain with the vehicle when the vehicle contains Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

7. Prior to leaving a Marijuana Establishment for the purpose of transporting Marijuana Products, the originating Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall weigh, inventory, and account for, on video, all Marijuana Products to be transported.

8. Within eight hours after arrival at the destination Marijuana Establishment, the destination establishment ~~must~~ shall reweigh, re-inventory, and account for, on video, all Marijuana Products transported.

9. When videotaping the weighing, inventorying, and accounting of Marijuana Products before transportation or after receipt, the video ~~must~~ shall show each product being weighed, the weight, and the manifest.

10. Marijuana Products ~~must~~ shall be packaged in sealed, labeled, and tamper or child-resistant packaging prior to and during transportation.

11. In the case of an emergency stop during the transportation of Marijuana Products, a log ~~must~~ shall be maintained describing the reason for the stop, the duration, the location, and any activities of personnel exiting the vehicle. Licensees shall comply with applicable requirements

of 935 500.110(9): Incident Reporting.

12. A Marijuana Establishment or a Marijuana Transporter transporting Marijuana Products shall ensure that all transportation times and routes are randomized.

13. A Marijuana Establishment or a Marijuana Transporter transporting Marijuana Products shall ensure that all transport routes remain within the Commonwealth.

14. All vehicles and transportation equipment used in the transportation of Marijuana Products or Edibles requiring temperature control for safety ~~must shall~~ be designed, maintained, and equipped as necessary to provide adequate temperature control to prevent the ~~Cannabis-Marijuana~~ Products or Edibles from becoming unsafe during transportation, consistent with applicable requirements pursuant to 21 CFR 1.908(c).

15. All vehicles shall be equipped with a video system that includes one or more video cameras in the storage area of the vehicle and one or more video cameras in the driver area of the vehicle and which shall remain operational at all times during the entire transportation process and which shall have:

- a. The ability to produce a clear color still photo whether live or recorded; and
- b. A date and time stamp embedded in all recordings which shall always be synchronized and set correctly and ~~shall may-~~ not significantly obscure the picture.

(b) Reporting Requirements.

1. Marijuana Establishment Agents ~~must shall~~ document and report any unusual discrepancy in weight or inventory to the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities not more than 24 hours of the discovery of such a discrepancy.

2. Marijuana Establishment Agents shall report to the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities any vehicle accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents that occur during transport, not more than 24 hours of such accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents.

(c) Vehicles.

1. A vehicle used for transporting Marijuana Products ~~must shall~~ be:
 - a. Owned or leased by the Marijuana Establishment or the Marijuana Transporter;
 - b. Properly registered, inspected, and insured in the Commonwealth (documentation of such status shall be maintained as records of the Marijuana Establishment or the Marijuana Transporter, and shall be made available to the Commission on request);
 - c. Equipped with an alarm system approved by the Commission; and
 - d. Equipped with functioning heating and air conditioning systems appropriate for maintaining correct temperatures for storage of Marijuana Products.

2. Marijuana Products ~~must may~~ not be visible from outside the vehicle.

3. ~~Any vehicle used to transport or deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products shall comply with applicable Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) requirements, but may not include any additional external marking that indicate the vehicle is being used to transport or deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products. Any vehicle used to transport Marijuana Products shall may not bear any markings indicating that the vehicle is being used to transport Marijuana Products, and any such vehicle shall may not indicate the name of the Marijuana Establishment or the Marijuana Transporter.~~

4. When transporting Marijuana Products, no other products may be transported or stored in the same vehicle.

5. No firearms may be located within the vehicle or on a Marijuana Establishment Agent.

(d) Storage Requirements.

1. Marijuana Products ~~must shall~~ be transported in a secure, locked storage compartment that is a part of the vehicle transporting the

Marijuana Products.

2. The storage compartment ~~must~~shall be sufficiently secure that it cannot be easily removed.
3. If a Marijuana Establishment, pursuant to a Marijuana Transporter License, or a Marijuana Transporter is transporting Marijuana Products for more than one Marijuana Establishment at a time, the Marijuana Products for each Marijuana Establishment shall be kept in a separate locked storage compartment during transportation and separate manifests shall be maintained for each Marijuana Establishment.
4. If a Marijuana Establishment is transporting Marijuana Products to multiple other establishments, it may seek the Commission's permission to adopt reasonable alternative safeguards.

(e) Communications.

1. Any vehicle used to transport Marijuana Products shall contain a global positioning system (GPS) monitoring device that is:
 - a. Not a mobile device that is easily removable;
 - b. Attached to the vehicle at all times that the vehicle contains marijuana products;
 - c. Monitored by the marijuana establishment or marijuana transporter during transport of marijuana products; and
 - d. Inspected by the commission prior to initial transportation of marijuana products, and after any alteration to the locked storage compartment.
2. Each Marijuana Establishment Agent transporting Marijuana Products shall always have access to a secure form of communication with personnel at the originating location when the vehicle contains Marijuana and Marijuana Products.
3. Secure types of communication include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Two-way digital or analog radio (UHF or VHF);
 - b. Cellular phone; or
 - c. Satellite phone.
4. When choosing a type of secure communications, the following shall be taken into consideration:
 - a. Cellular signal coverage;
 - b. Transportation area;
 - c. Base capabilities;
 - d. Antenna coverage; and
 - e. Frequency of transportation.
5. Prior to, and immediately after leaving the originating location, the Marijuana Establishment Agents shall use the secure form of communication to contact the originating location to test communications and GPS operability.
6. If communications or the GPS system fail while on route, the Marijuana Establishment Agents transporting Marijuana Products ~~must~~shall return to the originating location until the communication system or GPS system is operational.
7. The Marijuana Establishment Agents transporting Marijuana Products shall contact the originating location when stopping at and leaving any scheduled location, and regularly throughout the trip, at least every 30 minutes.
8. The originating location ~~must~~shall have a Marijuana Establishment Agent assigned to monitoring the GPS unit and secure form of communication, who ~~must~~shall log all official communications with Marijuana Establishment Agents transporting Marijuana Products.

(f) Manifests.

1. A manifest shall be filled out in triplicate, with the original manifest remaining with the originating Marijuana Establishment, a second copy provided to the destination Marijuana Establishment on arrival, and a copy to be kept with the licensed Marijuana Establishment Agent during transportation and returned to the Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Transporter on completion of the transportation.
2. Prior to transport, the manifest shall be securely transmitted to the

destination Marijuana Establishment by facsimile or email.

3. On arrival at the destination Marijuana Establishment, a Marijuana Establishment Agent at the destination Marijuana Establishment shall compare the manifest produced by the agents who transported the Marijuana Products to the copy transmitted by facsimile or email. This manifest ~~must~~shall, at a minimum, include:

- a. The originating Marijuana Establishment name, address, and registration number;
 - b. The names and registration numbers of the agents who transported the Marijuana Products;
 - c. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Establishment Agent who prepared the manifest;
 - d. The destination Marijuana Establishment name, address, and registration number;
 - e. A description of the Marijuana Products being transported, including the weight and form or type of product;
 - f. The mileage of the transporting vehicle at departure from originating Marijuana Establishment and mileage on arrival at destination Marijuana Establishment, as well as mileage on return to originating Marijuana Establishment;
 - g. The date and time of departure from originating Marijuana Establishment and arrival at destination Marijuana Establishment for each transportation;
 - h. A signature line for the Marijuana Establishment Agent who receives the Marijuana Products;
 - i. The weight and inventory before departure and on receipt;
 - j. The date and time that the transported products were reweighed and re-inventoried;
 - k. The name of the Marijuana Establishment Agent at the destination Marijuana Establishment who reweighed and re-inventoried products; and
 - l. The vehicle make, model, and license plate number.
4. The manifest shall be maintained within the vehicle during the entire transportation process, until the delivery is completed.
5. A Marijuana Establishment shall retain all transportation manifests for no less than one year and make them available to the Commission on request.

(g) Requirements for Agents.

1. Each employee or agent transporting or otherwise handling Marijuana Products for a Marijuana Transporter ~~must~~shall be registered as a Marijuana Establishment Agent and have a driver's license in good standing issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles for all classes of vehicle the Marijuana Establishment Agent will operate for the Marijuana Transporter prior to transporting or otherwise handling Marijuana Products.

2. A Marijuana Establishment Agent shall carry his or her Agent Registration Card at all times when transporting Marijuana Products and shall produce his or her Agent Registration Card to the Commission or Law Enforcement Authorities on request.

(h) Marijuana Transporters shall use best management practices to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts.

(i) A CMO can transport adult-use and medical-use Marijuana and Marijuana Products if it is appropriately licensed to do so. Where a CMO is transporting both adult-use and medical-use Marijuana, MIPs and Marijuana Products, the CMO shall comply with the more restrictive security provisions.

(13)(14) Access to the Commission, Emergency Responders and Law Enforcement.

(a) The following individuals shall have access to a Marijuana Establishment or Marijuana Establishment transportation vehicle:

1. Representatives of the Commission in the course of responsibilities

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authorized by St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana;

2. Representatives of other state agencies of the Commonwealth; and

3. Emergency responders in the course of responding to an emergency.

(b) 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana shall not be construed to prohibit access by authorized law enforcement personnel or local public health, inspectional services, or other permit-granting agents acting within their lawful jurisdiction.

~~(14)~~(15) Energy Efficiency and Conservation. A Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall demonstrate consideration of the following factors as part of its operating plan and application for licensure:

(a) Identification of potential energy use reduction opportunities (such as natural lighting and energy efficiency measures), and a plan for implementation of such opportunities;

(b) Consideration of opportunities for renewable energy generation including, where applicable, submission of building plans showing where energy generators could be placed on the site, and an explanation of why the identified opportunities were not pursued, if applicable;

(c) Strategies to reduce electric demand (such as lighting schedules, active load management, and energy storage); and

(d) Engagement with energy efficiency programs offered pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25, § 21, or through municipal lighting plants.

~~(15)~~(16) Bond.

(a) Prior to commencing operations, a Marijuana Establishment shall provide proof of having obtained a surety bond in an amount equal to its licensure fee payable to the Marijuana Regulation Fund to ensure payment of the cost incurred for:

1. the destruction of Cannabis goods necessitated by a violation of M.G.L. c. 94G St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55 or 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana;

~~2. The costs and compensation of a Court Appointee;~~

~~3. or~~ ~~4. The cessation of operation of the Marijuana Establishment; or~~

~~2.4. Such other uses that the Commission may authorize to ensure public health, safety and welfare.~~

(b) All bonds required under 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana ~~must~~ shall be issued by a corporate surety licensed to transact surety business in the Commonwealth.

(c) If the Marijuana Establishment is unable to secure a surety bond, as required by 935 CMR 500.105(16)(a), it may place in escrow a sum of no less than \$5,000 or such other amount approved by the Commission, to be expended for coverage of liabilities.

(d) The escrow account required pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(16)(c) ~~must~~ shall be replenished within ten business days of any expenditure required under 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments, unless the Marijuana Establishment has ceased operations. Documentation of the replenishment ~~must~~ shall be promptly sent to the Commission.

~~(16)~~(17) Social Equity Program.

(a) There shall be a Social Equity Program established by the Commission to provide training and technical assistance to eligible applicants and Licensees, which may include, but ~~may~~ shall not be limited to:

1. Management, recruitment and employee trainings;

2. Accounting and sales forecasting;

3. Tax prediction and compliance;

4. Legal compliance;

5. Business plan creation and operational development;

6. Marijuana industry best practices; and

7. Assistance with identifying or raising funds or capital.

(b) Eligibility for the Social Equity Program shall be met if applicants or

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Licensees satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

1. Income does not exceed 400% of Area Median Income and Residency in an Area of Disproportionate Impact, as defined by the Commission, for at least five of the preceding ten years, as established by:
 - a. A Massachusetts driver's record or Massachusetts ID card record;
 - b. A signed lease agreement that includes the subject's name;
 - c. Residential property deed that includes the subject's name;
 - d. School records;
 - e. Housing authority records;
 - f. Banking records;
 - g. Utility bills, which identifies energy and water use; or
 - h. Dated notices or correspondence from a local or state government entity that includes the subject's name.
 2. Residency in Massachusetts for at least the preceding 12 months and a conviction or continuance without a finding for an M.G.L. c. 94C offense under M.G.L. c. 94C or an equivalent conviction in Other Jurisdictions; or
 3. Residency in Massachusetts for at least the preceding 12 months and proof that the individual was either married to or the child of an individual convicted or continuance without a finding for a M.G.L. c. 94C offense or an equivalent conviction in Other Jurisdictions.
 4. Any individual listed as an Owner on the original certification of an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant who satisfies one or more the following criteria:
 - a. Lived for five of the preceding ten years in an Area of Disproportionate Impact, as determined by the Commission
 - b. Experience in one or more previous positions where the primary population served were disproportionately impacted, or where primary responsibilities included economic education, resource provision or empowerment to disproportionately impacted individuals or communities;
 - c. Black, African American, Hispanic or Latino descent; or
 - d. Other significant articulable demonstration of past experience in or business practices that promote economic empowerment in Areas of Disproportionate Impact.
 5. ~~5-~~The Commission may, in consideration of new information and data, broaden the categories of eligibility for the Social Equity Program by a vote of the Commission.
- (c) The Social Equity Program is not a licensing program. Completion of the Social Equity Program will not result in, or guarantee participants' receipt of a License.

500.110: Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments

- (1) General Requirements. A Marijuana Establishment shall implement sufficient security measures to deter theft of Marijuana and Marijuana Products, prevent unauthorized entrance into areas containing Marijuana and Marijuana Products and ensure the safety of Marijuana Establishment employees, Consumers and the general public. Security measures taken by the Licensee to protect the Premises, employees, Marijuana Establishment Agents, Consumers and general public shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (a) Positively identifying individuals seeking access to the Premises of the Marijuana Establishment or to whom or Marijuana Products are being transported pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(134): Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments or delivered pursuant to 935 CMR 500.145(13): Consumer Age Verification to limit access solely to individuals 21 years of age or older;
 - (b) Adopting procedures to prevent loitering and ensure that only individuals engaging in activity expressly or by necessary implication permitted by 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana and its enabling statute are allowed to remain on the Premises;

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- (c) Disposing of Marijuana in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(12); Waste Disposal in excess of the quantity required for normal, efficient operation as established within 935 CMR 500.105; General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments;
- (d) Securing all entrances to the Marijuana Establishment to prevent unauthorized access;
- (e) Establishing Limited Access Areas pursuant to 935 CMR 500.110(4); Limited Access Areas, which, after receipt of a final License, shall be accessible only to specifically authorized personnel, limited to include only the minimum number of employees essential for efficient operation;
- (f) Storing all Finished Marijuana Products in a secure, locked safe or vault in such a manner as to prevent diversion, theft and loss;
- (g) Keeping all safes, vaults, and any other equipment or areas used for the production, cultivation, harvesting, Processing or storage, including prior to disposal, of Marijuana or Marijuana Products securely locked and protected from entry, except for the actual time required to remove or replace Marijuana;
- (h) Keeping all locks and security equipment in good working order;
- (i) Prohibiting keys, if any, from being left in the locks or stored or placed in a location accessible to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;
- (j) Prohibiting accessibility of security measures, such as combination numbers, passwords or electronic or biometric security systems, to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;
- (k) Ensuring that the outside perimeter of the Marijuana Establishment is sufficiently lit to facilitate surveillance, where applicable;
- (l) Ensuring that all Marijuana Products are kept out of plain sight and are not visible from a public place, outside of the Marijuana Establishment, without the use of binoculars, optical aids or aircraft;
- (m) Developing emergency policies and procedures for securing all product following any instance of diversion, theft or loss of Marijuana, and conduct an assessment to determine whether additional safeguards are necessary;
- (n) Developing sufficient additional safeguards as required by the Commission for Marijuana Establishments that present special security concerns;
- (o) At Marijuana Establishments where transactions are conducted in cash, establishing procedures for safe cash handling and cash transportation to financial institutions to prevent theft, loss and associated risks to the safety of employees, customers and the general public;
- (p) Sharing the Marijuana Establishment's floor plan or layout of the facility with Law Enforcement Authorities, and in a manner and scope as required by the municipality and identifying when the use of flammable or combustible solvents, chemicals or other materials are in use at the Marijuana Establishment; and
- (q) Sharing the Marijuana Establishment's security plan and procedures with Law Enforcement Authorities, ~~including police and fire departments, in the municipality where the Marijuana Establishment is located and periodically updating Law Enforcement Authorities~~, police and fire departments, if the plans or procedures are modified in a material way, including the addition of plans to deliver directly to Consumers in the case of a Marijuana Retailer or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement.

(2) Alternate Security Provisions.

- (a) Notwithstanding the requirements specified in 935 CMR 500.110(1), (5) ~~through, (6) and~~ (7), if a Marijuana Establishment has provided other, specific safeguards that may be regarded as an adequate substitute for those requirements, such measures may be taken into account by the Commission in evaluating the overall required security measures. For purposes of cash handling and cash transportation, only alternative safeguards that comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.110(7)(b) shall be considered to be adequate substitutes.
- (b) The applicant or Licensee shall submit a request for an alternative security

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provision to the Commission on a form as determined and made available by the Commission. On receipt of the form, the Commission shall submit the request to the chief law enforcement officer in the municipality where the Marijuana Establishment is located or will be located. The Commission shall request that the chief law enforcement officer review the request and alternative security provision requested and, within 30 days,

1. certify the sufficiency of the requested alternate security provision; or
2. provide the Commission with a statement of reasons why the alternative security provision is not sufficient in the opinion of the chief law enforcement officer.

(c) The Commission shall take the chief law enforcement officer's opinion under consideration in determining whether to grant the alternative security provision, provided that it shall not be determinative. If no response is received from the chief law enforcement officer or a delegee within 30 days of submitting the request to the chief law enforcement officer, the Commission shall proceed with a determination.

~~(3) **Buffer Zone.** The property where the proposed Marijuana Establishment is to be located, at the time the license application is received by the Commission, is not located within 500 feet of a preexisting public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, unless a city or town adopts an ordinance or bylaw that reduces the distance requirement. The distance under 935 CMR 500.110(3) shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line in question to the nearest point of the property line where the Marijuana Establishment is or will be located. A Marijuana Establishment EntranceThe nearest point of any property line on the lot where a Marijuana Establishment is located—excluding those property lines surrounding portions of irregularly shaped lots that cannot sustain the main operational facilities required for the Marijuana Establishment, such as but not limited to property lines surrounding the “pole” of a flag lot— shallmay not be closer than 500 feet from the nearest **School Entrance.**~~

~~(a) The buffer zone distance of 500 feet shall be measured in a straight line from the approximate-geometric center of the Marijuana Establishment ~~main~~ Entrance to the geometric center of the nearest School Entrance, unless there is an Impassable Barrier, such as but not limited to a highway or river, would otherwise block pedestrian travel— within those 500 feet; in these cases, the buffer zone distance shall be measured along the center of the shortest publicly-accessible pedestrian travel path from the approximate-geometric center of the ~~main~~ Marijuana Establishment Entrance to the geometric center of the nearest School Entrance.~~

~~(b) The buffer zone distance of 500 feet may be reduced if a city or town adopts an ordinance or bylaw that reduces the distance requirement.~~

(4) **Limited Access Areas.**

(a) All Limited Access Areas ~~must~~shall be identified by the posting of a sign that shall be a minimum of 12" x 12" and which states: "Do Not Enter - Limited Access Area - Access Limited to Authorized Personnel Only" in lettering no smaller than one inch in height.

(b) All Limited Access Areas shall be clearly described by the filing of a diagram of the licensed Premises, in the form and manner determined by the Commission, reflecting entrances and exits, including loading areas, walls, partitions, counters, Propagation, Vegetation, Flowering, Processing, production, storage, disposal and retail sales areas.

(c) At all times following receipt of a final License, ~~A~~access to Limited Access Areas shall be restricted to employees, agents, or volunteers specifically permitted by the Marijuana Establishment, agents of the Commission, Commission Delegees, and state and local Law Enforcement Authorities acting within their lawful jurisdictions, police and fire departments, and emergency medical services acting in the course of their official capacity.

(d) Employees of the Marijuana Establishment shall visibly display an employee identification badge issued by the Marijuana Establishment at all

times while at the Marijuana Establishment or transporting Marijuana.

(e) Following receipt of a final License, ~~All~~ outside vendors, contractors, and Visitors shall obtain a Visitor Identification Badge prior to entering a Limited Access Area and shall be escorted at all times by a Marijuana Establishment Agent authorized to enter the Limited Access Area. The Visitor Identification Badge shall be visibly displayed at all times while the Visitor is in any Limited Access Area. All Visitors ~~must~~ shall be logged in and out and that log shall be available for inspection by the Commission at all times. All Visitor Identification Badges shall be returned to the Marijuana Establishment on exit.

(f) A Marijuana Establishment conducting operations under multiple license types on a single Premise may establish Limited Access Areas for each licensed activity that overlap in shared hallways and access points, provided that operations under each license type are segregated and a Marijuana Establishment Agent has access only to the areas where activities are conducted pursuant to the license under which the Marijuana Establishment Agent is registered.

(5) Security and Alarm Requirements for Marijuana Establishments Operating Enclosed Areas.

(a) A Marijuana Establishment located, in whole or in part, in a building, Greenhouse, Warehouse, or other Enclosed Area shall have an adequate security system to prevent and detect diversion, theft or loss of Marijuana or unauthorized intrusion, utilizing commercial grade equipment which shall, at a minimum, include:

1. A perimeter alarm on all building entry and exit points and perimeter windows, if any;
2. A failure notification system that provides an audible, text or visual notification of any failure in the security system. The failure notification system shall provide an alert to designated employees of the Marijuana Establishment within five minutes after the failure, either by telephone, email or text message;
3. A Duress Alarm, Panic Alarm or Holdup Alarm connected to local public safety or Law Enforcement Authorities;
4. Video cameras in all areas that may contain Marijuana or vaults or safes for the purpose of securing cash, at all points of entry and exit and in any parking lot which shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance. The cameras shall be directed at all safes, vaults, sales areas and areas where Marijuana is cultivated, harvested, Processed, prepared, stored, handled or dispensed, or where cash is kept and processed. Cameras shall be angled so as to allow for the capture of clear and certain identification of any Person entering or exiting the Marijuana Establishment or area;
5. Recordings from all video cameras which shall be enabled to record 24 hours each day and be available for immediate viewing by the Commission on request for at least the preceding 90 calendar days or the duration of a request to preserve the recordings for a specified period of time made by the Commission, whichever is longer. Video cameras may use motion detection sensors to begin recording, so long as the motion detection sensor system provides an alert to designated employees of the Marijuana Establishment in a manner established in the Marijuana Establishment's written security procedures and approved by the Commission or a Commission Delegee. If a Marijuana Establishment receives notice that the motion detection sensor is not working correctly, it ~~must~~ shall take prompt action to make corrections and document those actions. Recordings ~~shall~~ may not be destroyed or altered, and shall be retained as long as necessary if the Marijuana Establishment is aware of a pending criminal, civil or administrative investigation or legal proceeding for which the recording may contain relevant information;
6. The ability to immediately produce a clear, color still image whether live or recorded;
7. A date and time stamp embedded in all recordings, which shall be

synchronized and set correctly at all times and ~~shall may~~ not significantly obscure the picture;

8. The ability to remain operational during a power outage for a minimum of four hours and, if it appears likely that the outage will last for more than four hours, the Marijuana Establishment takes sufficient steps to ensure security on the Premises in consultation with the Commission; and

9. A video recording that allows for the exporting of still images in an industry standard image format, including .jpg, .bmp and .gif. Exported video shall have the ability to be archived in a proprietary format that ensures authentication of the video and guarantees that no alteration of the recorded image has taken place. Exported video shall also have the ability to be saved in an industry standard file format that may be played on a standard computer operating system. All recordings shall be erased or destroyed prior to disposal.

(b) All security system equipment and recordings shall be maintained in a secure location so as to prevent theft, loss, destruction and alterations.

(c) In addition to the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.110(5)(a) and (b), the Marijuana Establishment shall have a back-up alarm system, with all the capabilities of the primary system, provided by a company supplying commercial grade equipment, which ~~shall may~~ not be the same company supplying the primary security system, or shall demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction alternate safeguards to ensure continuous operation of a security system.

(d) Access to surveillance areas shall be limited to Persons that are essential to surveillance operations, Law Enforcement Authorities acting within their lawful jurisdictions, security system service personnel and the Commission.

(e) A current list of authorized employees and service personnel that have access to the surveillance room ~~must shall~~ be available to the Commission on request. If the surveillance room is on-site of the Marijuana Establishment, it shall remain locked and ~~shall may~~ not be used for any other function.

(f) All security equipment shall be in good working order and shall be inspected and tested at regular intervals, not to exceed 30 calendar days from the previous inspection and test.

(g) Trees, bushes and other foliage outside of the Marijuana Establishment shall be maintained so as to prevent a Person or Persons from concealing themselves from sight.

(6) Security and Alarm Requirements for Marijuana Establishments Operating Outdoors.

(a) A Marijuana Establishment that is outdoors shall implement adequate security measures to ensure that outdoor areas are not readily accessible to unauthorized individuals and to prevent and detect diversion, theft or loss of Marijuana which shall, at a minimum, include:

1. A perimeter security fence designed to prevent unauthorized entry to the cultivation facility with signs notifying observers that it is a Limited Access Area;
2. Commercial-grade, nonresidential locks;
3. A security alarm system that shall:
 - a. be continuously monitored, whether electronically, by a monitoring company or other means determined to be adequate by the Commission; and
 - b. provide an alert to designated employees of the Marijuana Establishment within five minutes after a notification of an alarm or a system failure, either by telephone, email or text message.
4. Video cameras at all points of entry and exit and in any parking lot which shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance. The cameras shall be directed at all safes, vaults, sales areas, and areas where Marijuana is cultivated, harvested, Processed, prepared, stored, handled, Transferred or dispensed and for the purpose of securing cash. Cameras shall be angled so as to allow for the capture of clear and certain identification of any Person entering or exiting the Marijuana Establishment or area;

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5. 24-hour recordings from all video cameras that are available immediate viewing by the Commission on request and that are retained for at least 90 calendar days. Recordings ~~shall~~ may not be destroyed or altered, and shall be retained as long as necessary if the Marijuana Establishment is aware of a pending criminal, civil or administrative investigation or legal proceeding for which the recording may contain relevant information;
6. The ability to immediately produce a clear, color still image whether live or recorded;
7. A date and time stamp embedded in all recordings, which shall be synchronized and set correctly at all times and ~~shall~~ may not significantly obscure the picture;
8. The ability to remain operational during a power outage; and
9. A video recording that allows for the exporting of still images in an industry standard image format, including .jpg, .bmp and .gif. Exported video shall have the ability to be archived in a proprietary format that ensures authentication of the video and guarantees that no alteration of the recorded image has taken place. Exported video shall also have the ability to be saved in an industry standard file format that may be played on a standard computer operating system. All recordings shall be erased or destroyed prior to disposal.

(b) All security system equipment and recordings shall be maintained in a secure location so as to prevent theft, loss, destruction and alterations.

(c) In addition to the requirements listed in 935 CMR 500.110(4)(a) and (b), the Marijuana Establishment shall have a back-up alarm system, with all capabilities of the primary system, provided by a company supplying commercial grade equipment, which ~~shall~~ may not be the same company supplying the primary security system, or shall demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction alternate safeguards to ensure continuous operation of a security system.

(d) Access to surveillance areas shall be limited to Persons that are essential to surveillance operations, Law Enforcement Authorities acting within their lawful jurisdiction, police and fire departments, security system service personnel and the Commission. A current list of authorized employees and service personnel that have access to the surveillance room ~~must~~ shall be available to the Commission on request. If the surveillance room is on-site of the Marijuana Establishment, it shall remain locked and ~~shall~~ may not be used for any other function.

(e) All security equipment shall be in good working order and shall be inspected and tested at regular intervals, not to exceed 30 calendar days from the previous inspection and test.

(f) Security plans and procedures shared with Law Enforcement Authorities pursuant to 935 CMR 500.110(1)(o) shall include:

1. A description of the location and operation of the security system, including the location of the central control on the Premises;
2. A schematic of security zones;
3. the name of the security alarm company and monitoring company, if any;
4. A floor plan or layout of the facility in a manner and scope as required by the municipality; and
5. A safety plan for the Manufacture and production of Marijuana Products as required pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(3+)(~~cd~~)3.e.

(7) Cash Handling and Transportation Requirements.

(a) A Marijuana Establishment with a contract to deposit funds with a financial institution that conducts any transaction in cash shall establish and implement adequate security measures and procedures for safe cash handling and cash transportation to financial institutions or DOR facilities to prevent theft and loss, and to mitigate associated risks to the safety of employees, customers and the general public. Adequate security measures shall include:

1. An on-site secure locked safe or vault maintained in an area separate from retail sales areas used exclusively for the purpose of securing cash;
2. Video cameras directed to provide images of areas where cash is kept, handled and packaged for transport to financial institutions or DOR

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facilities, provided that the cameras may be motion-sensor activated cameras and provided, further, that all cameras be able to produce a clear, still image whether live or recorded;

3. A written process for securing cash and ensuring transfers of deposits to the Marijuana Establishment's financial institutions and DOR facilities on an incremental basis consistent with the requirements for deposit by the financial institution or DOR facilities; and

4. Use of an armored transport provider that is licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 147, § 25 (watch, guard or patrol agency) and has been approved by the financial institution or DOR facility.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirement of 935 CMR 500.110(7)(a)~~(4)~~, a Marijuana Establishment may request an alternative security provision under 935 CMR 500.110(2): Alternate Security Provisions for purposes of cash transportation to financial institutions and DOR facilities. Any approved alternative security provision shall be included in the security plan shared with law enforcement in the municipality in which the Marijuana Establishment is licensed and periodically updated as required under 935 CMR 500.110(1)(q). To be determined to provide a sufficient alternative, any such alternative safeguard shall include, but may not be limited to:

1. Requiring the use of a locked bag for the transportation of cash from a Marijuana Establishment to a financial institution or DOR facility;
2. Requiring any transportation of cash be conducted in an unmarked vehicle;
3. Requiring two registered Marijuana Establishment Agents employed by the Licensee to be present in the vehicle at all times during transportation of deposits;
4. Requiring real-time GPS tracking of the vehicle at all times when transporting cash;
5. Requiring access to two-way communications between the transportation vehicle and the Marijuana Establishment;
6. Prohibiting the transportation of Marijuana or Marijuana Products at the same time that cash is being transported for deposit to a financial institution or DOR facility; and
7. Approval of the alternative safeguard by the financial institution or DOR facility.

(c) All written safety and security measures developed under 935 CMR 500.105(7): Packaging and Labeling Pre-Approval shall be treated as security planning documents, the public disclosure of which would jeopardize public safety.

(8) Security Requirements for ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement Operations.

(a) A Marijuana Establishment licensed as a ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall implement adequate security measures to ensure that each vehicle used for transportation of Marijuana and Marijuana Products is not readily accessible to unauthorized individuals and to prevent and detect diversion, theft or loss of Marijuana. Security measures shall, at a minimum, include for each operational delivery vehicle:

1. A vehicle security system that includes an exterior alarm;
2. A secure, locked storage compartment in each vehicle and not easily removable for the purpose of transporting the Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
3. A secure, locked storage compartment in each vehicle ~~and that is~~ not easily removable, for the purpose of transporting and securing cash used as payment for deliveries of Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
4. A means of secure communication between each vehicle and the Marijuana Establishment's dispatching location which shall be capable of being monitored at all times that a vehicle is performing a delivery route. Means of communication shall include:
 - a. Two-way digital or analog radio (UHF or VHF);
 - b. Cellular phone; or

- c. Satellite phone.
- 5. A global positioning system (GPS) monitoring device that is:
 - a. Not a mobile device and that is attached to the vehicle at all times that the vehicle contains Marijuana or Marijuana Products; and
 - b. Monitored by the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement at a fixed location during the transportation of Marijuana or Marijuana Products for the purpose of home delivery with location checks occurring at least every 30 minutes. The ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement may delegate monitoring of the GPS to the Third-party Technology Platform Provider with which the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement has a contract, provided that the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall be responsible for ensuring that monitoring occurs as required under 935 CMR 500.110(8): *Security Requirements for Delivery Licensees or Marijuana Establishments with Delivery Endorsement Operations*~~000: Adult Use of Marijuana~~.
- 6. A video system that includes one or more video cameras in the storage area of the vehicle and one or more video cameras in the driver area of the vehicle and which shall remain operational at all times during the entire transportation process and which shall have:
 - a. The ability to produce a clear color still photo whether live or recorded; and
 - b. A date and time stamp embedded in all recordings which shall be synchronized and set correctly at all times and ~~shall~~may not significantly obscure the picture.
- 7. All security equipment in each vehicle shall be in good working order and shall be inspected and tested at regular intervals, not to exceed 30 calendar days from the previous inspection and test.
- (b) ~~A Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement Agents engaged in the delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to a Consumer shall have on their person an operational body camera during all times that the Marijuana Establishment Agent is outside of the delivery vehicle for the purpose of transacting a delivery
 - 1. The body camera shall record all deliveries.
 - 2. Consumers shall be notified of the use of body cameras to record delivery transactions at the time of order, on the proof of order and by the Marijuana Establishment agent on arrival at the Residence.
 - 3. In addition to providing notice, body cameras shall be displayed conspicuously on the Marijuana Establishment Agent's person.
 - 4. A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall maintain video from body cameras confidentially and protected from disclosure to the full extent allowed by law. The Licensee shall implement data security, records retention, and record destruction policies for body camera video in compliance with applicable federal and state privacy laws, including but not limited to the Driver Privacy Protection Act, 18 USC § 2721, the Massachusetts Identify Theft Act, M.G.L. c. 93H, 201 CMR 17.00: *Standards for the Protection of Personal Information of Residents of the Commonwealth*, and the Fair Information Practices Act, M.G.L. c. 66A.
 - 5. Video of deliveries shall be retained for a minimum of 30 days, or, with notice to the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement, for the duration of an investigation by the Commission or by law enforcement, whichever is longer. To obtain video from a Licensee as part of an investigation, Commission staff shall consult with the Executive Director and to the extent possible, view the video at the place of storage.
 - 6. A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement ~~shall~~may not share or disclose any portion of the information or video footage collected as the result of the use of a body camera pursuant to 935 CMR 500.110(8)(b) to any third- party not

explicitly authorized by 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* to have access to that video footage, subject to the exceptions in 935 CMR 500.110(8)(b)6.a. and b.

a. A Licensee or Marijuana Establishment shall make video footage available to law enforcement officers acting in his or her official capacity pursuant to a validly issued court order or search warrant demonstrating probable cause.

b. Nothing in 935 CMR 500.110(8)6. shall prohibit law enforcement from performing a constitutionally valid search or seizure including, but not limited to, circumstances that present an imminent danger to safety, and other exceptional or emergency circumstances where time or opportunity to apply for a warrant is lacking.

7. Unless retained for investigative purposes, the Licensee shall erase or otherwise destroy videos after the 30-day retention period.

(c) ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsements transporting Marijuana and Marijuana Products for home delivery shall ensure that all vehicles used for deliveries are staffed with a minimum of two Marijuana Establishment Agents. At least one Marijuana Establishment Agent shall remain with the vehicle at all times that the vehicle contains Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

(d) All Marijuana Establishment Agents acting as delivery employees of a ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement ~~shall~~ must have attended and successfully completed Responsible Vendor Training Basic Core Curriculum and Delivery Core Curriculum courses in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(2)(b) prior to making a delivery, ~~which shall include, but may not be limited to, training on:~~

~~(a) Safely conducting deliveries;~~

(f) A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall report to the Commission and local law enforcement any vehicle accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents that occur during transport immediately and, under no circumstances, more than 24 hours of becoming aware of any accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents and shall otherwise comply with the incident reporting requirements set forth under 935 CMR 500.110(9): Incident Reporting.

(g) The following individuals shall have access to ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement operations and vehicles, including video recordings:

1. Representatives of the Commission in the course of responsibilities authorized by
2. M.G.L. c. 94G or 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*;
3. Representatives of other state agencies acting within their jurisdiction; and
4. Law enforcement, police and fire departments, and emergency medical services in the course of responding to an emergency.

(h) 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* shall not be construed to prohibit access to authorized state or local Law Enforcement Authorities or public health, inspectional services, or other permit-granting agents acting within their lawful jurisdiction.

(i) All vehicles used by the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement for home delivery are subject to inspection and approval by the Commission prior being put into use. It shall be the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsements responsibility to make the Commission aware of its intent to introduce a new vehicle into operation and ensure an inspection of the vehicle prior to commencing operation.

(j) Firearms are strictly prohibited from ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement vehicles and from Marijuana Establishment Agents performing home deliveries.

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(9) Incident Reporting.

(a) A Marijuana Establishment shall notify appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities and the Commission of any breach of security or other reportable incident defined in 935 CMR 500.110(9): Incident Reporting immediately and, in no instance, more than 24 hours following discovery of the breach or incident. Notification shall occur, but not be limited to, during the following occasions:

1. Discovery of inventory discrepancies;
2. Diversion, theft or loss of any Marijuana Product;
3. Any criminal action involving or occurring on or in the Marijuana Establishment Premises or Licensee or agent;
4. Any suspicious act involving the sale, cultivation, distribution, Processing or production of Marijuana by any Person;
5. Unauthorized destruction of Marijuana;
6. Any loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to Marijuana;
7. An alarm activation or other event that requires response by public safety personnel, including but not limited to local law enforcement, police and fire departments, public works or municipal sanitation departments, and municipal inspectional services departments, or security personnel privately engaged by the Marijuana Establishment;
8. The failure of any security alarm system due to a loss of electrical power or mechanical malfunction that is expected to last more than eight hours;
9. A significant motor vehicle crash that occurs while transporting or delivering Marijuana or Marijuana Products and would require the filing of a Motor Vehicle Crash Operator Report pursuant to G.L. c. 90 § 26, provided however that a motor vehicle crash that renders the Licensee's vehicle inoperable shall be reported immediately to state and local law enforcement so that Marijuana or Marijuana Products may be adequately secured; or
10. Any other breach of security.

(b) A Marijuana Establishment shall, within ten calendar days, provide notice to the Commission of any incident described in 935 CMR 500.110(9)(a) by submitting an incident report in the form and manner determined by the Commission which details the circumstances of the event, any corrective action taken, and confirmation that the appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities were notified.

(c) All documentation related to an incident that is reportable pursuant to 935 CMR 500.110(9)(a) shall be maintained by a Marijuana Establishment for not less than one year or the duration of an open investigation, whichever is longer, and made available to the Commission and Law Enforcement Authorities within their lawful jurisdiction on request.

(10) Security Audits. A Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~shall, on an annual basis, obtain at its own expense, a security system audit by a vendor approved by the Commission. A report of such audit ~~must~~shall be submitted, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, no later than 30 calendar days after the audit is conducted. If the audit identifies concerns related to the establishment's security system, the Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~shall also submit a plan to mitigate those concerns within ten business days of submitting the audit

500.120: Additional Operational Requirements for Indoor and Outdoor Marijuana Cultivators

(1) In addition to the general operational requirements for Marijuana Establishments required under 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments and security requirements provided in 935 CMR 500.110: Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments, Marijuana Cultivators shall comply with additional operational requirements required under 935 CMR 500.120: Additional Operational Requirements for Indoor and Outdoor Marijuana Cultivators.

(2) A Marijuana Cultivator may cultivate its own Marijuana or acquire Marijuana

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from other Marijuana Establishments for the purposes of Propagation. Prior to commencing operations, Marijuana Cultivators shall disclose all growing media and plant nutrients intended to be used during the cultivation process. In all instances, Marijuana Cultivators shall disclose all growing media and plant nutrients used for cultivation upon request.

(3) Only a licensed Marijuana Cultivator or Microbusiness is permitted to cultivate Marijuana for adult use for sale to Marijuana Establishments.

(4) All phases of the cultivation, Processing, and packaging of Marijuana by a Marijuana Cultivator shall take place in a designated Limited Access Area where Marijuana that is not visible from a public place without the use of binoculars, aircraft or other optical aids. Marijuana is not visible if it cannot be reasonably identified.

(5) Application of Pesticides shall be performed in compliance with M.G.L. c. 132B and the regulations promulgated at 333 CMR 2.00 through 333 CMR 14.00. Any testing results indicating noncompliance shall be immediately reported to the Commission, who may refer any such result to the MDAR.

(6) A Marijuana Cultivator selling or otherwise ~~t~~ransferring Marijuana to another Marijuana Establishment shall provide documentation of its compliance, or lack thereof, with the testing requirements of 935 CMR 500.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(7) A Marijuana Cultivator may label Marijuana and Marijuana Products with the word "organic" only if all cultivation is consistent with US Department of Agriculture organic requirements at 7 CFR 205: National Organic Program and consistent with MDAR requirements for Pesticide usage;

(8) Soil for cultivation shall meet federal standards identified by the Commission including, but not limited to, the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's Environmental Media Evaluation Guidelines for residential soil levels.

(9) The cultivation process shall use best practices to limit contamination including, but not limited to, mold, fungus, bacterial diseases, rot, pests, Pesticides not in compliance with 935 CMR 500.120(5) for use on Marijuana, mildew, and any other contaminant identified as posing potential harm. Best practices shall be consistent with state and local law including, but not limited to, the Commission's Guidance on Integrated Pest Management ~~in effect November 1, 2019.~~

(10) Any application of plant nutrient to land used for the cultivation of Marijuana shall comply with St. 2012, c. 262, as amended by St. 2013, c. 118, § 26, and 330 CMR 31.00: *Plant Nutrient Application Requirements for Agricultural Land and Non-agricultural Turf and Lawns.*

(11) A Marijuana Cultivator shall satisfy minimum energy efficiency and equipment standards established by the Commission and meet all applicable environmental laws, regulations, permits and other applicable approvals including, but not limited to, those related to water quality and quantity, wastewater, solid and hazardous waste management, and air pollution control, including prevention of odor and noise pursuant to 310 CMR 7.00: *Air Pollution Control* as a condition of obtaining a final license under 935 CMR 500.103(2): Final License and as a condition of renewal under 935 CMR 500.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure. A Marijuana Cultivator shall adopt and use additional best management practices as determined by the Commission, in consultation with the working group established under St. 2017, c. 55, § 78(b) or applicable departments or divisions of the EOEEA, to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts, and shall provide energy and water usage reporting to the Commission in a form determined by the Commission. Each license renewal application under 935 CMR

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500.103(4): *Expiration and Renewal of Licensure* ~~must~~ shall include a report of the Marijuana Cultivator's energy and water usage over the 12-month period preceding the date of application. Marijuana Cultivators shall be subject to the following minimum energy efficiency and equipment standards:

(a) The building envelope for all facilities, except Greenhouses, ~~must~~ shall meet minimum Massachusetts Building Code requirements and all Massachusetts amendments (780 CMR: *State Building Code*), International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Section C402 or The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) *Standard 90.1 Chapters Sections 5.4 and 5.5* as applied or incorporated by reference in 780 CMR: *State Building Code*, except that facilities using existing buildings may demonstrate compliance by showing that the envelope insulation complies with code minimum standards for Type Factory Industrial F-1, as further defined in guidelines issued by the Commission.

(b) Lighting used for Cannabis ~~c~~ Cultivation ~~must~~ shall meet one of the following compliance requirements:

1. Horticulture Lighting Power Density ~~must~~ may not exceed 36 watts per square foot, except for Tier 1 and Tier 2 which ~~must~~ may not exceed 50 watts per square foot; or

2. All horticultural lighting used in a facility is listed on the current Design Lights Consortium Solid-state Horticultural Lighting Qualified Products List ("Horticultural QPL") or other similar list approved by the Commission as of the date of license application, and lighting Photosynthetic Photon Efficacy (PPE) is at least 15% above the minimum Horticultural QPL threshold rounded up to the nearest 0.1 $\mu\text{mol/J}$ (micromoles per joule).

3. A facility seeking to use horticultural lighting not included on the Horticultural QPL or other similar list approved by the Commission shall seek a waiver pursuant to 935 CMR 500.850: *Waivers* and provide documentation of third-party certification of the energy efficiency features of the proposed lighting. All facilities, regardless of compliance path, shall provide third-party safety certification by an OSHA NRTL or SCC-recognized body, which shall certify that products meet a set of safety requirements and standards deemed applicable to horticultural lighting products by that safety organization.

(c) Heating Ventilation and Air Condition (HVAC) and dehumidification systems ~~must~~ shall meet Massachusetts Building Code requirements and all Massachusetts amendments (780 CMR *State Building Code*), IECC Section C403 or ASHRAE Chapter 6 as applied or incorporated by reference in (780 CMR: *State Building Code*). As part of the documentation required under 935 CMR 500.120(11)(b), a Marijuana Cultivator ~~must~~ shall provide a certification from a Massachusetts Licensed Mechanical Engineer that the HVAC and dehumidification systems meet Massachusetts building code as specified in ~~this~~ 935 CMR 500.120(11)(c) and that such systems have been evaluated and sized for the anticipated loads of the facility.

(d) Safety protocols shall be established and documented to protect workers, ~~and Consumers, or Visitors~~ (e.g., eye protection near operating Horticultural Lighting Equipment).

(e) Requirements in 935 CMR 500.120(11)(b) and (c) shall not be required if an indoor Marijuana Cultivator is generating 80% or more of the total annual on-site energy use for all fuels (expressed on a MWh basis) from an onsite clean or renewable generating source, ~~or~~ renewable thermal generation, as provided in M.G.L. c. 25A § 11F and 11F½. Additionally, the Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall document that renewable energy credits or alternative energy credits representing the portion of the Licensee's energy usage not generated onsite ~~de~~ ~~have~~ ~~yes~~ been purchased and retired on an annual basis.

(f) Prior to final licensure, a Marijuana Cultivator Licensee ~~must~~ shall demonstrate compliance with 935 CMR 500.120(11), by submitting an energy compliance letter prepared by a Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer or Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect with supporting documentation, together with submission of building plans under 935 CMR

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500.103: *Licensure and Renewal*. For a Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative with a cultivation location sized as Tier 1 or Tier 2, or such other Marijuana Cultivators ~~that have been granted a meeting the requirements of waiver under~~ 935 CMR 500.8050: *Waivers*(1), compliance with any of the requirements of 935 CMR 500.120(11) may be demonstrated through an energy compliance letter or updated energy compliance letter prepared by one or more of the following energy professionals:

1. A Certified Energy Auditor certified by the Association of Energy Engineers;
2. A Certified Energy Manager certified by the Association of Energy Engineers;
3. A Massachusetts Licensed Professional Engineer; or
4. A Massachusetts Licensed Registered Architect.

(g) A ~~Colocated CMO Marijuana Establishment and MTC~~ with a final Certificate of Licensure, ~~as defined by 935 CMR 501.002~~, issued before November 1, 2019 shall have until ~~January-July~~ 1, 2020 to comply with 935 CMR 500.120(11), except that any additions to or renovations to a facility ~~must shall~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.120(11). A Marijuana Establishment subject to ~~935 CMR 500.120(11)(g) this section~~ may apply for an additional six-month extension if it agrees to install meters to monitor energy usage, water usage and other data determined by the Commission, ~~as well as~~ necessary in order to provide reports on energy usage, water usage, waste production and other data in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

(h) For purposes of 935 CMR 500.120(11), the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. Horticultural Lighting Equipment (HLE) means any lighting equipment (*e.g.*, fixtures, bulbs, ballasts, controls, *etc.*) that uses energy for the cultivation of plants, at any stage of growth (*e.g.*, germination, cloning/Mother Plants, Propagation, Vegetation, Flowering, and harvest).
2. Horticulture Lighting Square Footage (HLSF) means ~~Canopy an area to~~ be calculated in square feet and measured using clearly identifiable boundaries of all areas(s) that will contain mature plants at any point in time, at any stage of growth, including all of the space(s) within the boundaries. HLSF may be noncontiguous, but each unique area included in the total HLSF calculations shall be separated by an identifiable boundary which includes, but is not limited to: interior walls, shelves, Greenhouse walls, hoop house walls, garden benches, hedge rows, fencing, garden beds, or garden plots. If plants are being cultivated using a shelving system, the surface area of each level shall be included in the total HLSF calculation.
3. Lighting Power Density (HLPD) means a measure of total watts of Horticultural Lighting Equipment per total Horticulture Lighting Square Footage, (HLE / HLSF = HLPD) expressed as number of watts per square foot.

(12) In addition to the written operating policies required under 935 CMR 500.105(1): *Written Operating Procedures*, a Marijuana Cultivator, including ~~colocated CMO~~ Marijuana Cultivators and MTCs, shall maintain written policies and procedures for the cultivation, production, Transfer or distribution of Marijuana, as applicable, which shall include but not be limited to:

- (a) Methods for identifying, recording, and reporting diversion-, theft, or loss, ~~and~~ for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in inventories, and for maintaining accurate inventory. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~must shall be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.105(8): *Inventory and Transfer*;
- (b) Policies and procedures for handling voluntary and mandatory recalls of Marijuana. Such procedures shall be adequate to deal with recalls due to any action initiated at the request or order of the Commission, and any voluntary action by a Marijuana Establishment to remove defective or potentially defective Marijuana from the market, as well as any action undertaken to promote public health and safety;

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(c) Policies and procedures for ensuring that any outdated, damaged, deteriorated, mislabeled, or contaminated Marijuana is segregated from other Marijuana and destroyed. Such procedures shall provide for written documentation of the disposition of the Marijuana. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~must—shall be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.105(12): Waste Disposal;

(d) Policies and Procedures for Transportation. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~must shall be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.105(13): Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments;

(e) Policies and procedures to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~must shall be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.105(15): Energy Efficiency and Conservation and 935 CMR 500.120(11); ~~and~~

~~(f) Policies and procedures for ensuring fire safety in cultivation activities, including but not limited to the storage and processing of chemicals or fertilizers, in compliance with the standards set forth in 527 CMR 1.00: The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Code;~~

~~(g) Policies and procedures for the Transfer, acquisition, or sale of Marijuana between Marijuana Establishments;-~~

~~(h) Policies and procedures for developing and providing Vendor Samples to a Marijuana Product Manufacturer, a Marijuana Retailer or a Delivery Operator. Policies and procedures shall include methods by which the Marijuana Cultivator will adequately track, record, and document all Vendor Samples developed on, or provided from, the licensed Premises in satisfaction of 935 CMR 500.120(13): Vendor Samples;~~

~~(i) Policies and procedures for developing and providing Quality Control Samples to employees for the purpose of ensuring product quality and determining whether to make the product available to sell. Policies and procedures shall include methods by which the Marijuana Cultivator will adequately track, record, and document all Quality Control Samples developed on, or provided from, the licensed Premises in satisfaction of 935 CMR 500.120(14): Quality Control Samples. Policies and procedures shall further prohibit consumption of Quality Control Samples on the licensed Premises; and~~

~~(j) Policies and procedures for packaging Marijuana and White Labeling Marijuana Cultivators shall retain all Delivery Wholesale Agreements entered into with Delivery Operators and shall make them available to the Commission upon request.~~

(13) Vendor Samples.

(a) A Marijuana Cultivator may provide a Vendor Sample of Marijuana flower to a Marijuana Product Manufacturer or to a Marijuana Retailer. Provision of a Vendor Sample under this subsection shall not be considered a prohibited practice under 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b)20.

(b) Vendor Samples provided under this subsection:

1. May not be consumed on any licensed Premises;
2. May not be sold to another licensee or Consumer;
3. Shall be tested in accordance with 935 CMR 500.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products; and
4. Shall be transported in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(13): Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments. A Marijuana Cultivator may include Vendor Samples with other Marijuana flower intended for transportation to an individual Marijuana Product Manufacturer or an individual Marijuana Retailer;

(c) Vendor Sample limits. A Marijuana Cultivator is limited to providing the following aggregate amount of Vendor Samples to an individual Marijuana Product Manufacturer or an individual Marijuana Retailer in a calendar month period:

1. Four grams per strain of Marijuana flower and no more than seven strains of Marijuana flower.

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(d) All Vendor Samples provided by a Marijuana Cultivator under 935 CMR 500.120(13): Vendor Samples shall be assigned a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier and entered into the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner to be determined by the Commission, and further, shall be designated as "Vendor Sample."

(e) Vendor Samples provided under this subsection shall have a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 inch in size containing at minimum the following information:

1. A statement that reads: "VENDOR SAMPLE NOT FOR RESALE";
2. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Cultivator;
3. The quantity, net weight, and type of Marijuana flower contained within the package; and
4. A unique sequential, alphanumeric identifier assigned to the Cultivation Batch associated with the Vendor Sample that is traceable in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(14) Quality Control Samples.

(a) A Marijuana Cultivator may provide a Quality Control Sample of Marijuana flower to its employees for the purpose of ensuring product quality and determining whether to make the product available to sell. Provision of a Quality Control Sample under this subsection shall not be considered a prohibited practice under 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b)20.

(b) Quality Control Samples provided to employees under this section:

1. May not be consumed on the licensed Premises;
2. May not be sold to another licensee or Consumer; and
3. Shall be tested in accordance with 935 CMR 500.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(c) Quality Control Sample limits. A Marijuana Cultivator is limited to providing the following aggregate amount of Quality Control Samples to all employees in a calendar month period:

1. Four grams per strain of Marijuana flower and no more than seven strains of Marijuana flower.

(d) All Quality Control Samples provided by a Marijuana Cultivator under 935 CMR 500.120(14): Quality Control Samples shall be assigned a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier and entered into the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner to be determined by the Commission, and further, shall be designated as "Quality Control Sample."

(e) Quality Control Samples provided under this subsection shall have a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 inch in size containing at minimum the following information:

1. A statement that reads: "QUALITY CONTROL SAMPLE NOT FOR RESALE";
2. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Cultivator;
3. The quantity, net weight, and type of Marijuana flower contained within the package; and
4. A unique sequential, alphanumeric identifier assigned to the Cultivation Batch associated with the Quality Control Sample that is traceable in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(f) Upon providing a Quality Control Sample to an employee, the Marijuana Cultivator shall record:

1. The reduction in quantity of the total weight or item count under the unique alphanumeric identifier associated with the Quality Control Sample;
2. The date and time the Quality Control Sample was provided to the employee;
3. The agent registration number of the employee receiving the Quality Control Sample; and
4. The name of the employee as it appears on their agent registration card.

500.130: Additional Operational Requirements for Marijuana Product Manufacturers

(1) In addition to the general operational requirements for Marijuana Establishments required under 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational

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Requirements for Marijuana Establishments and security requirements provided in 935 CMR 500.110: Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments, Marijuana Product Manufacturers shall comply with additional operational requirements required under 935 CMR 500.130: Additional Operational Requirements for Marijuana Product Manufacturers.

(2) Production of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ shall take place in compliance with the following:

(a) All Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ shall be prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 590.000: *State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments*, and with the requirements for food handlers specified in 105 CMR 300.000: *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements*; and

(b) Any Marijuana Product that is made to resemble a typical food or Beverage product ~~must~~ shall be packaged and labelled as required by 935 CMR 500.105(5) and (6).

(3) A Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall meet all applicable environmental laws, regulations, permits and other applicable approvals including, but not limited to, those related to water quality and quantity, wastewater, solid and hazardous waste management and air pollution control, including prevention of odor and noise pursuant to 310 CMR 7:00: *Air Pollution Control*, and to use additional best management practices as determined by the Commission in consultation with the working group established under St. 2017, c. 55, § 78(b) or applicable departments or divisions of the EOEEA to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts.

(4) A Marijuana Product Manufacturer selling or otherwise Transferring Marijuana to another Marijuana Establishment shall provide documentation of its compliance, or lack thereof, with the testing requirements of 935 CMR 500.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products, and standards established by the Commission for the conditions, including time and temperature controls, necessary to protect Marijuana Products against physical, chemical, and microbial contamination as well as against deterioration of finished products during storage and transportation.

(a) A Product Manufacturer shall retain all records of purchases from any manufacturer or supplier of any ingredient, additive, device, component part or other materials obtained by the Product Manufacturer in relation to the manufacturing of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices and such records shall be made available to the Commission on request.

(b) A Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall maintain records of the name and business address of the manufacturer of any cartridge, battery, atomizer coil, hardware or other component of Marijuana Vaporizer Products manufactured by the Licensee. Further, the Product Manufacturer shall, on request by the Commission, identify the materials used in the device's atomizer coil (e.g., titanium, titanium alloy, quartz, copper, nichrome, kanthal, or other specified material) or state if such information cannot be reasonably ascertained.

(c) A copy of the Certificate of Analysis for each thickening agent, thinning agent or terpene infused or incorporated into a Marijuana Vaporizer Device during production shall be retained by a Product Manufacturer and provided as a part of a wholesale transaction with any Marijuana Retailer, ~~or~~ MTC or Delivery Operator.

(d) A Product Manufacturer that wholesales Marijuana Vaporizer Devices to a Marijuana Retailer, ~~or~~ MTC or Delivery Operator shall provide the recipient with the information insert required by 935 CMR 500.105(5)(c) or the necessary information to produce such an insert and the appropriate labeling information required by these regulations, provided, however, that White Labeling of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices is explicitly prohibited.

(5) In addition to the written operating policies required under 935 CMR 500.105(1): Written Operating Procedures, a Marijuana Product Manufacturer

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shall maintain written policies and procedures for the production or distribution of Marijuana Products, as applicable, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Methods for identifying, recording, and reporting diversion, theft, or loss, and for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in inventories. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~must shall be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.105(8): *Inventory and Transfer*;
- (b) Policies and procedures for handling voluntary and mandatory recalls of Marijuana Products. Such procedures shall be adequate to deal with recalls due to any action initiated at the request or order of the Commission, and any voluntary action by a Marijuana Establishment to remove defective or potentially defective Marijuana Products from the market, as well as any action undertaken to promote public health and safety;
- (c) Policies and procedures for ensuring that any outdated, damaged, deteriorated, mislabeled, or contaminated Marijuana or Marijuana Products ~~is~~ are segregated from other ~~product~~ Marijuana and destroyed. Such procedures shall provide for written documentation of the disposition of the Marijuana or Marijuana Products. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~must shall be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.105(12): *Waste Disposal*;
- (d) Policies and procedures for transportation. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~must shall be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.105(13): *Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments*;
- (e) Policies and procedures to reduce energy and water usage, engage in energy conservation and mitigate other environmental impacts. The policies and procedures, at a minimum, ~~must shall be in compliance~~ comply with 935 CMR 500.105(15): *Energy Efficiency and Conservation*;
- (f) Policies and procedures for the Transfer, acquisition, or sale of Marijuana Products between Marijuana Establishments, and if applicable, MTCs and CMOs;
- (g) Policies and procedures to ensure that all Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ are prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the sanitation requirements in 105 CMR 590.000: *State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments*, and with the requirements for food handlers specified in 105 CMR 300.000: *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements*; ~~and~~
- (h) Policies and procedures for maintaining a product catalogue identifying all types of Marijuana Products actively manufactured at the facility. The catalog shall include a description of the product, photograph or illustration, packaging design, and dosage amounts, including expected Cannabinoid Profile;
- ~~(h)~~(i) Policies and procedures for ensuring safety in all processing activities and the related uses of extraction equipment in compliance with the standards set forth in 527 CMR 1.00: *The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Code*;
- (j) Policies and procedures for developing and providing Vendor Samples to a Marijuana Retailer. Policies and procedures shall include methods by which the Marijuana Product Manufacturer will adequately track, record, and document all Vendor Samples developed on, or provided from, the licensed Premises in satisfaction of 935 CMR 500.130(7);
- ~~(j)~~(k) Policies and procedures for developing and providing Quality Control Samples to employees for the purpose of ensuring product quality and determining whether to make the product available to sell. Policies and procedures shall include methods by which the Marijuana Product Manufacturer will adequately track, record, and document all Quality Control Samples developed on, or provided from, the licensed Premises in satisfaction of 935 CMR 500.130(8): *Vender Samples*. Policies and procedures shall further prohibit consumption of Quality Control Samples on the licensed Premises; and
- (l) Policies and procedures for White Labeling on behalf of any Delivery Operator. Marijuana Product Manufacturers shall retain all ~~Delivery~~ Wholesale Agreements entered into with Delivery Operators and shall make them available to the Commission upon request.

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(6) Product Database. In addition to the requirement to establish policies and procedures for maintaining a product catalogue under 935 CMR 500.130(5)(h), a Marijuana Product Manufacturer, after receiving a Provisional License but prior to receiving a Certificate to Commence Operations, shall provide the following information about the finished Marijuana Products it intends to produce and make available at wholesale to a Marijuana Retailer or Delivery Operator prior to commencement of operations. This information may be used by the Commission for its Product Database.

(a) The Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall provide the following:

1. Marijuana Product type;
2. Marijuana Product brand name;
3. List of direct ingredients;
4. List of indirect ingredients;
5. Serving size, including a description of what constitutes a serving size for a product that is not already a single serving;
6. Potency;
7. A photograph of a finished Marijuana Product, against a white background, outside of but next to the Marijuana Product's packaging, including any external or internal packaging, provided however that where single servings of a multi-serving product are unable to be easily identified because of its form, a description of what constitutes a single serving shall be provided (e.g. a single serving is a 1" x 1" square), and where an Edible cannot be stamped, for example, due to size or a coating, the photograph of the Edible outside of but next to its external and internal packaging, such as the wrapper, and labeling information for the Edible;
8. A photograph of the Marijuana Product, against a white background, inside the packaging; and
9. A list of Marijuana Products to be sold based on anticipated or executed agreements between the Marijuana Product Manufacturer and Marijuana Retailer or Delivery Operator.

(b) Photographs shall be submitted in a form and manner determined by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.130(6): ~~Product Database shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI. Photographs shall be against a white background.~~

(c) A Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall provide the information required under 935 CMR 500.130(6)(a) for each Marijuana Product that it produces prior to the product being made available for sale through a licensed Marijuana Retailer; MTC or Delivery Operator and shall update the information whenever a substantial change to the product information occurs. Substantial changes, including changes to information listed in 935 CMR 500.130(6)(a)1.-9., shall be submitted to the Commission for inclusion in the Product Database prior to the transfer of- the Marijuana Product.

~~(6)~~(7) Notwithstanding a stricter municipal or state regulation, a Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall identify the method of extraction (e.g., Butane, Propane, CO₂) on a physical posting at all entrances of the Marijuana Establishment. The Posting shall be a minimum of 12" x 12" and identify the method of extraction in lettering no smaller than one inch in height. A Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall post a copy of a permit to keep, store, handle or otherwise use flammable and combustible at each place of operation within the facility.

(8) Vendor Samples.

(a) A Marijuana Product Manufacturer may provide a Vendor Sample of a Marijuana Product to a Marijuana Retailer or Delivery Operator. Provision of a Vendor Sample under this subsection shall not be considered a prohibited practice under 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b)20.

(b) Vendor Samples provided under this subsection:

1. May not be consumed on any licensed Premises;
2. May not be sold to another licensee or Consumer;

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3. Shall be tested in accordance with 935 CMR 500.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products; and

4. Shall be transported in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(13): Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments. A Marijuana Product Manufacturer may include Vendor Samples with other Marijuana Products intended for transportation to an individual Marijuana Retailer or Delivery Operator.

(c) Vendor Sample limits. A Marijuana Product Manufacturer is limited to providing the following aggregate amounts of Vendor Samples to an individual Marijuana Retailer or Delivery Operator in a calendar month period:

1. Five grams of Marijuana concentrate or extract, including but not limited to tinctures;

2. Five hundred milligrams of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ whereby the serving size of each individual sample does not exceed five milligrams and otherwise satisfies the potency levels set forth in 935 CMR 500.150(4): Dosing Limitations; and

3. Five units of sale per Cannabis product line and no more than six individual Cannabis product lines. For purposes of 935 CMR 500.130(8), a Cannabis product line shall mean items bearing the same Stock Keeping Unit Number.

(d) All Vendor Samples received from a Marijuana Cultivator pursuant to 935 CMR 500.120(13): Vendor Samples that are used to manufacture a Marijuana Product shall be assigned a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier and entered into the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner to be determined by the Commission, and further, shall be designated as "Vendor Sample."

(e) All Vendor Samples provided by a Marijuana Product Manufacturer under 935 CMR 500.130(7) shall be assigned a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier and entered into the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner to be determined by the Commission and shall further be designated as "Vendor Sample."

(f) Vendor Samples provided under this section shall have a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 inch in size containing at minimum the following information:

1. A statement that reads: "VENDOR SAMPLE NOT FOR RESALE";

2. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Product Manufacturer;

3. The quantity, net weight, and type of Marijuana Product contained within the package; and

~~4.~~ A unique sequential, alphanumeric identifier assigned to the Production Batch associated with the Vendor Sample that is traceable in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(9) Quality Control Samples.

(a) A Marijuana Product Manufacturer may provide a Quality Control Sample of Marijuana Product to its employees for the purpose of ensuring product quality and determining whether to make the product available to sell. Provision of a Quality Control Sample under this subsection shall not be considered a prohibited practice under 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b)20.

(b) Quality Control Samples provided to employees under this subsection:

1. May not be consumed on the licensed Premises;

2. May not be sold to another licensee or Consumer; and

3. Shall be tested in accordance with 935 CMR 500.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(c) Quality Control Sample limits. A Marijuana Product Manufacturer is limited to providing the following aggregate amounts of Quality Control Samples to all employees in a calendar month period:

1. Five grams of Marijuana concentrate or extract, including but not limited to tinctures;

2. Five hundred milligrams of Edibles whereby the serving size of each individual sample does not exceed five milligrams and otherwise satisfies the potency levels set forth in 935 CMR 500.150(4): Dosing Limitations; and

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3. Five units of sale per Cannabis product line and no more than six individual Cannabis product lines. For purposes of 935 CMR 500.130(8): Vendor Samples, a Cannabis product line shall mean items bearing the same Stock Keeping Unit Number.

(d) All Quality Control Samples provided under 935 CMR 500.130(8): Vendor Samples shall be assigned a unique, sequential alphanumeric identifier and entered into the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner to be determined by the Commission, and further, shall be designated as "Quality Control Sample."

(e) Quality Control Samples provided under this subsection shall have a legible, firmly Affixed label on which the wording is no less than 1/16 inch in size containing at minimum the following information:

1. A statement that reads: "QUALITY CONTROL SAMPLE NOT FOR RESALE";

2. The name and registration number of the Marijuana Product Manufacturer;

3. The quantity, net weight, and type of Marijuana flower contained within the package; and

4. A unique sequential, alphanumeric identifier assigned to the Production Batch associated with the Quality Control Sample that is traceable in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(f) Upon providing a Quality Control Sample to an Employee, the Marijuana Product Manufacturer shall record:

1. The reduction in quantity of the total weight or item count under the unique alphanumeric identifier associated with the Quality Control Sample;

2. The date and time the Quality Control Sample was provided to the Employee;

3. The agent registration number of the employee receiving the Quality Control Sample; and

4. The name of the Employee as it appears on their agent registration card.

500.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Retail Sale

(1) In addition to the general operational requirements for Marijuana Establishments required under 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments and security requirements provided in 935 CMR 500.110: Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments, Licensees engaged in retail sales shall comply with 935 CMR 500.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Retail Sale.

(2) On-Premises Verification of Identification.

(a) On entry into the Premises of a Marijuana Retailer by an individual, a Marijuana Establishment Agent shall immediately inspect the individual's proof of identification and determine the individual's age. An individual shall not be admitted to the Premises, unless the Marijuana Retailer has verified that the individual is 21 years of age or older by an individual's proof of identification.

(b) On point of sale by an individual, a Marijuana Establishment Agent shall inspect the individual's proof of identification and determine the individual's age.

(c) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(c)(3), a~~A~~ Marijuana Retailer may not acquire or record Consumer personal information other than information typically required in a retail transaction, which can include ~~identifying~~ information to determine the Consumer's age. A Marijuana Retailer may not record or retain any additional personal information from Consumer without the Consumer's voluntary written permission, except as provided in (d) and (e).

(d) A Marijuana Retailer that has entered into Delivery Agreements with ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensees for the purpose of transacting home deliveries to Consumers shall establish a Pre-verification process for Consumers who intend to place orders for delivery with the Marijuana

Establishment. A Marijuana Retailer that holds more than one Marijuana Retailer license may establish a process to share Pre-verification information about Consumers among their multiple locations for the purpose of enabling deliveries from any licensed location operated by the Marijuana Retailer, provided however that information shall only be shared among locations upon the affirmative election by a Consumer. To comply with the requirements of ~~P~~pre-verification, the Marijuana Establishment shall:

1. Require the Consumer to pre-verify with the Marijuana Establishment either in person or through a Commission-approved electronic means by presenting or submitting the Consumer's valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification; and
 2. Examine the government-issued identification card and verify that the individual Consumer presenting or submitting the government-issued identification card is the individual Consumer that matches the government-issued identification card and that the individual Consumer is 21 years of age or older.
- (e) A Marijuana Retailer shall cCollect and maintain relevant information about the individual Consumer, for the purpose of transacting a delivery and ensuring that the recipient of a delivery under 935 CMR 500.145: Additional Operational Requirements for Delivery of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods to Consumers is legally allowed to receive Marijuana and Marijuana Products, which shall be limited to:
1. The individual's name;
 2. The individual's date of birth;
 3. The individual's address;
 4. The individual's primary telephone number; and
 5. The individual's email address.
- (f) Any such information collected by the Marijuana Establishment shall be used solely for the purpose of transacting a delivery ~~of Marijuana or Marijuana Products~~—under 935 CMR 500.145: Additional Operational Requirements for Delivery of Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods to Consumers and shall be otherwise maintained confidentially.
- (3) Limitation on Sales.
- (a) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 7, a Marijuana Retailer ~~shall may~~ not knowingly sell more than one ounce of Marijuana or its combined dry weight equivalent in Marijuana concentrate or Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ to a retail customer per day.
1. One ounce of Marijuana flower shall be equivalent to five grams of active tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in Marijuana concentrate including, but not limited to, Tinctures.
 2. One ounce of Marijuana flower shall be equivalent to five hundred milligrams of active tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~.
 3. Topicals and ointments shall not be subject to a limitation on daily sales.
- (b) A Marijuana Retailer ~~shall may~~ not sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products in excess of the potency levels established by 935 CMR 500.150(4): Dosing Limitations; and
- (c) A Marijuana Retailer ~~must shall~~ demonstrate that it has a ~~p~~Point-of-sale ~~s~~System that does not allow for a transaction in excess of the limit established in 935 CMR 500.140(3)(a) or the potency levels established in 935 CMR 500.140(3)(b).
- (4) Unauthorized Sales and Right to Refuse Sales.
- (a) A Marijuana Retailer shall refuse to sell Marijuana to any Consumer who is unable to produce valid proof of government-issued identification.
- (b) A retailer ~~may shall~~ refuse to sell Marijuana Products to a Consumer if, in the opinion of the Marijuana Establishment Agent based on the information available to the agent at that time, the Consumer or the public would be placed at risk. This includes, but is not limited to, the Consumer engaging in daily

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transactions that exceed the legal possession limits or that create a risk of diversion.

- (c) A retailer ~~shall~~ may not sell to an individual more than one ounce of Marijuana or its dry weight equivalent in Marijuana concentrate or Edible ~~Marijuana Products~~ per transaction. A retailer ~~shall~~ may not knowingly sell to an individual more than one ounce of Marijuana or its dry weight equivalency per day.
- (d) A retailer is prohibited from selling Marijuana Products containing nicotine.
- (e) A retailer is prohibited from selling Marijuana Products containing alcohol, if sales of such alcohol would require licensure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138.

(5) Recording Sales.

- (a) A Marijuana Retailer shall only utilize a point-of-sale ~~(POS)~~ system approved by the Commission, in consultation with the DOR.
- (b) A retailer may utilize a sales recording module approved by the DOR.
- (c) A retailer is prohibited from utilizing software or other methods to manipulate or alter sales data.
- (d) A retailer shall conduct a monthly analysis of its equipment and sales data to determine that no software has been installed that could be utilized to manipulate or alter sales data and that no other methodology has been employed to manipulate or alter sales data. A Marijuana Retailer shall maintain records that it has performed the monthly analysis and produce it on request to the Commission. If a retailer determines that software has been installed for the purpose of manipulation or alteration of sales data or other methods have been utilized to manipulate or alter sales data:
 - 1. It shall immediately disclose the information to the Commission;
 - 2. It shall cooperate with the Commission in any investigation regarding manipulation or alteration of sales data; and
 - 3. Take such other action directed by the Commission to comply with 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments.
- (e) A retailer shall comply with 830 CMR 62C.25.1: Record Retention and DOR Directive 16-1 regarding recordkeeping requirements.
- (f) A retailer shall adopt separate accounting practices at the point of sale for Marijuana and Marijuana Product sales, and non-Marijuana sales.
- (g) The Commission and the DOR may audit and examine the point-of-sale system used by a retailer in order to ensure compliance with Massachusetts tax laws and 935 CMR 500.000140(5): Recording Sales.

(6) Consumer Education. A Marijuana Retailer shall make available educational materials about Marijuana Products to Consumers. A retailer ~~must~~ shall have an adequate supply of current educational material available for distribution. Educational materials ~~must~~ shall be available in commonly spoken languages designated by the Commission, which will include, but not be limited to, appropriate materials for the visually- and hearing-impaired. Such materials shall be made available for inspection by the Commission on request. ~~The Commission will establish fines or other civil penalties for a Marijuana Establishment's failure to provide these materials.~~ The educational material must shall include at least the following:

- (a) A warning that Marijuana has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA, that there is limited information on side effects, that there may be health risks associated with using Marijuana, and that it should be kept away from children;
- (b) A warning that when under the influence of Marijuana, driving is prohibited by M.G.L. c. 90, § 24, and machinery should not be operated;
- (c) Information to assist in the selection of Marijuana, describing the potential differing effects of various strains of Marijuana, as well as various forms and routes of administration;
- (d) Materials offered to Consumers to enable them to track the strains used and their associated effects;

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- (e) Information describing proper dosage and titration for different routes of administration. Emphasis shall be on using the smallest amount possible to achieve the desired effect. The impact of potency ~~must shall~~ also be explained;
- (f) A discussion of tolerance, dependence, and withdrawal;
- (g) Facts regarding substance ~~abuse-use disorder~~ signs and symptoms, as well as referral information for substance ~~abuse-use disorder~~ treatment programs, ~~and the telephone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline~~;
- (h) A statement that Consumers may not sell Marijuana to any other individual;
- (i) Information regarding penalties for possession or distribution of Marijuana in violation of Massachusetts law; and
- (j) Any other information required by the Commission.

(7) Testing. No Marijuana Product, including Marijuana, may be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that has not first been tested by Independent Testing Laboratories, except as allowed under 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana. The product ~~must shall~~ be deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 500.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

- (a) Potency levels derived from the Cannabinoid Profile, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ9-THC) and other Cannabinoids, contained within Finished Marijuana or Marijuana Product to be sold or otherwise marketed shall be recorded in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(8) Repackaging. Repackaged Marijuana shall comply with the labeling and packaging requirements under 935 CMR 500.105(5): Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products and 935 CMR 500.105(6): Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

(9) Advance Contactless Order Fulfillment.

- (a) A Marijuana Retailer may allow for advance contactless ordering of Marijuana and Marijuana Products by telephone, website or third-party platform, which shall be available for inspection prior to commencing operations and on request.
- (b) Marijuana Retailer may fulfill advance orders through contactless means by not requiring contact between a Consumer and Registered Marijuana Agent.
- (c) Any physical unit used for the purpose of the fulfillment of an advance contactless order (order) shall ensure that access to orders of Marijuana or Marijuana Products is limited to the Consumer who placed the order.
- (d) Any physical unit used for the purpose of order fulfillment shall be located within the Marijuana Retailer's building and be bolted or otherwise permanently affixed to the Marijuana Establishment Premises.
- (e) A Marijuana Retailer that adopts a contactless means of fulfilling orders shall have a written operations plan which shall be submitted to the Commission prior to commencing these operations and on request. The plan shall include a detailed description of how the Marijuana Retailer will ensure that advance contactless order fulfillment complies with the requirements of:
 - 1. 935 CMR 500.105(3)(b) and (c) for the safe storage of Marijuana and Marijuana Products;
 - 2. 935 CMR 500.110(1)(a) and M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(c)(3) for the positive identification of individuals seeking access to the Premises of the Marijuana Establishment for the purpose of obtaining an order placed in advance to limit access solely to individuals 21 years of age or older;
 - 3. 935 CMR 500.110(5)(a)(4) for the video surveillance of the advance contactless order; and
 - 4. 935 CMR 500.140(8)(c) and (d).
- (f) Orders placed in advance may not be retained in a physical unit used for the purpose of contactless order fulfillment overnight or outside of business hours.

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(10) Product Database. A Marijuana Retailer that purchases wholesale Marijuana Products from a licensed Marijuana Product Manufacturer for the purpose of Repackaging Marijuana Products for sale to consumers shall provide the Commission with the following information. This information may be used by the Commission for its Product Database.

(a) The Marijuana Retailer shall provide the following:

1. A photograph of a finished Marijuana Product outside of but next to the Marijuana Product's packaging, provided however that where single servings of a multi-serving product are unable to be easily identified because of its form, a description of what constitutes a single serving shall be provided (e.g. a single serving is a 1" x 1" square);
2. A photograph of the Marijuana Product inside packaging; and
3. The name of the Product Manufacturer that produced the Marijuana Product.

(b) Photographs submitted shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI. Photographs shall be against a white background.

(c) Marijuana Retailers shall provide the information required under 935 CMR 500.140(8)(a) for each Marijuana Product it Repackages for sale prior to the product being made available for sale and shall update the information whenever a substantial change to packaging or label of the Marijuana Product occurs. For purposes of this section, a substantial change shall be a change to the physical attributes or content of the package or label.

(11) In addition to the written operating policies required under 935 CMR 500.105(1): *Written Operating Procedures*, a Marijuana Retailer shall maintain written policies and procedures which shall include:

- (a) Policies and procedures for adequately tracking, recording, and documenting all Vendor Samples that the Marijuana Retailer receives from a Marijuana Cultivator or a Marijuana Product Manufacturer; and
- (b) Policies and procedures for adequately tracking, recording, and documenting all Vendor Samples that the Marijuana Retailer provides to employees for the purpose of assessing product quality and determining whether to make the product available to sell, in compliance with 935 CMR 500.140(15): *Patient Supply*.

(12) Vendor Samples.

- (a) A Marijuana Retailer may receive a Vendor Sample of Marijuana flower from a Marijuana Cultivator pursuant to 935 CMR 500.120(13): *Vendor Samples*. A Marijuana Retailer may also receive a Vendor Sample of Marijuana Product from a Marijuana Product Manufacturer pursuant to 935 CMR 500.130(7). Receipt of a Vendor Sample under this subsection shall not be considered a prohibited practice under 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b)20.
- (b) Vendor Samples may not be sold to another licensee or Consumer.
- (c) A Marijuana Retailer may provide the Vendor Samples it receives from a Marijuana Cultivator or a Marijuana Product Manufacturer to its Employees for the purpose of assessing product quality and determining whether to make the product available to sell the product. Vendor Samples may not be consumed on any licensed Premises.
- (d) Vendor Sample limits. A Marijuana Retailer is limited to providing the following aggregate amounts of Vendor Samples to all Employees in a calendar month period:
 1. Four grams per strain of Marijuana flower and no more than seven strains of Marijuana flower;
 2. Five grams of Marijuana concentrate or extract, including but not limited to Tinctures;
 3. Five hundred milligrams of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ whereby the serving size of each individual sample does not exceed five milligrams and otherwise satisfies the potency levels set forth in 935 CMR 500.150(4): *Dosing Limitations*; and
 4. Five units of sale per Cannabis product line and no more than six individual Cannabis product lines. For purposes of 935 CMR 500.140(15):

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Patient Supply, a Cannabis product line shall mean items bearing the same Stock Keeping Unit Number.

(e) Upon providing a Vendor Sample to an employee, the Marijuana Retailer shall record:

1. The reduction in quantity of the total weight or item count under the unique alphanumeric identifier associated with the Vendor Sample;
2. The date and time the Vendor Sample was provided to the Employee;
3. The agent registration number of the employee receiving the Vendor Sample; and
4. The name of the Employee as it appears on their agent registration card.

(a)(f) All Vendor Samples provided by a Marijuana Retailer to its employees shall also be entered into the point-of-sale system and shall count against the individual employee's daily purchase limit, if applicable, consistent with 935 CMR 500.140(3): *Limitation on Sales.*

(13) Sale of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices.

(a) Marijuana Retailers offering Marijuana Vaporizer Devices for sale to Consumers shall include signage at the point of sale, that is legible and enlarged and contains the following statements:

1. "Marijuana Vaporizer Devices have been tested for Vitamin E Acetate and other contaminants, with no adverse findings. **WARNING: Vaporizer Devices may contain ingredients harmful to health when inhaled.**"
2. "Consumers shall have access to the test results of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices including copies of any Certificates of Analysis provided by the device's manufacturer."

(a)(b) Marijuana Retailers shall provide a physical insert to Consumers that accompanies all purchased Marijuana Vaporizer Devices that states, including capitalization and emphasis, the following:

"Marijuana Vaporizer Devices have been tested for Vitamin E Acetate and other contaminants, with no adverse findings. **WARNING: Vaporizer Devices may contain ingredients harmful to health when inhaled.**"

(c) The sale of disposable and reusable vaporizer pens and devices shall be accompanied by a product insert identifying the materials used in the vaporizer device's atomizer coil (e.g., titanium, titanium alloy, quartz, copper, nichrome, kanthal, or other specified material), and manufacturer identification of the device hardware, cartridge, battery and other components;

(d) A Marijuana Retailer shall make available the information contained in 935 CMR 500.105(5)(c)(6) in the product description at the point of sale and as part of any product list posted on the Marijuana Retailer's website or Third-party Technology Platforms or applications employed for pre-ordering or delivery.

(b)(e) A Marijuana Retailer shall retain all records of purchases from any Product Manufacturer or supplier of any ingredient, additive, device, component part or other materials provided to the Marijuana Retailer about Marijuana Vaporizer Devices sold at retailers. Such records shall be made available to the Commission upon request.

(14) Physical Separation of Marijuana and MIPs or Marijuana Products for Medical or Adult Use. A CMO shall provide for physical separation between medical- and adult-use sales areas. Separation may be provided by a temporary or semi-permanent physical barrier, such as a stanchion, that, in the opinion of the Commission, adequately separates sales areas of MIPs for medical-use from sales areas of Marijuana products for adult-use for the purpose of Patient Confidentiality.

(a) A CMO shall provide for separate lines for sales of Marijuana or MIPs for medical-use from Marijuana Products for adult-use within the sales area.

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provided that the holder of a patient registration card may use either line and may not be limited only to the medical-use line, so long as the CMO can record the patient's transaction in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(5)(d).

(b) A CMO shall additionally provide a patient consultation area, an area that is separate from the sales floor that is enclosed to allow privacy and for confidential visual and auditory consultation with Qualifying Patients.

(c) A CMO's patient consultation area shall have signage stating, "Consultation Area". The private consultation area shall be separate from the sales area. It shall be accessible by a Qualifying Patient or caregiver without having to traverse a Limited Access Area.

(d) A CMO shall use best efforts to prioritize patient and caregiver identification verification and physical entry into its retail area.

(15) Patient Supply.

(a) A CMO shall ensure access to a sufficient quantity and variety of marijuana products, including marijuana, for patients registered under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

1. Where the CMO has been open and dispensing for a period of less than six months, the license shall reserve 35% of the MTC's marijuana products.

2. Where the CMO has been open and dispensing for a period of six months or longer, the licensee shall maintain a quantity and variety of marijuana products for patients registered under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, sufficient to meet the demand indicated by an analysis of sales data collected by the licensee during the preceding six months in accordance with 935 CMR 501.140(5) *Recording Sales* and 935 CMR 501.140(5): *Recording Sales*.

(b) Marijuana products reserved for patient supply shall, unless unreasonably impracticable, reflect the actual types and strains of marijuana products documented during the previous six months. If a substitution must be made, the substitution shall reflect as closely as possible the type and strain no longer available.

(c) On a ~~quarterly~~ biennial basis, the CMO shall submit to the Commission an inventory plan to reserve a sufficient quantity and variety of medical-use Marijuana Products for Registered Qualifying Patients, based on reasonably anticipated patient needs as documented by sales records over the preceding six months. On each occasion that the supply of any product within the reserved patient supply is exhausted and a reasonable substitution cannot be made, the CMO shall submit a report to the Commission in a form determined by the Commission.

(d) Marijuana Products reserved for patient supply shall be either maintained on-site at the retailer or easily accessible at another location operated by the licensee and transferable to the retailer location within 48 hours of notification that the on-site supply has been exhausted. CMOs shall perform audits of available patient supply on a weekly basis and retain those records for a period of six months.

(e) The Commission shall, consistent with 935 CMR 500.301: *Inspections and Compliance* or 501.301: *Inspections and Compliance*, inspect and audit CMOs to ensure compliance with 935 CMR 500.140: *Additional Operational Requirements for Retail Sale*. The Commission may, in addition to the issuance of a deficiency statement under 935 CMR 500.310: *Deficiency Statements* or 501.310: *Deficiency Statements* and a plan of correction under 935 CMR 500.320: *Plans of Correction* or 935 CMR 501.320: *Plans of Correction*, demand that the CMO take immediate steps to replenish its reserved patient supply to reflect the amounts required under 935 CMR 500.140(15)(a) or 935 CMR 501.140(12)(a). Failure to adequately address a deficiency statement or follow a plan of correction shall result in administrative action by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.450: *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Denial of Renewal Applications, Suspension and Revocation* and 935 CMR 500.500: *Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Licenses* or 935 CMR 501.450: *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Denial of Renewal Applications, Suspension and Revocation* and 935 CMR 501.500: *Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Licenses*.

(f) CMOs may transfer marijuana products reserved for medical-use to adult-use within a reasonable period of time prior to the date of expiration provided that the product does not pose a risk to health or safety.

(16) Undeliverable Marijuana and Marijuana Products. Any Finished Marijuana Product that is undeliverable by a Marijuana Courier or is refused by the Consumer shall be transported back to the originating Marijuana Retailer that provided the product once all other deliveries included on a delivery manifest have been made. The Marijuana Retailer shall ensure that a Registered Marijuana Agent remains at the premises to receive any undeliverable Marijuana or Marijuana Product from a Marijuana Courier. A process for ensuring that undelivered Marijuana and Marijuana Products can be returned to the Marijuana Retailer by the Marijuana Courier shall be a term of the Delivery Agreement.

500.141: Additional Operational Requirements for Social Consumption Establishments

(1) In addition to the general operational requirements for Marijuana Establishments required under 935 CMR 500.105: General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments, and except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 500.141: Additional Operational Requirements for Social Consumption Establishments, a Social Consumption Establishment shall comply with 935 CMR 500.110: Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments; and additional operational requirements under 935 CMR 500.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Retail Sale and 935 CMR 500.141: Additional Operational Requirements for Social Consumption Establishments.

(2) Written Policies and Procedures. In addition to the written operating policies required under 935 CMR 500.105(1): Written Operating Procedures, prior to commencing operations, a Social Consumption Establishment shall maintain written policies and procedures for the sale, distribution, and serving of Marijuana and Marijuana Products; and provide in-house Responsible Vendor Training to employees to the extent not covered in a Responsible Vendor Training Program course on the such policies and procedures prior to commencing operations. In-house training provided under this 935 CMR 500.141(2): Written Policies and Procedures may be counted toward the eight-hour total training requirement required under 935 CMR 500.105(2)(a). ~~Such written policies and procedures which shall include but not be limited to without limitation:~~

(a) Methods for identifying, recording, and reporting diversion, theft, or loss, and for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in inventories in compliance with 935 CMR 500.110(7): Cash Handling and Transportation Requirements and 935 CMR 500.141(8): Incident Reporting;

(b) Procedures to ensure that all sales of Marijuana and Marijuana Products under a Social Consumption Establishment license shall include a label or supplementary insert with the following information:

1. The symbols issued by the Commission under 935 CMR 500.105(54)(b)157. and 168.;
2. The following statement, including capitalization:
“This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.”;
3. Additionally, for Edibles ~~Cannabis Products~~, the warning, "The impairment effects of Edibles may be delayed by two hours or more";
4. The name and contact information of the Marijuana Establishment that produced the Marijuana or Marijuana Product;
5. The results of sampling, testing and analysis conducted by an Independent Testing Laboratory;
6. A seal certifying the Marijuana or Marijuana Products meets such testing

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- standards;
7. A unique batch number identifying the Production Batch associated with manufacturing, Processing, and cultivating;
 8. A list of ingredients and possible allergens;
 9. The amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) in the package and in each serving of Marijuana or Marijuana Product as expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of volume;
 10. An explanation of the number of "servings" in the package; and
 11. A use-by date, if applicable;
- (c) Security procedures, including specific plans for securing entrances and that all Marijuana and Marijuana Products are kept out of plain sight and not visible from a public place;
 - (d) Procedures to ensure prevention of diversion;
 - (e) Procedures to ensure the prevention of a Consumer from bringing Marijuana or Marijuana Products onto the Premises that have not been obtained from the Social Consumption Establishment, including policies for ensuring Marijuana Accessories brought on site, do not contain Marijuana or Marijuana Products not obtained from the Social Consumption Establishment;
 - (f) Procedures to ensure that Marijuana or Marijuana Products purchased on site does not leave the Premises; except as otherwise authorized in 935 CMR 500.141(3)(a);
 - (g) Procedures for the storage of Marijuana or Marijuana Products including, but not limited to, disposal procedures for unconsumed Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
 - (h) Procedural and operational plans making a diligent effort to assist Consumers who may be impaired in finding means of transportation. Such requirements ~~must~~ shall be tailored to the region in which the establishment is located.
 - (i) Procedures to ensure that Consumers are not overserved, including the developments of standards, consistent with Responsible Vendor Training, for Marijuana Establishment Agents to use to evaluate impairment;
 - (j) Procedures to ensure that no one younger than 21 years old may access the establishment;
 - (k) If vaporization or other non-smoking forms of consumption involving heat are permitted indoors, procedures and building plans or schematic to ensure that:
 1. The area(s) in which consumption involving heat takes place are isolated from the other areas, separated by walls and a secure door, with access only from the Social Consumption Establishment;
 2. Employees may monitor the consumption area from a smoke-free, vapor-free area; and
 3. A ventilation system directs air from the consumption area to the outside of the building through a filtration system sufficient to remove visible vapor, consistent with all applicable building codes and ordinances, and adequate to eliminate odor at the property line;
 - (l) Procedures to ensure that no sales occur within the consumption area;
 - (m) Procedures to ensure that smoking as defined by M.G.L. c. 270, § 22 is prohibited indoors.
 - (n) Sanitary practices in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000: *State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments*; and
 - (o) A detailed description of qualifications and intended training(s) for Marijuana Establishment Agents who will be employees;
- (3) Limitation on Sales.
- (a) Social Consumption Establishment agents shall only sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products to individuals in an amount reasonable for on-site consumption. Notwithstanding the terms of 935 CMR 500.140(3)(a), 935 CMR 500.140(4)(c) and 935 CMR 500.150(4)(a) and (b), Consumers may not purchase more than 20 milligrams of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) within any single day. Unconsumed Marijuana or Marijuana

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Product(s) that is packaged by the establishment in a Commission preapproved sealed and resealable exit bag may be removed from the Premises.

(b) A Social Consumption Establishment ~~may shall~~ not knowingly sell to a Consumer more than 20 milligrams of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) per day.

(c) ~~Sale of Edible Products~~. Sale of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ shall be limited to pre-packaged Shelf-stable items. Products that are perishable, or "Time/ and Temperature Controlled for Safety Food" as it is defined in the 2013 Retail Food Code as adopted under 105 CMR 590.001(A) or time and temperature controlled to prevent deterioration ~~may shall~~ not be allowed to be sold.

(d) Sale of Shelf-stable Products. A Social Consumption Establishment may sell food pre-packaged, Shelf-stable and drink items other than Edibles ~~Marijuana products~~ if it acquires all necessary licenses and permits to do so. A Marijuana Social Consumption Establishment may not sell alcohol or tobacco products.

(e) A Social Consumption Establishment May Sell Marijuana Accessories. A Social Consumption Establishment may sell items not expressly authorized herein only after receiving the express written permission of the Commission following receipt of an application in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

(4) Social Consumption Sales.

(a) Except as otherwise authorized in 935 CMR 500.141(3)(a), the sale of Marijuana and Marijuana Products for consumption on site shall take place in compliance with the following:

1. Except as otherwise authorized in 935 CMR 500.141(3)(a), Marijuana and Marijuana Products may only be used by Consumers on the Premises who have demonstrated in compliance with 935 CMR 500.140(2)(b) that they are 21 years of age or older;

2. In addition to the requirements of 935 CMR 500.140(86): Consumer Education, ~~a~~ Social Consumption Establishment ~~must shall~~ distribute to each Consumer a Consumer information card, which shall be provided by the Commission that informs Consumers about the impairment effects of different forms of consumption of Marijuana or Marijuana Products including, but not limited to, the length of time that the Marijuana or Marijuana Products may take in order to take effect, and information to prevent impaired driving. The informational card will be scientifically based. The information card will be two-sided and presented in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

3. Consumer shall orally affirm to a Marijuana Establishment Agent receipt and understanding of the Consumer information card prior to the dispensing of Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

(b) A Social Consumption Establishment ~~may shall~~ not allow the consumption of alcohol or the smoking of tobacco, or the sale of alcohol or tobacco on the Premises.

(c) All Marijuana and Marijuana Product sales shall be tracked using the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(d) Limitations on the time for sales of Marijuana or Marijuana Products shall comply with all municipal bylaws and ordinances. Unless otherwise explicitly authorized by the municipality, sales shall only occur between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.

(e) Every effort shall be made to minimize the amount of cash held by a Social Consumption Licensee at any one time. Licensees shall use best efforts to implement platforms for the electronic payment of funds.

(f) A Social Consumption Establishment Agent may refuse the sale of Marijuana or Marijuana Products based on a reasonable belief that a Consumer is visibly impaired.

(5) Age Verification.

(a) Entry into the Premises of a Social Consumption Establishment by Persons younger than 21 years old is prohibited;

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(b) On entry into the Premises of a Social Consumption Establishment by an individual, a Marijuana Establishment Agent shall immediately inspect the individual's proof of identification and determine the individual's age. An individual ~~may shall~~ not be admitted to the Premises, unless the establishment has verified that the individual is 21 years of age or older by an individual's proof of identification.

(c) At the point of sale by an individual, a Marijuana Establishment Agent shall inspect the individual's proof of identification and determine the individual's age.

(6) Consumption Areas.

(a) Where needed for security or health reasons, a Social Consumption Establishment shall separate the designated sales and consumption areas. Each area shall be isolated from other areas of the establishment. The consumption area shall be separated by walls and a secure door and accessible only from the sales area.

(b) The consumption area shall be visible to individuals located in the sales area.

(c) The Marijuana Establishment shall maintain an updated diagram of the consumption area which ~~must shall~~ show the location of:

1. The licensed Premises of the Marijuana Establishment;
2. Serving area or areas;
3. Ventilation exhaust points, if applicable;
4. The employee monitoring area;
5. Doors, windows, or other exists; and
6. Any other information required by the Commission.

(d) Consumption of Marijuana or Marijuana Products through vaporization or other non-smoking forms of consumption involving heat shall require the following:

1. A ventilation system that directs air from the consumption area to the outside of the building through a filtration system sufficient to remove vapor, consistent with all applicable building codes and ordinances, and adequate to eliminate odor at the property line.
2. A smoke-free area for agents to monitor the Marijuana consumption area.

(e) The establishment shall have a standard operating procedure to ensure the health of agents in the cleaning and sanitation of all consumption areas.

(f) A Social Consumption Establishment shall provide Consumers with adequate, readily accessible toilet facilities that are maintained in a sanitary condition and in good repair.

(g) Vaping may be permitted in a designated outdoor area if it is not in view of the general public and complies with 105 CMR 661.200: *Smoking in Outdoor Spaces*.

(7) Waste Disposal.

(a) The Social Consumption Establishment shall be responsible for ensuring Consumers dispose of any unused Marijuana or Marijuana Products prior to exiting the establishment.

(b) The Social Consumption Establishment shall provide a secure receptacle to dispose of Marijuana or Marijuana Products sold on-site, but not consumed by the Consumer prior to exiting the establishment.

(c) Marijuana or Marijuana Products returned by a Consumer shall be disposed of in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(12).

(8) Incident Reporting.

(a) The Social Consumption Establishment shall provide notice to appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities and the Commission in accordance with 935 CMR 500.110(8).

(b) In addition to the incidents identified in 935 CMR 500.110(8)(a), a Social Consumption Establishment shall provide notification shall notify the Commission of any of the following incidents immediately, and in no instance, no more than 24 hours after the following occasions:

1. Any instance involving the consumption of tobacco, tobacco products or alcohol on the Premises;

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2. Any instance involving the consumption of any Marijuana or Marijuana Product not purchased from the Social Consumption Establishment; or
3. Any instance involving the consumption of any Marijuana or Marijuana Product in a designated sales area or other area outside the designated consumption area.

- (9) Prohibitions. A Social Consumption Establishment ~~may shall~~ not:
- (a) Sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products other than those authorized pursuant to 935 CMR 500.141.
 - (b) Allow a Consumer to smoke or otherwise consume Marijuana through combustible methods, except outdoors as otherwise authorized under 935 CMR 500.000, so long as smoking is not a nuisance to the non-smoking public.
 - (c) Allow any agent to consume Marijuana or Marijuana Products during the course of a work shift;
 - (d) Allow the consumption of tobacco or tobacco products or alcohol or alcoholic products on the Premises;
 - (e) Allow the possession or consumption of any Marijuana or Marijuana Product that was not purchased from the Social Consumption Establishment;
 - (f) Offer to sell or sell any Marijuana or Marijuana Product for a discounted or promotional price or for any price other than the product's fixed price;
 - (g) Gift or discount Marijuana and Marijuana Products;
 - (h) Allow, encourage or permit any organized game or contest involving the consumption of Marijuana or Marijuana Product or awarding of Marijuana or Marijuana Products as a prize;
 - (i) Advertise, market or brand any practice prohibited under 935 CMR 500.141(9) or 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b); and
 - (j) ~~May Shall~~ not permit Consumers determined to be impaired by its Marijuana Establishment Agents to purchase additional Marijuana or Marijuana Products while still impaired.
- (10) Outdoor Smoking Waiver.
- (a) The prohibition on smoking in an indoor area cannot be waived.
 - (b) The prohibition on smoking in a designated outdoor area may be subject to a waiver in accordance with the following process:
 1. The waiver request shall comply with the requirements outlined in 935 CMR 500.850(1);
 2. On receipt of the waiver request and written documentation, the Commission shall submit the request and documentation to the Board of Health or Health Commissioner in the municipality where the Social Consumption Establishment is located. The Commission shall request that the local health authority examine the waiver and documentation and provide a determination whether the proposed outdoor smoking activity would:
 - a. Comply with the municipality's applicable local rules and regulations pertaining to Smoking;
 - b. be compatible with uses in the surrounding community;
 - c. Not pose an unacceptable risk to public, health, safety or welfare greater than if consumption were to occur indoors;
 - d. would not be in view of the general public;
 - e. Be physically separated from an enclosed workspace and there is no migration of smoke into the workplace;
 - f. comply with the following requirements:
 - i. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 270, § 22, any outdoor space that has a structure capable of being enclosed, regardless of the materials or removable nature of the walls or covers, shall be regarded as an enclosed space when the walls or covers are in place.
 - ii. The outdoor space shall be open to the air at all times. For purposes of 105 CMR 661.000: *Regulations Implementing M.G.L. c. 270, § 22*, this shall mean that the space has thorough, unobstructed circulation of outside air to all parts of the outdoor space. An outdoor space shall be presumed to meet this test if:

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- (A) the space has a ceiling and at least ½ of the total surface area of the walls and other vertical boundaries of the space permits unobstructed flow of outside air into the space; or
- (B) the space has no ceiling and no more than two walls or other vertical boundaries of the space that obstruct the flow of air into the space exceed eight feet in height.

iii. For purposes of 105 CMR 661.000: *Regulations Implementing*

M.G.L. c. 270, § 22, a ceiling shall include any top or covering that is placed or maybe placed over a space, or any other structure or arrangement above the space (including substantial coverage by umbrellas or awnings) that may impede the flow of air into the space, regardless of the type or nature of the materials or the partial or removable nature of the covering.

iv. The local board of health shall be notified in writing prior to initiating construction or renovation of an outdoor space for the purpose of permitting smoking, if such construction or renovation requires notification of the local building department or a licensing authority.

500.145: Additional Operational Requirements for Delivery of Marijuana, ~~and~~ Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods to Consumers and as Permitted, to Patients or Caregivers

(1) General Requirements.

(a) ~~For purposes of section 935 CMR 500.145, “Delivery Items” means Finished Marijuana, Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods.~~

~~(a)(b)~~ Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(4), ~~a~~ ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery License or Delivery Endorsement is a necessary prerequisite for the delivery of ~~Delivery Items, Marijuana and Marijuana Products~~ directly to Consumers, ~~and as permitted, Marijuana Couriers, to Patients or Caregivers.~~ Applications for a ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery License or Delivery Endorsement shall be in a form and manner to be determined by the Commission.

~~(b)(c)~~ Prior to commencing operations, ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsements shall comply with all operational requirements imposed by:

1. 935 CMR 500.105;
2. 935 CMR 500.110 ~~as applicable, including 935 CMR 500.110(8);~~ and
3. 935 CMR 500.145.

~~(c)(d)~~ All individuals delivering ~~Marijuana and Marijuana Products~~ for a ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement directly to Consumers, ~~and as permitted Patients or Caregivers,~~ shall be employees of the ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and shall hold a valid Marijuana Establishment Agent registration.

~~(d)(e)~~ All Marijuana and Marijuana Products delivered by a ~~Delivery-only~~ Licensee ~~Marijuana Courier~~ shall be obtained from a licensed Marijuana Retailer ~~or MTC. A Marijuana Courier may deliver Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods and MTC Branded Goods carrying the Marijuana Courier’s brand or that of a licensed Marijuana Retailer or MTC. A Marijuana Courier may deliver Marijuana Accessories from a licensed Marijuana Retailer or MTC, or acquire source and deliver their own Marijuana Accessories. A Marijuana Courier may not acquire source electronic vape devices, hardware or batteries utilized in products that vaporize concentrates and oils, other than from a licensed Marijuana Retailer or MTC.~~

1. ~~Delivery-only~~ Licensee ~~Marijuana Couriers~~ shall only obtain Marijuana or Marijuana Products for delivery from a licensed Marijuana Retailer ~~or MTC~~ with which the ~~Delivery-only~~ Licensee ~~Marijuana Courier~~ has a Delivery Agreement.
2. All agreements between a ~~Delivery-only~~ Licensee ~~Marijuana Courier~~ and a Marijuana Retailer ~~or MTC~~ shall be disclosed under the requirements

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of licensure in 935 CMR 500.101 and subject to limitations on control over Licenses under 935 CMR 500.050(1)(~~ba~~).

3. The Commission shall be notified in writing of any ~~S~~substantial ~~M~~modification to a Delivery Agreement.

~~(f)~~ (f) Delivery Operators shall only deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods carrying the Delivery Operator's brand or that of a licensed Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative. All Finished Marijuana Products delivered by a Delivery Operator Licensee shall be obtained from a licensed Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative and shall comply with 935 CMR 500.105(1)(e): *Written Operating Procedures*. Delivery Operators may deliver Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods carrying the Delivery Operator's brand or that of a licensed Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative.

1. A Delivery Operator shall only obtain Finished Marijuana Products for delivery from a licensed Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative with which the Delivery Operator has a Wholesale Agreement.

2. All Wholesale Agreements between a Delivery Operator and a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative shall be subject to limitations on control over Licenses under 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b) and shall be subject to inspection and disclosure under 935 CMR 500.105(9): *Recordkeeping*.

3. The Commission shall be notified in writing of any Substantial Modification to a Wholesale Agreement.

~~(e)~~(g) A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and Marijuana Retailer may use a Third-party Technology Platform Provider to facilitate ~~the ordering of Marijuana or Marijuana Products~~orders by Consumers, and as permitted Patients or Caregivers.

1. All agreements between a ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider shall be available for inspection as part of the requirements for licensure in 935 CMR 500.101 and shall be subject to the control limitations under 935 CMR 500.050(1)(a).

2. The Commission shall be notified in writing within five days of the following:

a. ~~The Commission shall be notified in writing within five days of a~~Any ~~S~~substantial ~~M~~modification to an agreement between a ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider.

b. Any new or additional or assigned agreements between a Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider.

~~2-3.~~ Any Third-party Technology Platform shall comply with ~~privacy and the~~ consumer and patient protection standards established by G.L. c. 94G and c. 94I and the associated regulations, including, including, but not limited to 935 CMR 500.820 and 501.820, and other applicable state ~~laws~~the Commission.

~~3.~~ The Commission shall be notified in writing of an ongoing basis of any new or additional or assigned agreements between a ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement and a Third-party Technology Platform Provider within five days.

~~(e)~~(i) All Marijuana and Marijuana Product deliveries shall be tracked using the Seed-to-sale SOR as designated by the Commission.

(j) Records of sales of Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods shall be maintained by the Delivery Licensee or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement, but may not be tracked in the Seed-to-sale SOR.

(k) For non-Marijuana or non-Marijuana Product sales, a Delivery Licensee or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall comply with Massachusetts tax laws, and DOR rules and regulations including, but not limited to, 830 CMR 62C.25.1: Record Retention and DOR Directive 16-1 regarding recordkeeping requirements.

(l) Deliveries of Marijuana or Marijuana Products by a Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall be geographically limited to:

1. The municipality identified as the Marijuana Establishment Licensee's place of business;
2. Any municipality which allows for retail within its borders whether or not one is operational; or
3. Any municipality which after receiving notice from the Commission, has notified the Commission that delivery may operate within its borders.

(m) Limitations on the time for delivery shall comply with all municipal bylaws and ordinances, provided however, that all deliveries of Marijuana or Marijuana Products must shall be completed before 9:00 P.M. local time or the time determined by municipal bylaw or ordinance, whichever occurs first, and deliveries of Marijuana or Marijuana Products may shall not occur between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M., unless otherwise explicitly authorized by municipal bylaw or ordinance.

(n) Every effort shall be made to minimize the amount of cash carried in a Delivery Licensee Retail vehicle at any one time. Marijuana Retailers utilizing a Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement for Consumer transactions shall use best efforts to implement platforms for the electronic payment of funds. Where cash is carried by a Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement vehicle, cash shall be stored in a locked compartment.

(o) Delivery Licensees and Marijuana Establishments with a Delivery Endorsement shall comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.110(7) for purposes of cash transport to financial institutions.

(p) In addition to complying with 935 CMR 500.105-(4), a Delivery Licensee shall include on any website it operates or that operates on its behalf the license number(s) issued by the Commission.

(q) In addition to complying with 935 CMR 500.105-(4), a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall include on any website it operates or that operates on its behalf the endorsement number(s) issued by the Commission.

(2) Orders Fulfilled by Marijuana Couriers. All orders for deliveries made by Delivery Licensee Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsements shall comply 935 CMR 500.145(1)(e) and with the following requirements:

(a) All Marijuana and Marijuana Products delivered by a Delivery Licensee shall be obtained from a licensed Marijuana Retailer with which the Delivery Licensee has a Delivery Agreement. Delivery Licensees and Marijuana Establishments with a Delivery Endorsement may deliver Marijuana Accessories, and Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods provided directly from the Delivery Licensee.

(b) Only Marijuana Products that are Shelf-stable may be delivered. Products that are perishable or time and temperature controlled to prevent deterioration may shall not be allowed to be delivered by a Delivery Licensee Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement.

(c) Delivery Licensee Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsements shall deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products only to the Residence address provided. A Delivery Licensee

~~Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery shall be prohibited from delivering to college- or university-~~designated~~ dormitories or housing; and federal public housing identified at <https://resources.hud.gov/>.

~~(e)(d)~~ Delivery-only Licensee A Marijuana Courier shall only acquire from a Marijuana Retailer and deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products for which a specific order has been received by a licensed Marijuana Retailer with which the ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier has a Delivery Agreement. ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ A Marijuana Courier ~~are-is~~ prohibited from delivering Marijuana or Marijuana Products without a specific order destined for an identified Residence. An order may be generated directly through a Marijuana Retailer or through a Third-party Technology Platform identified to the Commission under 935 CMR 500.145(1)(~~ge~~).

~~(e)(e)~~ A Marijuana Establishments with a Delivery Endorsement shall only acquire from its inventory at the Marijuana Establishment premises and deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products for which a specific order has been received. Marijuana Establishments with a Delivery Endorsement are prohibited from delivering Marijuana or Marijuana Products without a specific order destined for an identified Residence. An order may be generated directly through a Marijuana Establishments with a Delivery Endorsement or through a Third-party Technology Platform identified to the Commission under 935 CMR 500.145(1)(~~ge~~).

~~(e)(f)~~ Delivery-only Licensees or a Marijuana Establishments with a Delivery Endorsements are prohibited from delivery of more Marijuana or Marijuana Products to an individual Consumer than the individual possession amounts authorized by M.G.L. c. 94G, § 7(a)(1). An Individual Order may ~~shall~~ not exceed one ounce of Marijuana or its dry-weight equivalent. The Individual Order shall only be delivered to the individual Consumer identified on the order after verification of the individual's identity consistent with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.140(2)(d) and 935 CMR 500.145(~~43~~). ~~Delivery-only~~ A Licensee Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsements shall only deliver one Individual Order, per Consumer, during each delivery.

~~(e)(g)~~ A ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement may shall not deliver to the same Consumer at the same Residence more than once each calendar day and only during authorized delivery hours.

~~(e)(h)~~ For home delivery, each order must shall be packaged and labeled in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(5) and (6) originating the order prior to transportation by the ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement to the Consumer.

~~(e)(i)~~ Any ~~Marijuana or Marijuana Product~~ Delivery Item that is undeliverable or is refused by the Consumer shall be transported back to the originating Marijuana Establishment that provided the product once all other deliveries included on a delivery manifest have been made. A ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Couriers or Marijuana Establishments with a Delivery Endorsement ~~are-is~~ prohibited from maintaining custody overnight of Marijuana or Marijuana Products intended for delivery-~~overnight~~. It shall be the responsibility of the ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement, in conjunction with the Marijuana Retailer with which there is a Delivery Agreement, to ensure that any undelivered product is returned to the appropriate Marijuana Retailer and not retained by the ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement. A process for ensuring that undelivered Marijuana and Marijuana Products can be returned to the Marijuana Retailer by the Marijuana Courier shall be a term of the Delivery Agreement.

(3) Orders Fulfilled by Delivery Operators. All orders for deliveries made by a Delivery Operator shall comply with 935 CMR 500.145(1)(f) and the following requirements:

(a) Orders for home delivery by a Delivery Operator shall be received by the

Delivery Operator.

(b) Only Finished Marijuana Products that are Shelf-stable may be delivered. Products that are perishable or time and temperature controlled to prevent deterioration may not be allowed to be delivered by a Delivery Operator.

(c) A Delivery Operator shall deliver only to the Residence address provided. A Delivery Operator shall be prohibited from delivering to college- or university-designated dormitories or housing; and federal public housing identified at <https://resources.hud.gov/>.

(d) A Delivery Operator shall only acquire from its inventory at its Warehouse and deliver Finished Marijuana Products for which a specific order has been received by the Licensee. Delivery Operators are prohibited from loading a delivery vehicle for deliveries and delivering Finished Marijuana Products without a specific order destined for an identified Residence. An order may be generated directly through a Delivery Operator or through a Third-party Technology Platform identified to the Commission under 935 CMR 500.145(1)(g).

(e) Delivery Operators are prohibited from delivery of more Finished Marijuana Products to an individual Consumer than the individual possession amounts authorized by M.G.L. c. 94G, § 7(a)(1). An Individual Order may not exceed one ounce of Marijuana or its dry-weight equivalent. The Individual Order shall only be delivered to the individual Consumer identified on the order after verification of the individual's identity consistent with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.145(5). A Delivery Operator shall only deliver one Individual Order, per Consumer, during each delivery.

(f) A Delivery Operator may not deliver to the same Consumer at the same Residence more than once each calendar day and only during authorized delivery hours.

(g) Prior to fulfilling an Individual Order for delivery to a Consumer, each Finished Marijuana Product shall be packaged and labeled in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(5) and (6) before transportation by the Delivery Operator.

(h) Any Delivery Item that is undeliverable or is refused by the Consumer shall be transported back to the originating Delivery Operator's Warehouse that provided the product once all other deliveries included on a delivery manifest have been made.

(4) Marijuana Courier Consumer Age Verification.

(a) A Marijuana Retailer shall require any Consumer making a purchase for delivery by a ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement ~~shall require any Consumer making a purchase for delivery~~ to have the valid government-issued ~~photo~~ identification card a Consumer intends to use to verify her or his age at the time of delivery examined and authenticated by the Marijuana Retailer prior to the first Individual Order.

(b) Pre-verification of the Consumer's identification shall be performed prior to the initial delivery, by using one of the following Pre-verification methods:

1. ~~In-person~~ at the Marijuana Retailer's physical location or through a Commission approved electronic means, which may include a Commission-approved Third-party Technology Platform, and shall include examination of the Consumer's valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification that bears a date of birth in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(2)(d). A ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement is prohibited from performing a delivery to any Consumer who has not established an account for delivery through Pre-verification of the Consumer's government-issued identification card by the Marijuana Retailer; ~~or-~~

2. ~~Pre-verification of the Consumer's identification shall be performed by a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement~~ Through a Commission-approved electronic means and shall include examination of the Consumer's valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification that bears a date of birth. A Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement is prohibited from performing a delivery to any Consumer who has not established an account for delivery through Pre-verification of

the Consumer's government-issued identification card.

(c) A ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement ~~may shall~~ not deliver Delivery Items ~~Marijuana or Marijuana Products~~ to any Person other than the Consumer who ordered the Delivery Items ~~Marijuana or Marijuana Products~~.

(d) A ~~Delivery-only Licensee~~ Marijuana Courier or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall verify the age and identity of the Consumer at the time at which the Delivery Items ~~Marijuana or Marijuana Products~~ are delivered to the Consumer at a Residence to ensure that Marijuana and Marijuana Products are not delivered to individuals younger than 21 years old. Prior to relinquishing custody of the Marijuana or Marijuana Products to the Consumer, the Marijuana Establishment Agent conducting the delivery shall verify that the government-issued identification card of the Consumer receiving the Marijuana or Marijuana Products matches the pre-verified government-issued identification card of the Consumer who placed the order for delivery by:

1. Viewing the ~~valid~~ government-issued ~~photo~~ identification as provided for Pre- verification under 935 CMR 500.145(43)(a);
2. Viewing proof of order generated at the time of order; and
3. Receiving the signature of the Consumer who ordered the ~~Marijuana or Marijuana Products on the manifest for the Marijuana or Marijuana Products~~ Delivery Items and verifying that the signature matches the government-issued photo identification card presented.

(5) Delivery Operator Consumer Age Verification.

(a) A Delivery Operator shall require any Consumer making a purchase for delivery to have the valid government-issued identification card a Consumer intends to use to verify her or his age at the time of delivery examined and authenticated by the Delivery Operator prior to the first Individual Order.

(b) Pre-verification of the Consumer's identification shall be performed prior to the initial delivery through a Commission approved electronic means, which may include a Commission-approved Third-pParty Technology Platform, and shall include examination of the Consumer's valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification that bears a date of birth.

(c) A Delivery Operator may not deliver Finished Marijuana Products to any Person other than the Consumer who ordered the Finished Marijuana Product.

(d) A Delivery Operator shall verify the age and identity of the Consumer at the time at which the Finished Marijuana Products are delivered to the Consumer at a Residence to ensure that Finished Marijuana Products are not delivered to individuals younger than 21 years old. Prior to relinquishing custody of the Finished Marijuana Products to the Consumer, the Marijuana Establishment Agent conducting the delivery shall verify that the government-issued identification card of the Consumer receiving the Finished Marijuana Products matches the pre-verified government-issued identification card of the Consumer who placed the order for delivery by:

4. Viewing the government-issued identification as provided for Pre-verification under 935 CMR 500.145(5)(a);
5. Viewing proof of order generated at the time of order; and
6. Receiving the signature of the Consumer who ordered the Delivery Items and verifying that the signature matches the government-issued photo identification card presented.

(4)(6) Vehicle and Transport Requirements for Home Delivery.

(a) Vehicles used for home delivery by a ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall be owned or leased by the ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement, shall be properly registered as commercial vehicles, and inspected and insured in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(b) Vehicles used for home delivery by a ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement may be parked overnight at the address identified as the Licensee's place of business or another location, provided that keeping the vehicle at the identified location complies

with all general and special bylaws of the municipality.

(c) Vehicles used for delivery by a ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall carry liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

(d) Any vehicle used to transport or deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products shall comply with applicable Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) requirements, but may not include any additional external marking that indicate the vehicle is being used to transport or deliver Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

~~(e) Vehicles used for delivery by a Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement vehicles shall have no external markings, words or symbols that indicate the vehicle is being used for home delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

~~(f)~~(f) Marijuana and Marijuana Products must not be visible from outside the vehicle.

~~(h)~~(g) A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall transport Marijuana and Marijuana Products in a secure, locked storage compartment that is a part of the vehicle and complies with the requirements of 935 CMR 500.110(8): Security Requirements for Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement Operations.

~~(h)~~(h) A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall maintain, in each vehicle used for deliveries ~~of Marijuana and Marijuana Products~~, a secure, locked storage compartment for the purpose of transporting and securing cash used as payment. This compartment shall be separate from compartments required under 935 CMR 500.145(54)(h) for the transport of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.

~~(i)~~(i) In the case of an emergency stop during the transportation of Delivery Items~~Marijuana or Marijuana Products~~, a log ~~must~~shall be maintained describing the reason for the stop, the duration, the location, and any activities of personnel exiting the vehicle. The Marijuana Establishment Agents in the vehicle shall provide notice of the location of the stop and employ best efforts to remain in contact with the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement.

~~(j)~~(j) The Marijuana Establishment Agents transporting Delivery Items~~Marijuana or Marijuana Products~~ for home delivery shall contact the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement fixed location when arriving at and leaving any delivery, and regularly throughout the trip, at least every 30 minutes.

~~(k)~~(k) The ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall maintain a separate log for each vehicle in use for home deliveries. For each delivery, the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall record:

1. The location of the originating Marijuana Establishment and date and time the vehicle leaves the location;
2. The mileage of the transporting vehicle at departure from the Marijuana Establishment mileage on arrival at each Consumer destination, and mileage on return to the Marijuana Establishment;
3. The date and time of departure from the Marijuana Establishment and arrival at each Consumer destination for each delivery; and
4. An entry indicating the date and time of the last delivery in an order.

~~(l)~~(l) A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall ensure that all delivery routes remain within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at all times.

~~(m)~~(m) A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall make every effort to randomize its delivery routes.

~~(n)~~(n) A ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsements ~~may~~shall not transport products other than Delivery Items~~Marijuana and Marijuana Products~~ during times when the ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsements are performing home deliveries.

~~(6)(o)~~ Firearms are strictly prohibited from ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement vehicles and from Marijuana Establishment Agents performing home deliveries.

~~(5)(7)~~ Manifests.

(a) Every home delivery shall have a manifest produced by the originating Marijuana Establishment. A Marijuana Retailer shall provide the manifest to the Limited and provided to the Delivery-only Licensee ~~or a~~ Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement. A Delivery Operator shall produce its manifests. A manifest shall be completed in duplicate, with the original manifest remaining at the premises of ~~with~~ the originating Marijuana Establishment, whether it is a Marijuana Retailer or a Delivery Operator ~~Retailer~~, and a copy to be kept with the ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee agent or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement agent during the delivery. The manifest shall be signed by the Consumer, and as applicable Patient or Caregiver receiving the Marijuana or Marijuana Products and the Marijuana Establishment Agent acting on behalf of the ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement. A signed manifest shall serve as the written record of the completion of the delivery. A manifest does not need to include Marijuana Accessories or Marijuana Establishment Branded Goods; however, the Delivery Licensee or Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement shall maintain a record of the sale of all Delivery Items-Goods.

(b) The manifest ~~must~~ shall, at a minimum, include:

1. The originating Marijuana Retailer's or Delivery Operator's name, address, and License number;
2. The name and License number of the ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement performing the home delivery;
3. The names and Marijuana Establishment Agent numbers of the Marijuana Establishment Agents performing the delivery;
4. The Consumer's, Patient's or Caregiver's name and address;
5. A description of the Marijuana or Marijuana Products being transported, including the weight and form or type of product;
6. Signature lines for the agents who transported the Marijuana or Marijuana Products;
7. A signature line for Consumer, Patient or Caregiver who receives the Marijuana or Marijuana Products; and
8. The ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement vehicle make, model, and license plate number.

(c) The manifest shall be maintained within the vehicle during the entire transportation process, until all the deliveries are completed.

(d) A Marijuana Establishment shall retain all transportation manifests for no less than one year and make them available to the Commission on request.

500.146 Additional Operational Requirements for Marijuana Delivery Operators

(1) Warehousing.

- (a) A Delivery Operator shall operate a Warehouse for the storage of Finished Marijuana Products and preparation of Individual Orders for Delivery.
- (b) Warehouses shall comply with all applicable requirements of 935 CMR 500.110: Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments.
- (c) Warehouses shall comply with all requirements of 935 CMR 500.105(11): Product Storage.
- (d) Warehouses shall incorporate a sally port or loading area immediately adjacent to the warehouse that enables the transfer of Finished Marijuana Products into a vehicle for delivery.

(2) Limitation on Sales.

- (a) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 7, a Delivery Operator may not knowingly sell more than one ounce or its combined dry weight equivalent in Finished Marijuana Products to Consumers per day.

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1. One ounce of Marijuana flower shall be equivalent to five grams of active tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in Marijuana concentrate including, but not limited to, Tinctures.
 2. One ounce of Marijuana flower shall be equivalent to five hundred milligrams of active tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in Edibles.
 3. Topicals and ointments shall not be subject to a limitation on daily sales.
- (b) A Delivery Operator may not sell Finished Marijuana Products in excess of the potency levels established by 935 CMR 500.150(4): *Dosing Limitations*; and
- (c) A Delivery Operator shall demonstrate that it has a point-of-sale system that does not allow for a transaction in excess of the limit established in 935 CMR 500.146 (1)(a) or the potency levels established in 935 CMR 500.146(1)(b).
- (3) Unauthorized Sales and Right to Refuse Sales or Delivery.
- (a) A Delivery Operator shall refuse to sell or deliver Finished Marijuana Products to any Consumer who is unable to produce valid proof of government-issued identification.
- (b) A Delivery Operator shall refuse to sell or deliver Finished Marijuana Products to a Consumer if, in the opinion of the Marijuana Establishment Agent based on the information available to the agent at that time, the Consumer or the public would be placed at risk. This includes, but is not limited to, the Consumer engaging in daily transactions that exceed the legal possession limits or that create a risk of diversion.
- (c) A Delivery Operator may not sell or deliver to an individual more than one ounce or its dry weight equivalent in Finished Marijuana Products per transaction. A Delivery Operator may not knowingly sell or deliver to an individual more than one ounce or its dry weight equivalency in Finished Marijuana Products per day.
- (d) A Delivery Operator is prohibited from selling or delivering Finished Marijuana Products containing nicotine, if sales of tobacco or cigarettes would require licensure under state law.
- (e) A Delivery Operator is prohibited from selling or delivering Finished Marijuana Products containing alcohol, if sales of such alcohol would require licensure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138.
- (4) Recording Sales.
- (a) A Delivery Operator shall only utilize a point-of-sale system approved by the Commission, in consultation with the DOR.
- (b) A Delivery Operator may utilize a sales recording module approved by the DOR.
- (c) A Delivery Operator is prohibited from utilizing software or other methods to manipulate or alter sales data.
- (d) A Delivery Operator shall conduct a monthly analysis of its equipment and sales data to determine that no software has been installed that could be utilized to manipulate or alter sales data and that no other methodology has been employed to manipulate or alter sales data. A Delivery Operator shall maintain records that it has performed the monthly analysis and produce it on request to the Commission. If a Delivery Operator determines that software has been installed for the purpose of manipulation or alteration of sales data or other methods have been utilized to manipulate or alter sales data:
1. It shall immediately disclose the information to the Commission and DOR;
 2. It shall cooperate with the Commission in any investigation regarding manipulation or alteration of sales data; and
 3. Take such other action directed by the Commission to comply with 935 CMR 500.105: *General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments*.
- (e) A Delivery Operator shall comply with 830 CMR 62C.25.1: *Record Retention* and DOR Directive 16-1 regarding recordkeeping requirements.
- (f) A Delivery Operator shall adopt separate accounting practices at the point of sale for Marijuana and Marijuana Product sales, and non-Marijuana sales.
- (g) The Commission and the DOR may audit and examine the point-of-sale system used by a Delivery Operator in order to ensure compliance with Massachusetts tax laws and 935 CMR 500.140(5): *Recording Sales*.
- (5) Consumer Education. A Delivery Operator shall make available educational materials about Finished Marijuana Products to Consumers. A Delivery Operator shall have an

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adequate supply of current educational material available for distribution. Educational materials shall be available in commonly spoken languages designated by the Commission, which will include, but not be limited to, appropriate materials for the visually- and hearing-impaired. Such materials shall be made available for inspection by the Commission on request. If there is a failure to provide these materials, a licensee may be subject to disciplinary action under 935 CMR 500.000. The educational material shall include at least the following:

- (a) A warning that Marijuana has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA, that there is limited information on side effects, that there may be health risks associated with using Marijuana, and that it should be kept away from children;
 - (b) A warning that when under the influence of Marijuana, driving is prohibited by M.G.L. c. 90, § 24, and machinery should not be operated;
 - (c) Information to assist in the selection of Finished Marijuana Products, describing the potential differing effects of various strains of Marijuana, as well as various forms and routes of administration;
 - (d) Materials offered to Consumers to enable them to track the strains used and their associated effects;
 - (e) Information describing proper dosage and titration for different routes of administration. Emphasis shall be on using the smallest amount possible to achieve the desired effect. The impact of potency shall also be explained;
 - (f) A discussion of tolerance, dependence, and withdrawal;
 - (g) Facts regarding substance abuse disorder signs and symptoms, as well as referral information for substance abuse disorder treatment program, and the telephone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline;
 - (h) A statement that Consumers may not sell Finished Marijuana Products to any other individual;
 - (i) Information regarding penalties for possession or distribution of Marijuana in violation of Massachusetts law; and
 - (j) Any other information required by the Commission.
- (6) Testing. No Finished Marijuana Product may be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that has not first been tested by Independent Testing Laboratories, except as allowed under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*. The product shall be deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 500.160: *Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products*.
- (a) Potency levels derived from the Cannabinoid Profile, including the amount of delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) and other Cannabinoids, contained within Finished Marijuana or Marijuana Product to be sold or otherwise marketed shall be recorded in the Seed-to-sale SOR.
- (7) White Labeling. The Licensee engaged in the White Labeling of Finished Marijuana Products shall comply with the labeling and packaging requirements under 935 CMR 500.105(5): *Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* and 935 CMR 500.105(6): *Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* prior to delivery to Consumers.
- (a) The Wholesale Agreement between a Delivery Operator and the Marijuana Establishment from which they are wholesaling shall clearly indicate whether the Delivery Operator or the Marijuana Establishment licensee from which the Finished Marijuana Product(s) are being wholesaled shall be responsible for White Labeling on behalf of the Delivery Operator.
 - (b) The Delivery Operator shall notify the Commission within twenty-one (21) days of any Substantial Modification to a Wholesale Agreement that alters which Licensee has responsibility for White Labeling on behalf of the Delivery Operator. A Licensee shall obtain the written authorization of the Commission prior to commencing White Labeling.
 - (c) The Delivery Operator may submit the label to be used for White Labeling to the Commission in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(7): *Packaging and Labeling Preapproval*.
- (8) Product Database. A Delivery Operator that purchases any Wholesale Finished Marijuana Products from a licensed Marijuana Cultivator, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative for the purpose of delivery to Consumers, whether White Labeled or not, shall provide the Commission with information to populate the Product Database. A Delivery

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Operator that purchases wholesale Finished Marijuana Products from a licensed Marijuana Product Manufacturer for the purpose of White Labeling and sale to Consumers shall provide the Commission with information to populate the Product Database. Product Database information for Finished Marijuana Products purchased at Wholesale from Product Manufacturers that are not White Labeled shall remain the responsibility of the Product Manufacturer under 935 CMR 500.130(6): *Product Database*.

- (a) The Delivery Operator shall provide the following:
 - 1. A photograph of a finished Marijuana Product outside of but next to the Marijuana Product's packaging, provided however that where single servings of a multi-serving product are unable to be easily identified because of its form, a description of what constitutes a single serving shall be provided (e.g. a single serving is a 1" x 1" square);
 - 2. A photograph of the Marijuana Product inside packaging; and
 - 3. The name of the Product Manufacturer that produced the Marijuana Product.
 - (b) Photographs submitted shall be electronic files in a JPEG format with a minimum photo resolution of 640 x 480 and print resolution of 300 DPI. Photographs shall be against a white background.
 - (c) A Delivery Operator shall provide the information required under 935 CMR 500.146(7)(a) for each Finished Marijuana Product it offers for sale and delivery prior to the product being made available for sale and shall update the information whenever a substantial change to packaging or label of the Finished Marijuana Product occurs. For purposes of this section, a substantial change shall be a change to the physical attributes or content of the package or label.
- (9) In addition to the written operating policies required under 935 CMR 500.105(1): *Written Operating Procedures*, a Delivery Operator shall maintain written policies and procedures which shall include:
- (a) Policies and procedures for adequately tracking, recording, and documenting all Vendor Samples that the Delivery Operator receives from a Marijuana Cultivator, a Marijuana Product Manufacturer, a Microbusiness or a Craft Marijuana Cooperative; and
 - (b) Policies and procedures for adequately tracking, recording, and documenting all Vendor Samples that the Delivery Operator provides to employees for the purpose of assessing product quality and determining whether to make the product available to sell.
- (10) Vendor Samples.
- (a) A Delivery Operator may receive a Vendor Sample of Marijuana flower from a Marijuana Cultivator pursuant to 935 CMR 500.120(13): *Vendor Samples*. A Delivery Operator may also receive a Vendor Sample of Marijuana Product from a Marijuana Product Manufacturer pursuant to 935 CMR 500.130(7). Receipt of a Vendor Sample under this subsection shall not be considered a prohibited practice under 935 CMR 500.105(4)(b)6.
 - (b) Vendor Samples may not be sold to another licensee or Consumer.
 - (c) A Delivery Operator may provide the Vendor Samples it receives from a Marijuana Cultivator or a Marijuana Product Manufacturer to its Employees for the purpose of assessing product quality and determining whether to make the product available to sell the product. Vendor Samples may not be consumed on any licensed Premises.
 - (d) Vendor Sample limits. A Marijuana Delivery Operator is limited to providing the following aggregate amounts of Vendor Samples to all Employees in a calendar month period:
 - 1. Four grams per strain of Marijuana flower and no more than seven strains of Marijuana flower;
 - 2. Five grams of Marijuana concentrate or extract, including but not limited to Tinctures;
 - 3. Five hundred milligrams of Edibles whereby the serving size of each individual sample does not exceed five milligrams and otherwise satisfies the potency levels set forth in 935 CMR 500.150(4): *Dosing Limitations*; and

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4. Five units of sale per Cannabis product line and no more than six individual Cannabis product lines. For purposes of 935 CMR 500.146(12), a Cannabis product line shall mean items bearing the same Stock Keeping Unit Number.
 - (e) Upon providing a Vendor Sample to an employee, the Delivery Operator shall record:
 1. The reduction in quantity of the total weight or item count under the unique alphanumeric identifier associated with the Vendor Sample;
 2. The date and time the Vendor Sample was provided to the Employee;
 3. The agent registration number of the employee receiving the Vendor Sample; and
 4. The name of the Employee as it appears on their agent registration card.
 - (f) All Vendor Samples provided by a Delivery Operator to its employees shall also be entered into the point-of-sale system and shall count against the individual employee's daily purchase limit, if applicable, consistent with 935 CMR 500.146(2): *Limitation on Sales.*
- (11) Sale of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices.
- (a) A Marijuana Delivery Operator offering Marijuana Vaporizer Devices for sale to Consumers shall include a conspicuous and prominently displayed statement on its website, that is legible and enlarged and contains the following statements:
 1. "Marijuana Vaporizer Devices have been tested for Vitamin E Acetate and other contaminants, with no adverse findings. **WARNING: Vaporizer Devices may contain ingredients harmful to health when inhaled.**"
 2. "Consumers shall have access to the test results of Marijuana Vaporizer Devices including copies of any Certificates of Analysis provided by the device's manufacturer."
 - (b) A Delivery Operator shall provide a physical insert to Consumers that accompanies all purchased and delivered Marijuana Vaporizer Devices that states, including capitalization and emphasis, the following:

"Marijuana Vaporizer Devices have been tested for Vitamin E Acetate and other contaminants, with no adverse findings. **WARNING: Vaporizer Devices may contain ingredients harmful to health when inhaled.**"
 - (c) The sale of disposable and reusable vaporizer pens and devices shall be accompanied by a product insert identifying the materials used in the vaporizer device's atomizer coil (e.g., titanium, titanium alloy, quartz, copper, nichrome, kanthal, or other specified material), and manufacturer identification of the device hardware, cartridge, battery and other components;
 - (d) A Delivery Operator shall make available the information contained in 935 CMR 500.105(5)(c)(6) in the product description as part of any product list posted on the Delivery Operator's website or Third-party Technology Platforms or applications employed for delivery.
 - (e) A Delivery Operator shall retain all records of purchases from any Product Manufacturer or supplier of any ingredient, additive, device, component part or other materials provided to the Delivery Operator about Marijuana Vaporizer Devices sold by licensees. Such records shall be made available to the Commission upon request.

500.147: Operational Requirements for Marijuana Research Facility Licensees and Research Permits.

- (1) In addition to the security requirements provided in 935 CMR 500.110: *Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments*, Marijuana Research Facility Licensees shall comply with the operational requirements required under 935 CMR 500.147: *Operational Requirements for Marijuana Research Facility Licensees and Research Permits.*
- (2) General Requirements
 - (a) For each research project to be conducted on the Premises, a Marijuana Research Facility Licensee shall have a valid Research Permit issued by the

Commission pursuant to 500.147(4): *Research Permits* prior to beginning a research project. The Research Permit shall be renewed at least annually, or sooner depending on the nature and duration of the approved research project.

(b) All individuals engaging in research at the Marijuana Research Facility shall be registered with the Commission as Marijuana Establishment Agents under 935 CMR 500.030: *Registration of Marijuana Establishment Agents*.

(c) A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee may submit an application for a Research Permit to conduct research in areas including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Chemical potency and composition levels of Marijuana and Marijuana Products;
2. Clinical investigations of Marijuana Products, including dosage forms;
3. Efficacy and safety of administering Marijuana or Marijuana Products as a component of medical treatment under the supervision of a Certifying Healthcare Provider;
4. Genomic research on Marijuana;
5. Horticultural research on Marijuana;
6. Agricultural research on Marijuana; and
7. Other research topics upon the approval of the Commission, provided however that research conducted under the Marijuana Research Facility License may not be a substitute for processes for drug approval established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) pursuant to 21 CFR 312; and the Commission may impose additional standards necessary to ensure the safety and efficacy of Marijuana and Marijuana-derived compounds for their intended research application.

(d) Marijuana or Marijuana Products used in research conducted under a Marijuana Research Facility License shall be cultivated by, produced by or acquired from a licensed MTC or Marijuana Establishment authorized to cultivate, produce or sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products, which includes a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Retailer, a Microbusiness or a Craft Marijuana Cooperative. A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee not authorized to cultivate its own Marijuana may enter into an agreement with a licensed MTC or Marijuana Cultivator, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative to grow Marijuana specifically for research.

(e) Any Marijuana or Marijuana Product cultivated, produced or acquired for use in a Commission-approved research project shall be entered by the Marijuana Establishment providing it to the Marijuana Research Facility into the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner to be determined by the Commission.

(f) All Marijuana or Marijuana Products used in research and consumed by human or animal subjects shall comply with the following

1. Be adequately described in the Informed Consent Form.
2. Tested in accordance with 935 CMR 500.160: *Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* prior to consumption by human or animal subjects.

(g) Any research project where human research subjects are participants shall include one or more licensed physicians in good standing to monitor the participants.

(h) For any research project other than a survey-only research project, human participants in research conducted by a Marijuana Research Facility Licensee where consumption of Marijuana or Marijuana Products is a component of the research project design shall reside in the Commonwealth.

(i) Any research project where animal research subjects are participants shall include one or more licensed veterinary doctors in good standing to monitor the participants.

(j) For any research project other than a survey-only research project, research conducted pursuant to a license granted by the Commission shall be conducted solely within the boundaries of the Commonwealth.

(k) A Marijuana Research Facility shall supply the Commission with copies of all final reports, findings or documentation regarding the outcomes of approved research projects receiving a Research Permit. Any records received by the Commission may be subject to release pursuant to the Public Records

Law, M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26, or other compulsory legal process, or at the Commission's discretion.

(3) Marijuana Research Facility Activities and Premises.

(a) A Marijuana Research Facility Licensee may conduct research at one or more than one Marijuana Research Facility so long as the facility is approved by the Commission.

(b) A Marijuana Research Facility may be colocated with another Marijuana Establishment provided that the Marijuana Research Facility and other, ~~colocated~~ CMO Marijuana Establishment(s) are commonly owned and physically separated. Physical separation shall include, but may not be limited to, separation by a permanent wall with a secure, locked entrance.

(c) A Marijuana Research Facility shall only possess for research the amount of Marijuana or Marijuana Products approved by the Commission to be used in each research project receiving a Research Permit.

(d) A Marijuana Research Facility with more than one Research Permit shall physically separate all Marijuana or Marijuana Products used in the Licensee's approved research projects according to Research Permit and in such a way that it is objectively clear what Marijuana or Marijuana Products are being used for each approved project.

(e) One or more Marijuana Research Facility Licensees may enter into agreements to conduct research jointly on an identified research project, provided that research activities authorized under the Research Permit shall be conducted at one identified, licensed Marijuana Research Facility's Premises. The Marijuana Research Facility Licensees shall disclose to the Commission all contracts or agreements entered into with other Marijuana Research Facility Licensees in furtherance of a research project.

(f) A Marijuana Research Facility may not permit the consumption of Marijuana or Marijuana Products on its licensed Premises, unless consumption of Marijuana is part of an approved research project holding a valid Research Permit and the Marijuana Research Facility is not co-located with another Marijuana Establishment.

(4) Research Permits

(a) To qualify for a Research Permit to conduct human ~~-or animal-based~~ research, the research project shall have an Institutional Review Board ("IRB") which shall approve the proposed research project.

(b) Applicants for a Research Permit to conduct research at a Marijuana Research Facility shall submit for each project the following information to the Commission in a form and manner determined by the Commission:

1. The name and curriculum vitae (CV) of each investigator, including the Principal Investigator who leads the research project and each sub-investigator;
2. The name of each licensed physician in good standing that will lead the project as Principal Investigator, be a sub-investigator, or monitor the participation by human subjects, if any, in the research project;
3. The name of each licensed veterinary doctor in good standing that will lead the project as Principal Investigator, be a sub-investigator, or monitor the participation by animal subjects, if any, in the research project;
4. The IRB Institution, if applicable;
5. A publication-ready summary of the research project to be conducted;
6. A detailed research protocol, including safety protocols;
7. Articulated goals of the research project;
8. Start and end dates of the research project;
9. A description of the project funding or resources, an attestation that the project is adequately funded or resourced, and the sources of funding or resources;
10. Information about the human subject participants, if any, which shall include but not be limited to:
 - a. The number of participants;
 - b. The number of Registered Qualifying Patients, if any;
 - c. Demographic information about the participants;

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- d. The ages of the participants; and
- e. Any cohort deemed “vulnerable” and applicable safety precautions (e.g. pregnant/breastfeeding women, minors, disable veterans, etc.).
- f. A copy of the Informed Consent Form or Waiver of Consent, if applicable; and
- g. Documentation that the process of obtaining Informed Consent complied with the Research Licensee’s other IRB, institutional, industry, or professional standards.

- 11. The quantity of Marijuana or Marijuana Products anticipated to be needed over the duration of the research project;
- 12. The Independent Testing Laboratory where the Marijuana or Marijuana Products will be tested;
- 13. The name and license number of the licensed Marijuana Research Facility or facilities where the research project will take place, provided that if a license has not yet been granted to the Marijuana Research Facility, the Research Permit applicant will still identify the facility and provide its application number;
- 14. The disposal protocol for Marijuana or Marijuana Products that are unused;
- 15. Disclosures of any actual or apparent conflicts of interest between any Marijuana Research Facility Licensee or Agent and any member of the IRB required by 935 CMR 500.147(4)(b)iv.
- 16. Application Fee

(c) The information required in 935 CMR 500.147(4)(b) to qualify for a Research Permit may, but is not required to, be submitted with an application for licensure as a Marijuana Research Facility.

(d) Prior to receiving a Research Permit for a research project that includes human or animal participants as subjects, the applicant shall submit evidence of approval of the project by the identified IRB. Evidence of IRB approval or exemption may be submitted separately from the information required in 935 CMR 500.147(4)(b), but shall be submitted to receive a Research Permit.

(e) Materials submitted in support of an application for a permit that are received by the Commission may be subject to release pursuant to the Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 66, § 10 and M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26, or other compulsory legal process, or at the Commission’s discretion.

(5) Research Permit Approval.

(a) When evaluating an application for a Research Permit to conduct a research project at a licensed Marijuana Research Facility the Commission or its delegee(s) shall consider:

- 1. Whether the research project is allowed under 935 CMR 500.147(2)(c);
- 2. The adequacy of safety protocols detailed in 935 CMR 500.147(3)(b)(vii);
- 3. The research project design;
- 4. Whether the research project is adequately funded or resourced and the sources of the funding or resources;
- 5. Whether the amount of Marijuana or Marijuana Products anticipated to for growth or use during the duration of the research project is consistent with the proposed research project’s scope, goals, aims and the protocols for tracking the amount used;
- 6. Disclosures of agreements between licensed Marijuana Research Facilities and the nature of those agreements; and
- ~~7.~~ Whether a required IRB is affiliated with an accredited academic institution, licensed healthcare institution or other licensed research institution and, if not, may require additional information regarding the sufficiency of the IRB as it relates to the proposed research project.
- 8. ~~Prior to issuing a Research Permit, the Commission or its delegee shall consider w~~Whether sufficient evidence of approval of the research project by the identified IRB has been provided.

(b) Research Permits shall be approved by the Executive Director and shall not require a vote of the Commission prior to issuance.

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(c) As set forth in 935 CMR 500.840: *Non-conflict with Other Laws*, the issuance of a Research Permit may not give immunity under federal law or poses an obstacle to federal enforcement of federal law.

(6) Denial of Research Permits.

(a) The Commission or its delegee may deny an application for a Research Permit for any of the following reasons, provided that a written denial including the reason for the denial shall be issued to the applicant(s):

1. No IRB approval;
2. Failure to provide adequate information regarding the IRB;
3. Proposed research poses a danger to public health or safety;
4. Proposed research lacks scientific value or validity;
5. The applicant for the Research Permit is not qualified to do the research;
6. The Research Permit applicant's protocols or funding or other resources are insufficient to perform the research; or
7. Proposed research is otherwise inconsistent with the Commission's governing laws.

(b) The applicant shall not be entitled to an administrative hearing under 935 CMR 500.500: *Adult Use of Marijuana* for the denial of a research permit.

(7) Inspections and Audits.

(a) The Commission or its delegee(s) may at its discretion inspect a Marijuana Research Facility.

(b) The Commission or its delegee may at its discretion require an audit of a research project granted a Research Permit. Reasons for an audit shall include, but are not limited to:

1. The Commission has reasonable grounds to believe that the Marijuana Research Facility is in violation of one or more of the requirements set forth in these regulations or present a danger to the public health, safety or welfare;
2. The Commission has reasonable grounds to believe that the activities of the Marijuana Research Facility Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment Agent present a danger to the public health, safety or welfare; or
3. The Commission has reasonable grounds to believe that the Marijuana Research Facility Licensee has been or is engaged in research activities that have not been approved or permitted by the Commission.

500.150: Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~

(1) ~~Production of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~. Production of ~~E~~edibles shall take place ~~be produced~~ in compliance with the following:~~

- (a) Any Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ that is made to resemble a typical food or Beverage product ~~must shall~~ be packaged and labeled as required by M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(~~xxiv~~) and (xxvi), and 935 CMR 500.105(5) and (6).
- (b) The Manufacture or sale of ~~E~~edibles in the following shapes and types is prohibited:
 1. The distinct shape of a human, animal, ~~or~~ fruit, ~~or sporting-equipment item~~; or
 2. A shape that bears the likeness or contains characteristics of a realistic or fictional human, animal, ~~or~~ fruit, ~~or sporting-equipment item~~ including artistic, caricature, or cartoon renderings.
- (c) ~~Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ that are geometric shapes and simply fruit -~~ flavored are not considered fruit and are permissible.

(2) ~~Sanitary Requirements~~. All Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ shall be prepared, handled, and stored in compliance with the requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(3); ~~Limitations on Sales~~ and 935 CMR 500.105(11); ~~Storage Requirements~~.

(3) ~~Additional Labeling and Packaging Requirements for Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~~~.

- (a) In addition to the requirements set forth in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(~~xxiv~~)

~~and~~ (xxvi), and 935 CMR 500.105(5) and (6), every Marijuana Retailer ~~must~~ ensure that the following information or statement is Affixed to every container holding an Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~:

1. If the retail Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ is perishable or time and temperature controlled, a statement that the Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ ~~must shall~~ be refrigerated.
2. The date on which the Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ was produced.
3. A nutritional fact panel that ~~must shall~~ be based on the number of THC servings within the container.
4. Information regarding the size of each serving for the product by milligrams, the total number of servings of Marijuana in the product, and the total amount of active THC in the product by milligrams (mgs). For example: "The serving size of active THC in this product is X mg(~~s~~), this product contains Y servings of Marijuana, and the total amount of active THC in this product is (X*Y) mg(~~s~~)."
5. A warning that the impairment effects of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ may be delayed by two hours or more.

(b) Once a label with a use-by date has been Affixed to a container holding an Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~, a Licensee ~~may shall~~ not alter that date or affix a new label with a later use-by date.

~~A Marijuana Product Manufacturer must ensure that each single serving of an Edible Marijuana Product is physically demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to intuitively determine how much of the product constitutes a single serving of active THC.~~

(c) Each serving of an Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ within a multi-serving package of Edibles ~~Marijuana Products~~ ~~must shall~~ be easily separable in order to allow an average person 21 years of age or older to physically separate, with minimal effort, individual servings of the product.

(d) Each single serving of an Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ contained in a ~~multi-serving~~ packaged unit of ~~multiple~~ Edibles ~~Marijuana Product~~ shall be marked, stamped, or otherwise imprinted with ~~the~~ a symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~ ~~consistent with 935 CMR 500.105(5)(b)15.~~ ~~Alternatively, a Licensee may ensure that individually wrap each single serving of an Edible Marijuana Product is individually wrapped and shall mark, stamp, or otherwise imprint each individual wrapper with the symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the serving contains Marijuana Product consistent with 935 CMR 500.105(5)(b)15.. - serve items with tamper resistant packaging indicating same.~~

(e) Each single serving of an Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ contained in a packaged unit of multiple Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ may be marked, stamped, or otherwise imprinted with a symbol or easily recognizable mark issued by the Commission that indicates the package contains Marijuana ~~Product~~.

(4) Dosing Limitations. A Marijuana Product Manufacturer may not prepare, and a Marijuana Retailer may not deliver, sell or otherwise distribute an Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ with potency levels ~~exceeding the following limits, which includes the 10% variance allowed by 935 CMR 500.160(12).~~ exceeding the following, as tested by an independent Marijuana testing facility licensed in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15:

- (a) For a single serving of an Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~, ~~five 5.5~~ milligrams (5.50 mg) of active tetrahydrocannabinol (THC);
- (b) In a single package of multiple Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~ to be eaten, swallowed, or otherwise ingested, not more than 20 servings or ~~400-110~~ milligrams (100.00mg) of active THC; and
- (c) The THC content ~~must shall~~ be homogenous, or evenly distributed throughout the Edible ~~Marijuana Product~~. A Retail Marijuana Product shall be considered to not be homogenous if 10% of the infused portion of the Marijuana Product contains more than 20% of the total THC contained within entire Marijuana Product.

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500.160: Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products

(1) No Marijuana Product, including Marijuana, may be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that is not capable of being tested by Independent Testing Laboratories, except as allowed under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*. Testing of Marijuana Products shall be performed by an Independent Testing Laboratory in compliance with a protocol(s) established in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15 and in a form and manner determined by the Commission including, but not limited to, the *Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Finished ~~Medical Marijuana Products and Marijuana-infused Products for Marijuana Establishments, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Colocated Marijuana Operations~~*. Testing of environmental media (e.g., soils, solid growing media, and water) shall be performed in compliance with the *Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Environmental Media for Massachusetts Registered Medical Marijuana Dispensaries* published by the Commission.

(2) Marijuana shall be tested for the Cannabinoid Profile and for contaminants as specified by the Commission including, but not limited to, mold, mildew, heavy metals, plant growth regulators, and the presence of Pesticides. In addition to these contaminant tests, final ready-to-sell Marijuana Vaporizer Products shall be screened for heavy metals and Vitamin E Acetate (VEA) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Finished Marijuana and Marijuana Products for Marijuana Establishments, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Colocated Marijuana Operations.

(3) The Commission may, at its discretion, require additional testing where necessitated to safeguard the public health or public safety and so identified by the Commission.

(4) A Marijuana Establishment shall have a written policy for responding to laboratory results that indicate contaminant levels are above acceptable limits established in the protocols identified in 935 CMR 500.160(1).

(a) Any such policy shall include:

1. notifying the Commission within 72 hours of any laboratory testing results indicating that the contamination cannot be remediated and disposing of the Production Batch.
2. notifying the Commission of any information regarding contamination as specified by the Commission or immediately upon request by the Commission.

(b) The notification ~~must~~ shall be from both the Marijuana Establishment and the Independent Testing Laboratory, separately and directly.

(c) The notification from the Marijuana Establishment ~~must~~ shall describe a proposed plan of action for both the destruction of the contaminated product and the assessment of the source of contamination.

(5) A Marijuana Establishment shall maintain the results of all testing for no less than one year. Testing results shall be valid for a period of one year. Marijuana or Marijuana Products with testing dates in excess of one year shall be deemed expired and may not be dispensed, sold, Transferred or otherwise conveyed until retested.

(6) The sale of seeds is not subject to these testing provisions.

(7) Clones are subject to these testing provisions, but are exempt from testing for metals.

(8) All transportation of Marijuana to and from Independent Testing Laboratories providing Marijuana testing services shall comply with 935 CMR 500.105(13): *Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments*.

(9) All storage of Marijuana at a laboratory providing Marijuana testing services shall comply with 935 CMR 500.105(11): *Storage Requirements*.

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~~(9)~~(10) All excess Marijuana ~~must~~ shall be disposed of in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(12): *Waste Disposal*, either by the Independent Testing Laboratory returning excess Marijuana to the source Marijuana Establishment for disposal or by the Independent Testing Laboratory disposing of it directly.

~~(10)~~(11) No Marijuana Product shall be sold or otherwise marketed for adult use that has not first been tested by an Independent Testing Laboratory and deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 500.160: *Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products*.

~~(11)~~(12) Single-servings of Marijuana Products tested for potency in accordance with 935 CMR 500.150(4)(a) shall be subject to a potency variance of no greater than plus/minus ten percent (+/- 10%).

(13) A Licensee that receives notice that Marijuana or a Marijuana Product it has submitted for testing has failed any test for contaminants shall either reanalyze the Marijuana or Marijuana Product without remediation, take steps to remediate the identified contaminants, or dispose of the Marijuana or Marijuana Product.

(a) Reanalysis by a Second ITL. If the Licensee chooses to reanalyze the sample, the same a sample from the same batch shall be submitted for reanalysis at the ITL that provided the original failed result. If the sample passes all previously failed tests at the initial ITL, an additional sample representing from the same sample set batch previously tested shall be submitted to a second ITL other than the initial ITL for a Second Confirmatory Test. To be considered passing and therefore safe for sale, the sample shall have passed the Second Confirmatory Test at a second ITL. Any Marijuana or Marijuana Product that fails the Second Confirmatory Test may not be sold, transferred or otherwise dispensed to consumers, patients or Licensees without first being remediated. Otherwise, the Marijuana Establishment shall dispose of a Any such product shall be destroyed.

(b) Remediation. If the Licensee chooses to remediate, a new test sample shall be submitted to a licensed ITL, which may include the initial ITL for a full-panel test. Any failing Marijuana or Marijuana Product may be remediated a maximum of two times. Any Marijuana or Marijuana Product that fails any test after the second remediation attempt may not be sold, transferred or otherwise dispensed to consumers, patients or Licensees. The Marijuana Establishment shall dispose of a Any such product shall be destroyed.

(c) If the Licensee chooses to dispose of the Marijuana or Marijuana Products, it shall do so in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(12): *Waste Disposal*.

~~(12) Marijuana and Marijuana Products submitted for retesting prior to remediation must be submitted to an Independent Testing Laboratory other than the laboratory which provided the initial failed result. Marijuana submitted for retesting after documented remediation may be submitted to the same Independent Testing Laboratory that produced the initial failed testing result prior to remediation~~

500.170: Municipal Requirements

(1) Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Establishment Agents shall comply with all local rules, regulations, ordinances, and bylaws.

(2) Nothing in 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* shall be construed so as to prohibit lawful local oversight and regulation, including fee requirements, that does not conflict or interfere with the operation of 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.

500.200: Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket

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- (1) To the extent permitted by law, Marijuana Establishments operating from locations in the Counties of Dukes County and Nantucket (the "island counties") may operate in full compliance with 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.
- (2) If Marijuana Establishments operating from locations in the island counties are prevented from operating in full compliance with 935 CMR 500.00: *Adult Use of Marijuana* by operation of law, they are not required to utilize Independent Testing Laboratories until such time as a laboratory is located on the island where the Marijuana Establishment is located or the establishment can transport Marijuana Products to the mainland of Massachusetts.
- (3) If Marijuana Establishments operating from locations in the island counties are prevented from utilizing Independent Testing Laboratories by operation of law, they are required to test Marijuana Products in a manner that is not Unreasonably Impracticable, but also adequately protects the public health in the opinion of the Commission. Such testing may include:
 - (a) a modified on-Premises testing system approved by the Commission if the label on any Marijuana or Marijuana Product so tested discloses in capital letters: "WARNING: LIMITED TESTING FOR CONTAMINANTS AND PESTICIDES.";
 - (b) a testing facility in the island counties that does not meet the criteria for an Independent Testing Laboratory, but is approved by the Commission for testing by Marijuana Establishments located in the island counties; or
 - (c) Such other testing system approved by the Commission.
- (4) A ~~Delivery-only~~ *Delivery* Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement operating in a location in the island counties may only perform deliveries to Residences located in the same county as the Marijuana Establishment which the delivery order originates from until such time as it permitted to deliver to other locations by law.

500.300: Complaints Process

- (1) In a time and manner determined by the Commission, a dedicated telephone number, email address or other means shall be provided for members of the public or Consumers to notify the Commission of complaints regarding Marijuana Establishments or Marijuana Establishment Agents.
- (2) The Commission may, at its discretion, investigate or decline to investigate any complaint or refer a complaint to another law enforcement or regulatory authority

500.301: Inspections and Compliance

- (1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, §§ 4(a)(xvii) through (xx), the Commission or a Commission Delegee may inspect a Marijuana Establishment and affiliated vehicles at any time without prior notice to determine the Marijuana Establishment's compliance with M.G.L. c. 94G, and -935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*. All areas, activities and records of a Marijuana Establishment and activities and records of Marijuana Establishment Agents are subject to such inspection. Submission of an application by or issuance of a License to a Marijuana Establishment constitutes consent for such inspection.
- (2) A Marijuana Establishment shall allow immediate access to the facility on being presented with photo identification documenting the Commission representative's affiliation with the Commission or a Commission Delegee's affiliation with a state agency with lawful jurisdiction over the operations of a Marijuana Establishment.
- (3) A Marijuana Establishment shall immediately on request make available to the Commission or a Commission Delegee all information that may be relevant to an inspection or investigation of an incident or a complaint.

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(4) A Marijuana Establishment shall make all reasonable efforts to facilitate the inspection or investigation of an incident or a complaint, including the taking of samples, photographs, video or other evidence or recordings, and complying with demands for examination and inspection in accordance with 935 CMR 500.302: [Compliance Examinations](#).

(5) During an inspection, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may direct a Marijuana Establishment to test Marijuana for contaminants including, but not limited to, mold, mildew, heavy metals, plant-growth regulators, and the presence of Pesticides not approved for use on Marijuana pursuant to 935 CMR 500.120(5).

(6) An inspection or other investigation may be made prior to the issuance of a License or the renewal of a License. Additional inspections may be made whenever the Commission or a Commission Delegee deems it necessary for the enforcement of M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000: [Adult Use of Marijuana](#).

(7) The failure to cooperate with an inspection or otherwise comply with 935 CMR 500.301: [Inspections and Compliance](#) may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensee.

500.302: Compliance Examination.

(1) After a Marijuana Establishment has been licensed, the Commission or a Commission Delegee, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xx), has the authority to demand access to a Marijuana Establishment's papers, books, documents, records, correspondence, electronic communications, and other tangible things to examine and inspect. Such examination and inspection may include interrogatories to parties or subpoenas to compel the production of papers, books, documents, records, correspondence, electronic communications, and other tangible things. The examination and inspection of a Marijuana Establishment may also include the interview of material witnesses, registered agents or Close Associates whom the Commission has determined is involved in the financing, management or operation of an establishment.

(2) Administrative Subpoenas. The Commission or a Commission Delegee may, during a preliminary investigation prior to a hearing, issue, modify, amend or rescind subpoenas. Material witnesses, registered agents, or other Persons whom the Commission has determined are involved in the financing, management or operation of an establishment may petition the Commission to modify, amend or rescind subpoenas.

(3) General Provisions. Administrative subpoenas for compliance examination and inspection shall be issued in the name of the Commission by the Commission or a Commission Delegee. Service may be made in a form and manner determined by the Commission including, but not limited to, by the consent of the parties.

(4) Enforcement of Subpoenas. On the failure of a Person to comply with a subpoena, and not subsequently vacated or modified by the Commission or a Commission Delegee, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may apply to the Superior Court for an order to compel compliance with the subpoena; an order for costs and fees associated with the issuance and enforcement of the subpoena; or an order of contempt for any failure by a party to comply with a court order.

(5) The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 500.302: [Compliance Examination](#) may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensee.

500.303: Unannounced Purchase for Purpose of Investigative Testing (Secret Shopper Program)

(1) Secret Shopper Program Authorized. The Commission or a Commission

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Delegee may, at any time and without prior notice, authorize an employee or other agent to pose as a customer and purchase any Marijuana or Marijuana Products from any licensed Marijuana Establishment. The Commission or a Commission Delegee may authorize such purchase for any investigative purposes that are consistent with St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, 935 CMR 500.000, or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* including, but not limited to, investigative testing for compliance with laboratory testing standards and identification check requirements. The purchasing employee or agent shall document the purchase, including the date, time, and place of purchase, type and amount of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, and any other information required by the Commission.

(2) Custody and Preservation of Purchases. The Marijuana or Marijuana Products purchased as part of the program shall be securely stored during transport in a manner to prevent contamination or spoilage.

(3) Contamination and Spoilage During Storage or Transport. Any contamination or spoilage of purchases under the Secret Shopper Program during storage or transport while under the control of the purchaser shall be promptly documented by the purchaser in writing and reported to the Commission. The Commission or a Commission Delegee may authorize the disposal of the contaminated or spoiled purchase, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(12): *Waste Disposal*.

(4) Use of Secret Shopper Investigative Results. Results of investigations conducted under Secret Shopper Program shall be promptly submitted to the Commission.

(a) All investigative results shall be retained as part of the records for the licensed Marijuana Establishment from which the purchase originated.

(b) The Marijuana Establishment may be notified of any investigative results determined to be noncompliant at a time and manner determined by the Commission.

(c) After the Marijuana Establishment is notified of the investigative results, such results may be used by the Commission to take action on the License of the Marijuana Establishment pursuant to 935 CMR 500.340: *Quarantine Order*, 935 CMR 500.450: *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Renewal Application* and 935 CMR 500.500: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, or assess fines or other civil penalties pursuant to 935 CMR 500.360: *Fines*.

(d) Without notice to the Marijuana Establishment, the Commission may share such investigative results with any other law enforcement or regulatory authorities.

(e) The Commission may elect to conduct further evaluation of the investigative results at any time for verification or for other purposes reasonably related to sanitation, public health or public safety.

(5) The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 500.303 may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensee.

500.310: Deficiency Statements

After an inspection in which a violation of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* is observed or a violation is otherwise determined to have occurred, the Commission shall issue a deficiency statement citing every violation identified, a copy of which shall be left with or sent to the Marijuana Establishment

500.320: Plans of Correction

(1) A Marijuana Establishment shall submit to the Commission a written plan of

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correction for any violations cited in the deficiency statement issued pursuant to 935 CMR 500.310: Deficiency Statements, within ten business days after receipt of the statement.

(2) A plan shall state, with respect to each deficiency, the specific corrective step(s) to be taken, a timetable for such steps, and the date by which compliance will be achieved. The timetable and the compliance dates shall be consistent with achievement of compliance in the most expeditious manner possible.

(3) The Commission shall review the plan of correction and shall notify the Marijuana Establishment of either the acceptance or rejection of the plan or any component of the plan.

(4) An unacceptable plan ~~must-shall~~ be amended and resubmitted within five business days after receipt of such notice.

(5) The approval of a plan of correction shall not preclude the Commission from issuing an order for further corrective action fixing a reasonable time for correction of the violation, assessing an administrative fine, or taking any other administrative action authorized under the Commission's regulations.

(6) A Marijuana Establishment shall notify the Commission once the plan of correction has been fully implemented and completed.

500.321: Administrative Hold

(1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xix), the Commission or a Commission Delegee may order an Administrative Hold of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to examine and inspect a Marijuana Establishment to ensure compliance with the provisions of 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, prevent the destruction of evidence, prevent the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, or as otherwise necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

(2) A Marijuana Establishment subject to an Administrative Hold shall retain its inventory pending further investigation by the Commission or a Commission Delegee pursuant to the following procedure:

(a) If during an investigation or inspection of a Marijuana Establishment, the Commission has reasonable cause to believe certain Marijuana or Marijuana Products are noncompliant under 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, or otherwise constitutes a threat to the public health, safety or welfare, the Commission may issue a notice to administratively hold any Marijuana or Marijuana Product. The notice shall identify the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold and a concise statement stating the reasons relied on in the issuance of the Administrative Hold.

(b) Following the issuance of a notice of Administrative Hold, the Commission will identify and mark the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold in the Commission's Seed-to-sale SOR. The Marijuana Establishment shall continue to comply with all inventory requirements including, but not limited to, 935 CMR 500.105(8): Inventory and Transfer.

(c) The Marijuana Establishment shall completely and physically segregate the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold in a Limited Access Area, where it shall be safeguarded by the Marijuana Establishment.

(d) While the Administrative Hold is in effect, the Marijuana Establishment shall be prohibited from selling, transporting or otherwise Transferring or destroying the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold, except as otherwise authorized by the Commission.

(e) While the Administrative Hold is in effect, the Marijuana Establishment ~~must-shall~~ safeguard the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold and ~~must-shall~~ fully comply with all security requirements including, but not limited to, 935 CMR 500.110: Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments.

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(f) An Administrative Hold ~~may shall~~ not prevent a Marijuana Establishment the continued possession, cultivation or harvesting of the Marijuana or Marijuana Product subject to the Administrative Hold, unless otherwise provided by an order of the Commission. All Marijuana or Marijuana Products subject to an Administrative Hold ~~must shall~~ be put into separately tracked Production Batches.

(g) An Administrative Hold ~~may shall~~ not prevent a Marijuana Establishment from voluntarily surrendering Marijuana or Marijuana Products subject to an Administrative Hold, except that the Marijuana Establishment shall comply with the waste disposal requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(12): Waste Disposal.

(h) At any time after the initiation of the Administrative Hold, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind the Administrative Hold.

(i) The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 500.321: Administrative Hold may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensee

500.330: Limitation of Sales

(1) If the Commission or a Commission Delegee determines that a Marijuana Establishment does not substantially comply with applicable provisions of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, or 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may order that the Marijuana Establishment ~~dispose of and may shall~~ not sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products, after a date specified.

(2) The Commission or a Commission Delegee ~~may shall~~ not make such a determination until a Marijuana Establishment has been notified that the establishment does not substantially comply with applicable provisions of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, or 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, that an order to ~~dispose of or~~ limit sales is contemplated, and that the establishment has a reasonable opportunity to correct the deficiencies.

(3) An order that a Marijuana Establishment ~~dispose of and may shall~~ not sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products pursuant to 935 CMR 500.330(1) may be rescinded when the Commission or a Commission Delegee finds that the establishment is in substantial compliance with the applicable provisions of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, or 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana.

500.335: Removal and Prohibition of Marijuana and Marijuana Products

(1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(xxxi), the Commission or a Commission Delegee may order the removal or prohibition of sales by more than one Licensee of categories of product types, of specific product types or of specific brands of products after notice and a determination that Marijuana, Marijuana Products, and Marijuana Accessories (for the purposes of 935 CMR 500.335: Removal and Prohibition of Marijuana and Marijuana Products, "Product"), which based on preliminary evidence, pose a substantial risk to the public health, safety or welfare including, but not limited to, that the product is especially appealing to Persons younger than 21 years old.

(a) The Commission may vote to initiate a complaint about a Product and refer that complaint to the Executive Director and Enforcement staff for investigation.

(b) In consultation with the Executive Director, Enforcement staff may conduct an investigation and make a recommendation as to the Removal of Product. The recommendation shall be based on credible and reliable evidence and provide a specific description of the scope of removal and specify whether the removal or prohibition on sales applies to one of the following:

1. Category of Product Type(s). A type of Product including, but not

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limited to, Marijuana seeds, Marijuana Clones, Marijuana Edibles, Beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, Tinctures, oral dosage forms or any other product identified by the Commission or a Commission Delegee.

2. Specific Product Type(s). A specific type of Product within a category of Products, but not including other types of Product within the same category.

3. Specific Brand of Product(s). One or more specific Product types or category types Manufactured by a Marijuana Product Manufacturer or a specific Product type or category type Manufactured by multiple Marijuana Product Manufacturers subject to an agreement including, but not limited to, a partnership, product licensing, distribution, branding, advertising, marketing or sales agreement.

(2) After receiving a recommendation from Enforcement staff, the Executive Director may act to address the substantial risk to the public health, safety or welfare including, but not limited to:

- (a) Refer the matter to a Hearing Officer with expertise to evaluate scientific evidence to conduct an informal hearing;
- (b) If credible and reliable evidence has been evaluated and found to meet the standard of a substantial risk to public health, safety or welfare if one is not yet issued, order the quarantine or Removal of Product or prohibition on sales of a Product pending consideration by a Hearing Officer; or
- (c) Refer the matter to the Commission.

(3) When a matter is referred by the Executive Director, the Hearing Officer may conduct an informal hearing.

- (a) If necessary and in consultation with the Executive Director, the Hearing Officer may develop a process for the purpose of identifying the Licensees and Registrants that may be impacted by a current or future order including, but not limited to, identifying those Licensees and Registrants to whom providing adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard shall be given.
- (b) The Hearing Officer shall exercise discretion in admitting and weighing evidence including, but not limited to, testimony and evidence from:
 1. Licensees and Registrants; and
 2. Subject-matter experts.
- (c) The Hearing Officer shall issue findings of fact and make a recommended decision to the Executive Director.
- (d) To the extent that the Hearing Officer recommends that Products be removed or prohibited, this recommendation shall be based on credible and reliable evidence that the Product poses a substantial risk to the public health, safety and welfare.

(4) The Executive Director may refer the matter to the Commission and make a recommendation.

(5) On referral by the Executive Director, prior to issuing any order, the Commission shall deliberate on the Executive Director's recommendation at a public meeting of the Commission.

- (a) If there is a recommendation that the Products be removed and prohibited, this recommendation shall be based on credible and reliable evidence that the Product poses a substantial risk to the public health, safety and welfare.
- (b) An order shall require a vote by the Commission.
- (c) The Commission or a Commission Designee shall send written notice of the action taken against an identified Licensee or Registrant and the basis for that action. The notice shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 1. the Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter; and its authority to take action with regards to the License or registration;
 2. the factual basis for that action;

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3. the extent to which the product poses a substantial risk to the public health, safety and welfare; and
 4. the current restrictions on the Licensee's or Registrant's operations or sales or other use of Products, if any, including the method and timing of the Removal of Product including, but not limited to, whether the Product ~~must~~ shall be destroyed in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(12): Waste Disposal.
- (d) The Commission or a Commission Designee may modify, amend or rescind a notice on condition(s) just to all the parties.
- (6) On receipt of the order, the Licensee and its associated agents will immediately comply with the requirements of the order and, if requested by the Commission, post notice at public entrances to the establishment or other notice in a form and manner determined by the Commission.
- (7) The order shall be transmitted immediately to all other Licensee(s) or Registrant(s) that may reasonably be affected by the order by electronic and certified mail.
- (8) The order may be posted on the Commission's website.
- (9) It shall be a violation of 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana for Licensees to produce, sell or otherwise make available the categories of Product Types, Specific Product Types or Specific Brands of Products identified in the order.
- (10) A Marijuana Establishment subject to the order shall accept Consumer returns of unused and unopened product for a period of 30 days after the effective date of the order.
- (11) The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 500.335: Removal and Prohibition of Marijuana and Marijuana Products may result in further administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensees or Registrants

500.340: Quarantine Order

- (1) Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xix) and (a^{1/2})(xxxi), a Quarantine Order may be imposed by the Commission or a Commission Delegee to immediately quarantine or otherwise restrict the sale or use of Marijuana or Marijuana Products by a Licensee or Registrant to protect the public health, safety or welfare.
- (2) If, based on complaint(s), inspection(s), affidavit(s) or other credible evidence, the Commission or a Commission Delegee determines that a Licensee or Registrant, or the Marijuana or Marijuana Products cultivated, produced or sold by a Licensee or Registrant pose an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may issue an order to the Licensee that:
 - (a) quarantines or otherwise restricts the sale or use of Marijuana or Marijuana Products prepared by or in the possession of the Licensee; or
 - (b) quarantines or otherwise restricts the sales or use of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to the extent necessary to avert a threat, pending final investigation results.
- (3) On receipt of the order, the Licensee and its associated agents will immediately comply with the requirements of the order and, if requested by the Commission, post notice at public entrances to the establishment or other notice in a form and manner determined by the Commission or a Commission Delegee.
- (4) The Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind the order at any time after its issuance on condition(s) to all the parties.

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- (5) To the extent that the issuance of a Quarantine Order is to investigate a substantial risk to public safety, health and welfare, a Licensee ~~may shall~~ not have a right to a hearing, unless and until the order remains in effect beyond 21 calendar days without any further action by the Commission or a Commission Delegee.
- (6) The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 935.340: Quarantine Order may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensees or Registrants.

500.350: Cease and Desist Order and Summary Suspension Order

- (1) Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a) and (a^{1/2}), a Cease and Desist Order or a Summary Suspension Order may be imposed by the Commission or a Commission Delegee prior to a hearing to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (2) If based on inspection(s), affidavit(s), or other credible evidence, the Commission or a Commission Delegee determines that a Licensee or Registrant or the Marijuana or Marijuana Products cultivated, produced or sold by a Licensee or Registrant pose an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may:
- (a) Issue a Cease and Desist Order that requires cessation of any or all operations including, but not limited to, the cultivation, product manufacturing, Transfer, sale, delivery or transportation of Marijuana or Marijuana Products; or
 - (b) Issue a Summary Suspension Order that requires the immediate suspension of a License and its associated registrations and cessation of all operations.
- (3) Notice of Violations.
- (a) For a Cease and Desist or Summary Suspension Order issued under 935 CMR 500.350(2), the Commission or a Commission Delegee shall send written notice of the action taken against a Licensee or Registrant and the basis(es) for that action which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 - 1. The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to take action with regards to the License or registration;
 - 2. The factual basis(es) of the action;
 - 3. The immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare;
 - 4. The alleged violation(s) of law, including the alleged noncompliance with law, regulation, guideline or other applicable requirement;
 - 5. The current restriction(s), if any, on the Licensee's or Registrant's operations;
 - 6. Requirements for the continued maintenance and security of any Marijuana and Marijuana Products;
 - 7. The potential for further disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s); and
 - 8. The Licensee's right to a hearing, if any.
 - (b) The Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind the order at any time after its issuance on condition(s) just to all the parties.
- (4) On receipt of the order issued under 935 CMR 500.350(2), the Licensee and its associated agents will immediately comply with the requirements of the order and, if requested, post notice at public entrances to the establishment or other notice in a form and manner determined by the Commission or a Commission Delegee.
- (5) Hearings. Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xxiv) and (g), the Commission has the authority to administer the administrative hearing process and to delegate to a Hearing Officer the authority to conduct an administrative hearing.
- (a) Hearing Request. On written request filed with the Commission, a Licensee shall be afforded a hearing on an order issued under 935 CMR 500.350(2). The hearing request shall be submitted in a form and a manner

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determined by the Commission or a Commission Delegee including, but not limited to, the request shall be made no later than 21 calendar days after the effective date of the order. A request for a hearing is filed on the date the request is received by the Commission.

1. A timely request for a hearing ~~must~~ shall specifically identify each issue and fact in dispute and state the position of the Licensee, the pertinent facts to be adduced at the hearing, and the reasons supporting that position.
 2. The failure to timely file a request for a hearing or to state the basis of the hearing request will result in dismissal of the challenge to the findings set forth in the notice of violation(s) or action(s).
- (b) Hearing Notice. If a hearing is requested in a timely manner under 935 CMR 500.350(5)(a), the Hearing Officer shall provide notice and a hearing promptly after that request, or as soon as is practicable, or at a time mutually agreed by the parties.
- (c) Conduct of the Hearing.
1. The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, which includes 801 CMR 1.01: *Formal Rules*, 801 CMR 1.02: *Informal/Fair Hearing Rules*, and/or 801 CMR 1.03: *Miscellaneous Provisions Applicable to All Administrative Proceedings*.
 2. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to whether there existed prior to, or at the time of the order(s) issued pursuant to 935 CMR 500.350(2), or an amended or a modified order, an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
 3. If the Commission proves by a preponderance of the evidence that there existed an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Hearing Officer shall affirm the order.
 4. The Hearing Officer shall electronically mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or Registrant and their attorney(s) of record, and mail a copy on written request.

- (6) The requirements of an order issued under 930 CMR 500.350(2) shall remain in effect until one of the following events has occurred:
- (a) The Commission modifies, amends or rescinds the order;
 - (b) There is a Final Decision on the merits of the order, including judicial review of the order, unless the order is vacated or modified by a court of competent jurisdiction or rescinded by the Commission;
 - (c) There is a Final Decision on the merits of a subsequently issued Order to Show Cause under 935 CMR 500.370: Order to Show Cause, including judicial review of the order, unless the order is vacated or modified by a court of competent jurisdiction or rescinded by the Commission; or until such time as is otherwise established under the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.500: Adult Use of Marijuana.

500.360: Fines

The Commission or a Commission Delegee may issue an order to a Licensee to show cause as to why a fine or other financial penalty against a Licensee or Registrant should not be imposed for any acts or omissions determined to be in violation of the state Marijuana laws, including M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana.

- (1) Notice of Fines. The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall send written notice of the action taken against a Licensee or Registrant and the basis(es) for that action which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
- (a) The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to issue the order with regards to the License or registration;
 - (b) The factual basis(es) of the order;
 - (c) The alleged violation(s) of law;
 - (d) An assessment of an administrative fine of up to \$50,000 per violation,

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or an order for corrective action fixing a reasonable time for correction of the violation or both; and

(e) Notice to the Licensee or Registrant that they may request a hearing in accordance with 935 CMR 500.500: Adult Use of Marijuana.

- (2) An administrative fine of up to \$50,000 may be assessed for each violation.
- (a) The decision to impose any fine or financial penalty shall identify the factors considered by the Commission or a Commission Delegee in setting the amount.
- (b) Each day during which a violation continues may constitute a separate violation, and each instance and provision of the state Marijuana laws, including M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana, that is violated may constitute a separate violation.
- (3) The Commission or a Commission Delegee, in determining the amount of fine or financial penalty to impose may consider greater or lesser amount depending on aggravating or mitigating circumstances including, but not limited to:
- (a) Aggravating Circumstances.
1. Duration and severity of violation;
 2. Whether the Licensee has previously been subject to an administrative action against its provisional or final License including, but not limited to, a notice of deficiency;
 3. Whether the Licensee knew or had reason to know of the violation including, but not limited to, warning or issuance of a notice of deficiency; and
 4. Whether the offense:
 - a. Constitutes grounds for denial of a renewal application or suspension or revocation of licensure;
 - b. Involved multiple Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control or agents of the Licensee;
 - c. Involved any compensating features associated with a valid waiver issued pursuant to 935 CMR 500.850: Waivers;
 - d. Involved a Person younger than 21 years old or a Registered Qualifying Patient or Caregiver;
 - e. Involved or affected multiple Consumers;
 - f. Involved or exposed the public to risk of diversion; or
 - g. Created a risk to the public health, safety or welfare.
- (b) Mitigating Circumstances.
1. Whether the Commission learned of the violation or risk of violation from the Licensee or Registrant prior to investigation;
 2. The financial impact of corrective measures, if any, which provide safeguards exceeding the minimum requirements of 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana. However, financial impact ~~may shall~~ not include any cost associated with loss of economic opportunity due to noncompliance or costs of corrective action necessary to achieve compliance with minimum requirements of 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana;
 3. The Licensee's or Registrant's good faith efforts to avoid a violation;
 4. The Licensee's or Registrant's degree of cooperation in the investigation;
 5. The Licensee's or Registrant's willingness to accept responsibility;
 6. The Licensee's or Registrant's compliance with the training requirements pursuant to 935 CMR 500.105(2)(b); and
 7. The Licensee's or Registrant's status as current or past leader pursuant to the Leadership Ratings Program under 935 CMR 500.040: Leadership Rating Program for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana-related Businesses.
- (4) The fine or financial penalty shall be due and payable within 30 calendar days of the date of one of the following:
- (a) The date of the assessment; or
- (b) If a hearing is requested pursuant to 935 CMR 500.500: Adult Use of Marijuana, the date of the final agency action.

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(5) Failure to timely pay the fine or financial penalty may result in further action being taken by the Commission or a Commission Delegee including, but not limited to, suspension or revocation of a License or registration.

(6) If remaining unpaid at the time of Licensure renewal, the fine or financial penalty shall be added to the fee for renewal of the License. A License ~~may shall~~ not be renewed without the payment of the renewal fee and if applicable, an unpaid fine or financial penalty.

(7) All fines and financial penalties collected by or on behalf of the Commission, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.360: *Fines*, shall be made payable to the Commission and deposited into the Marijuana Regulation Fund. The failure to cooperate with provisions of 935 CMR 500.360: *Fines* may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the Licensees or Registrants.

500.370: Order to Show Cause

(1) If, after investigation, the Commission or a Commission Delegee determines that there are grounds to suspend or revoke a License or registration, it may also issue an Order to Show Cause why the Licensee or registration should not be suspended or revoked.

(2) Notice of Violations. The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall send written notice of the action taken against a Licensee or Registrant and the basis for that action which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- (a) The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to issue the order with regards to the License or registration;
- (b) The factual basis(es) of the order;
- (c) The alleged violation(s) of law, including the alleged noncompliance with law, regulation, guideline or other applicable requirement;
- (d) The restriction(s) on the Licensee's or Registrant's operations or the sale or use of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, if any;
- (e) The potential for further disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s); and
- (f) The right to a hearing, if any.

(3) The Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind an order issued pursuant to 935 CMR 500.370: *Order to Show Cause* on condition(s) to all the parties.

500.400: Marijuana Establishment: Grounds for Denial of Application for Licensure

Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for denying an applicant on an application for a Marijuana Establishment License and the associated individuals and entities, but not for the renewal of a License.

(1) The applicant failed to complete the application process within the time required by the Commission.

(2) Information provided by the applicant was deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure.

(3) The application indicates an inability to maintain and operate a Marijuana Establishment in compliance with the requirements of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.00: *Adult Use of Marijuana* including, but not limited to, 935 CMR 500.105: *General Operational Requirements for Marijuana Establishments* and 935 CMR 500.110: *Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments*, based on the submission of

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information required by 935 CMR 500.101(1): [New Applicants](#).

(4) The applicant has been determined to be unsuitable pursuant to any one or more of the factors listed in 935 CMR 500.800: [Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration](#) and 935 CMR 500.801: [Suitability Standard for Licensure](#).

(5) The applicant failed to comply with the control limitations listed in 935CMR 500.050(1)(b) ~~and (e)~~ or would likely fail to comply with such limitations if a License were granted.

(6) An applicant had its License or registration revoked or application denied in the Commonwealth or an Other Jurisdiction.

(7) Any other ground that serves the purposes of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G or 935 CMR 500.000: [Adult Use of Marijuana](#).

500.415: Void Marijuana Establishment License

A Marijuana Establishment License is void if the Marijuana Establishment Ceases to Operate or transfers its location without Commission approval or adds a Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control to the License without Commission approval.

500.450: Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Renewal Applications

Each of the following, in and of itself, constitutes full and adequate grounds for suspending or revoking a Marijuana Establishment's License or denying a renewal application for a Marijuana Establishment License.

(1) The Marijuana Establishment is not operational within the time projected in the License application or the time otherwise approved by the Commission.

(2) Information provided by the Marijuana Establishment was deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, [including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure](#).

(3) The Marijuana Establishment has failed to comply with any requirement of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G or 935 CMR 500.000: [Adult Use of Marijuana](#), or any applicable law or regulation including, but not limited to, the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, child support, workers' compensation, and professional and commercial insurance coverage.

(4) The Marijuana Establishment has failed to submit a plan of correction as required or to implement the plan as submitted pursuant to 935 CMR 500.320: [Plans of Correction](#).

(5) The Marijuana Establishment has assigned or attempted to change ownership or assign its License to another entity without prior approval of the Commission under 935 CMR 500.104: [Notification and Approval of Changes](#).

(6) The Licensee failed to comply with the control limitations listed in 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b) or would likely fail to comply with such limitations if a renewal License were granted.

(7) There has been a lack of responsible operation of the Marijuana Establishment, as shown by, but not limited to, one or more of the following:

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- (a) Failure to maintain the Marijuana Establishment in a clean, orderly, and sanitary fashion;
- (b) Permitting a Marijuana Establishment Agent to use a Registration Card belonging to a different person;
- (c) Failure to make substantial progress toward the Marijuana Establishment's submitted diversity plan or positive impact plan;
- (d) Repeated sales of Marijuana Products to individuals younger than 21 years old, unless in each instance, the Marijuana Establishment Agent reasonably relied on validly issued government-~~issued~~-identification card in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 9(b);
- (e) Repeated failure to verify the age of an individual prior to permitting that individual on the Premises of a Marijuana Establishment or making sales of Marijuana Products to that individual; or
- (f) Other incompetent or negligent operation.

(8) The financial management of the Marijuana Establishment has resulted in the filing of a petition for ~~bankruptcy or receivership~~ Court Appointee related to the financial solvency of the Marijuana Establishment.

~~(9)~~ A Licensee fails to satisfy the requirements of 935 CMR 500.104(3) or (4), as applicable.

~~(9)(10)~~ A person on a Marijuana Establishment License has maintained a substandard level of compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements for the operation of a Marijuana Establishment in an Other Jurisdiction including, but not limited to: a failure to correct deficiencies, a limitation on, or a suspension, revocation or refusal to grant or renew a registration or License to operate.

~~(10)(11)~~ The conduct or practices of the Marijuana Establishment demonstrate a lack of suitability as specified in 935 CMR 500.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration and 935 CMR 500.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure.

~~(11)(12)~~ An individual or entity on a Marijuana Establishment License or Marijuana Establishment Agent has a history of criminal conduct as evidenced by any criminal proceedings that resulted in conviction, guilty plea, plea of *nolo contendere*, or admission to sufficient facts in the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions.

~~(12)(13)~~ An individual or entity listed on a Marijuana Establishment License has committed, permitted, aided or abetted, or conspired to commit any illegal practice(s) in the operation of any Marijuana Establishment including, but not limited to, engaging in the diversion of Marijuana or Marijuana Products.

~~(13)(14)~~ The Marijuana Establishment has failed to cooperate or give information to a law enforcement official acting within his or her lawful jurisdiction related to any matter arising out of conduct at any Marijuana Establishment.

~~(14)(15)~~ The conduct or practices of the Marijuana Establishment have been detrimental to the safety, health, or welfare of the public.

~~(15)(16)~~ Any other ground that serves the purposes of St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55 or 935 CMR 500.000: Adult Use of Marijuana.

500.500: Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Licenses

(1) The Commission has the authority to administer the administrative hearing process under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xxiv) and (g).

(2) A Licensee shall be afforded a hearing on any adverse action taken pursuant to:

- (a) 935 CMR 500.360: Fines;

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- (b) 935 CMR 500.370: Order to Show Cause;
- (c) 935 CMR 500.450: Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Renewal Applications; or
- (d) Any other notice of the Commission that specifies that the Licensee or Registrant has a right to challenge the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Commission's notice using the process set forth in 935 CMR 500.500: Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Licenses.

(3) Notice(s).

(a) Notice of Violation(s) includes a notice issued in accordance with 935 CMR 500.360: Fines and 935 CMR 500.370: Order to Show Cause.

(b) Notice of Other Action(s). The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall send written notice of the action including, but not limited to, a denial of a renewal License, taken against a Licensee and the basis(es) for that action which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. The Commission's statutory and regulatory authority, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to take action with regards to the License or registration;
2. The factual basis(es) for that action;
3. The alleged violation(s) of law, including its jurisdiction over the subject matter and its authority to issue the order with regards to the License or registration;
4. The current restriction(s) on the Licensee's operations or the sale or use of Marijuana or Marijuana Products, if any;
5. The potential for further disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s); and
6. The Licensee's right to a hearing, if any.

(c) The Commission or a Commission Delegee may modify, amend or rescind a notice issued under 935 CMR 500.500(3)(c).

(4) Hearing Request. The hearing request shall be submitted in a form and a manner determined by the Commission or a Commission Delegee including, but not limited to, the request shall be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of the notice. A request for a hearing is filed on the date the request is received by the Commission.

(a) A timely request for a hearing ~~must~~ shall specifically identify each issue and fact in dispute and state the position of the Licensee, the pertinent facts to be adduced at the hearing, and the reasons supporting that position.

(b) The failure to timely file a request for a hearing or to state the basis of the hearing request will result in dismissal of the challenge to the findings set forth in the notice of violation(s) or action(s).

(c) If a timely request for an hearing is made, the Licensee may also seek to stay any action until there has been a final agency action pursuant to 935 CMR 500.500(7) or (12); provided, however, that if the Commission issues an order or notice on the basis of information that ongoing operations pose an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare, and that operations without restrictions during the pendency of the administrative appeal could reasonably be expected to endanger the health, safety or welfare of the public, there will be no stay.

(d) Nothing in 935 CMR 500.500: Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Licenses shall preclude the Commission or a Commission Delegee from issuing a stay.

(5) Hearing Officer. The Commission shall designate a Hearing Officer or delegate this designation to the Executive Director.

(6) Hearing Officer's Authority to Take Action in the Event of Waiver, Default or Summary Decision.

(a) Waiver. If a Licensee fails to request a hearing in a timely manner or otherwise waives their right to a hearing, the Hearing Officer may assume the truth of the allegations set forth in the notice and recommend to the Commission disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s) or an informal disposition of the matter.

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(b) Default. If a Licensee defaults, the Hearing Officer or other Commission Delegee may assume the truth of the allegations set forth in the notice and recommend to the Commission appropriate disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s) or an informal disposition of the matter.

(c) Summary Decision. If there is no genuine issue of fact to be determined by a hearing, the Hearing Officer may assume the truth of the allegations set forth in the notice and recommend to the Commission disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s) or an informal disposition of the matter.

(d) For actions without a hearing under 935 CMR 500.500(6)(a) through (c), the Hearing Officer may conduct an evidentiary hearing on the appropriateness of disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s).

(7) Commission's Authority to Review, Approve or Reject Informal Dispositions. At any time, the Commission or a Commission Delegee may, in its discretion, review, approve or reject an informal disposition, but only on a showing that the alleged violations have been corrected, and a submission of a written waiver of its right to judicial review.

(8) Hearing Notice. If a hearing is requested in a timely manner under 935 CMR 500.500(4): Hearing Request, the Hearing Officer shall provide notice and a hearing within a reasonable time after that request, or as soon as is practicable, or at a time mutually agreed by the parties.

(a) The hearing notice should comply with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 11(1).

(b) Prior to the commencement of a proceeding, a Hearing Officer may conduct conference(s) and refer or require the parties to participate in settlement negotiations. If the parties reach a settlement, the Hearing Officer shall suspend the proceedings pending Commission consideration of the matter under 935 CMR 500.500(7): Commission's Authority to Review, Approve or Reject Informal Dispositions.

(9) Conduct of the Hearing

(a) To the extent that a Hearing Officer conducts a proceeding, it shall be conducted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, which includes 801 CMR 1.01: *Formal Rules*, 801 CMR 1.02: *Informal/Fair Hearing Rules*, and/or 801 CMR 1.03: *Miscellaneous Provisions Applicable to All Administrative Proceedings*.

(b) In the case of an Order to Show Cause why a License should not be suspended or revoked, the hearing shall be conducted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 10, 11 and 12.

(c) If after the commencement of the hearing, the parties reach a settlement, the Hearing Officer shall suspend the proceedings pending Commission consideration of the matter under 935 CMR 500.500(7): Commission's Authority to Review, Approve or Reject Informal Dispositions.

(10) Reopening of Hearings. At any time before the Commission's Final Decision is issued, on the motion of any party or on their own initiative, the Commission by a majority vote or the Hearing Officer may on good cause shown reopen the hearing for the purpose of receiving new evidence.

(11) Hearing Officer's Recommended Decision.

(a) Burden of Proof.

1. For a notice of violation(s), the Commission or a Commission Delegee bears the burden of proving the Licensee(s)' violation(s) of law.

2. For a notice of action(s) including, but not limited to, the denial of a renewal License, the Licensee bears the burden of proving the qualifications for licensure.

(b) The Hearing Officer will make a recommended decision to the Commission.

1. The recommended decision may affirm, modify, or overturn the actions proposed in the notice of violation(s) or action(s).

2. The recommended decision shall be in writing to the Commission for its consideration which shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of reasons, including a determination of each issue of fact or law necessary

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to the decision.

3. The Hearing Officer may recommend disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s) or an informal disposition of the matter and provide reasons for the recommendation, including whether the recommendation is consistent with the notice of violation(s) or action(s) and the Commission's prior disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s).

4. The Hearing Officer shall electronically mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or their attorney(s) of record and on request, mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or their attorney(s) of record.

(c) Within 21 calendar days of the issuance of the recommended decision, the parties may submit to the Commission written objections and arguments regarding the Hearing Officer's recommended decision.

(12) Commission's Final Decision.

(a) The Commission may affirm, adopt, modify, amend, or reverse the recommended decision of the Hearing Officer or remand the matter for further consideration.

(b) The Commission's decision shall be considered the Final Decision, unless its authority to render a Final Decision is delegated.

1. The Final Decision shall be in writing. The drafting of the decision may be delegated to the General Counsel so long as the Commission votes on the substance of the Final Decision.

2. The Final Decision may incorporate by reference the Hearing Officer's recommended decision in whole or in part. The Commission shall consider the parties' written objections and arguments regarding the Hearing Officer's recommended decision under 935 CMR 501.500(11)(c), but is not required to respond to these submissions.

3. The Final Decision shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
a. A statement of reasons including determination of each issue of fact or law necessary to the decision; and
b. Any disciplinary action(s), sanction(s) or fine(s) or an informal disposition of the matter.

(c) The vote on the Final Decision shall be supported and signed by at least three Commissioners. As part of its vote, the Commission may delegate to the General Counsel action(s) needed to finalize the decision including, but not limited to, the stamping of Commissioners' signatures.

(d) The Commission's Final Decision is a final agency action reviewable under M.G.L. c. 30A, § 14.

(e) The Commission or a Commission Delegee shall electronically mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or their attorney(s) of record and on request, mail a copy of the recommended decision to each Licensee or their attorney(s) of record.

(13) Appeals. Any Person aggrieved by a Final Decision may appeal that decision to the Superior Court in accordance with M.G. L. c. 30A, § 14. The filing of an appeal shall not operate as a stay of enforcement of the Commission's decision, but the Commission may in its discretion stay enforcement.

500.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration

(1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a)(xii), (xiv), and § 21(a)(ii), the Commission may make, in an exercise of its discretion, a suitability determination.

(2) The Commission may also delegate suitability determinations to the Executive Director, who may appoint a Suitability Review Committee (Committee) to advise the Executive Director.

(3) All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.800: [Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration](#).

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- (4) **Suitability Review Process.**
- (a) Designated Enforcement staff (staff) shall conduct background checks and gather information and evidence applicable to a subject's suitability and make a recommendation as to suitability. Staff may make an adverse suitability recommendation on finding information and evidence that would result in a Mandatory Disqualification, Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination or that would support a Negative Suitability Recommendation.
 - (b) Before making an adverse suitability recommendation, staff shall consult with the Executive Director or the Executive Director's delegee(s). The Executive Director may dispose of the matter or direct the Committee to institute a review of suitability or take any action consistent with M.G.L. c. 94G.
 - (c) If the Executive Director institutes a suitability review, the staff shall send the written notice of an adverse suitability recommendation that identifies the Person or entity subject to suitability review, the particular offenses or conduct relied on and whether that the offenses or conduct results in a Mandatory Disqualification or Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination, or supports a Negative Suitability Recommendation, and reasons for that determination.
 - (d) The notice of an adverse suitability recommendation shall provide an opportunity to cure the suitability issue by removing the subject from its application. To the extent that an applicant removes a subject from an application, the removal ~~must~~ shall be done in a manner determined by the Commission.
 - (e) The notice of an adverse suitability recommendation shall provide the subject with the opportunity to request an informal proceeding before the Suitability Review Committee.
 - (f) A request for an informal proceeding ~~must~~ shall be submitted in a form and manner determined by the Commission and no later than 14 business days following the effective date of the adverse suitability recommendation. Requests received after 14 business days may be considered at the discretion of the Executive Director or the Committee.
 - (g) On notification of an adverse suitability recommendation and receipt of an informal proceeding request, the Committee shall initiate a proceeding, make a recommendation and/or take other action(s) after consultation with the Executive Director.
 - (h) If an applicant or a subject does not make a timely request for an informal proceeding before the Committee, the Executive Director may forward the adverse suitability recommendation to the Committee for a review, make a suitability determination, or take any action consistent with M.G.L. c. 94G.
- (5) The Committee shall:
- (a) Consider and review whether offense(s) or information resulting in a Mandatory Disqualification or a Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination under 935 CMR 500.801: *Table A* and 935 CMR 500.802: *Tables B through D* and 935 CMR 500.~~903~~803: *Table E*, as applied to the subject, renders the subject unsuitable for licensure or registration;
 - (b) Consider and review whether offense(s) or information not otherwise set forth in 935 CMR 500.801: *Table A* and 935 CMR 500.802: *Tables B through D* and 935 CMR 500.903: *Table E* would result in a Negative Suitability Recommendation and renders the subject unsuitable for licensure or registration; and
 - (c) Subsequent to its review of a suitability matter, make recommendations to the Executive Director, or the Commission, or a Commission Delegee(s).
- (6) When reviewing an adverse suitability recommendation by staff that there is an offense resulting in a Mandatory Disqualification, the Commission shall consider credible and reliable information demonstrating that:
- (a) The disqualifying event was based on erroneous information or evidence; and
 - (b) The subject can demonstrate that prior to the informal proceeding, the adverse suitability recommendation can no longer be supported because the

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error was corrected.

(7) When reviewing an offense resulting in a Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination, the committee shall take into consideration the following factors:

- (a) Nature and Specific Circumstances of the Offense or Incident:
 - 1. Time since the offense or incident;
 - 2. Number of offenses or incidents;
 - 3. If criminal, sentence imposed and length, if any, of incarceration;
 - 4. If criminal, sentence imposed and length, if any, of parole or probation; and
 - 5. Relationship of offense or incident to nature of work to be performed.
- (b) Mitigating Factors:
 - 1. Age of the subject at the time of the offense or incident; and
 - 2. Whether offenses or incidents were committed in association with dependence on drugs or alcohol from which the subject has since recovered.
- (c) Conduct Since Time of the Offense or Incident:
 - 1. If criminal, any relevant evidence of rehabilitation or lack thereof, such as information about compliance with conditions of parole or probation, including orders of no contact with victims and witnesses;
 - 2. The subject's conduct and experience since the time of the offense including, but not limited to, professional or educational certifications obtained; and
- (d) Any other relevant information, including information submitted by the subject to the Committee or requested by the Commission.

(8) The Committee may make a Negative Suitability Determination in the following circumstances:

- (a) On the receipt of the staff's Negative Suitability Recommendation that there is credible and reliable information in the five years immediately preceding the application:
 - 1. The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare if a License or registration is granted or renewed; and
 - 2. The risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of a Marijuana Establishment.
- (b) On review of this recommendation, the Committee shall consider whether the staff has carried its burden of demonstrating:
 - 1. The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare if a License or registration is granted or renewed; and
 - 2. The risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of a Marijuana Establishment.

(9) Where a Marijuana Establishment Agent listed on the application for licensure in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1): *New Applicants*, is found to have no suitability issue under 935 CMR 500.801: *Table A*, or to have overcome any suitability issue, the agent shall not be subject to a subsequent suitability review under 935 CMR 500.802: *Tables B through D* and 935 CMR 500.803: *Table E*.

- (a) Nothing in 935 CMR 500.800(9) relieves the requirement that the applicant or Licensee conduct background checks on its agents and disclose to the Commission's staff any suitability issue(s) that arise as a result of those checks.
- (b) Any subsequent disclosure of background check information for a Marijuana Establishment Agent required to be listed and evaluated pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(1): *New Applicants*, will be assessed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.801: *Table A* or on other grounds for a Negative Suitability Determination only.
- (c) Nothing in 935 CMR 500.800(9) precludes the Commission from initiating a suitability review based on background information received after the Commission's initial suitability review.

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(10) The Executive Director in consultation with the Committee may determine that a subject's suitability warrants the Commission's consideration. The Executive Director may also remand a matter to staff for further investigation prior to making a determination. The Commission may consider the determination when acting on the application or renewal.

500.801: Suitability Standard for Licensure

- (1) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 5, the Commission is prohibited from licensing a Marijuana Establishment where an individual who is a Person Having Direct or Indirect Control has been convicted of a felony or offense in an Other Jurisdiction that would be a felony in the Commonwealth, except a prior conviction solely for a Marijuana offense or solely for a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34, unless the offense involved distribution of a controlled substance, including Marijuana, to a minor.
- (2) For purposes of determining suitability based on background checks in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1)(b):
 - (a) All conditions, offenses, and violations are construed to include Massachusetts law or like or similar law(s) of Other Jurisdictions.
 - (b) All criminal disqualifying conditions, offenses, and violations include the crimes of attempt, accessory, conspiracy, and solicitation.
 - (c) Juvenile dispositions shall not be considered as a factor for determining suitability.
 - (d) Where applicable, all look back periods for criminal conditions, offenses, and violations included in 935 CMR 500.801: *Table A* commence on the date of disposition; provided, however, that if disposition results in incarceration in any institution, the look back period shall commence on release from incarceration.
 - (e) Unless otherwise specified in 935 CMR 500.801: *Table A*, a criminal condition, offense or violation shall include both convictions, which include guilty pleas and pleas of *nolo contendere*, and dispositions resulting in continuances without a finding or other disposition constituting an admission to sufficient facts, but shall exclude other non-conviction dispositions.
- (3) Licensees and Registered Agents shall remain suitable at all times a License or registration remains in effect. An individual subject to this section shall notify the Commission in writing of any charge or conviction of an offense that would result in a presumptive negative suitability determination or mandatory disqualification under 935 CMR 500.801: *Table A*, 935 CMR 500.802: *Tables A through D* and 935 CMR 500.803: *Table E* within ten days of such individual's arrest or summons, and within ten days of the disposition on the merits of the underlying charge. Failure to make proper notification to the Commission may be grounds for disciplinary action. If the Commission lawfully finds a disqualifying event and the individual asserts that the record was sealed, the Commission may require the individual to provide proof from a court evidencing the sealing of the case.

Table A: Marijuana Establishment Licensees. Shall apply ~~solely~~ to applicants, Licensees and Persons or Entities Having Direct or Indirect Control in accordance with 935 CMR 500.101(1): New Applicants and 935 CMR 500.103(4): Expiration and Renewal of Licensure.

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Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present (during time from start of application process through action on application or renewal)	<p>Open/Unresolved Criminal Proceedings:</p> <p>Any outstanding or unresolved criminal proceeding, the disposition of which may result in a felony conviction under the laws of the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions, but excluding any criminal proceeding based solely on a Marijuana-related offense or a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E(a) or § 34.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Present	Outstanding or Unresolved Criminal Warrants	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Submission of Untruthful Information to the Commission Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Submission of information in connection with a License application, waiver request or other Commission action that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>; or</p> <p>making statements during or in connection with a Commission inspection or investigation that are deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tend to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Open/Unresolved Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions)	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Open Professional or Occupational License Cases	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	<p>Sex Offender Registration:</p> <p>Required to register as a sex offender in Massachusetts or an Other Jurisdiction.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or an Other Jurisdiction Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Felony weapons violation involving narcotics; Felony involving violence against a person; Felony involving theft or fraud; and Felony drug, excluding conviction solely for a Marijuana-related offense or solely for a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification

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Indefinite	Conviction or Continuance without a Finding (CWOFF) for Any Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	Non-felony Weapons Violations, Including Firearms, Involving Narcotics	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	Firearms-related Crimes	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	Multiple Crimes of Operating under the Influence Two offenses within a ten-year period; or Three or more offenses within any period of time.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	Multiple Crimes During the five years immediately preceding the application for licensure that separately may not result in a negative determination of suitability, but may, if taken together and tending to show a pattern of harmful behavior, result in a negative determination of suitability depending on the type and severity of the crimes.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	Crimes of Domestic Violence Including, but Not Limited to: Violation of an abuse prevention restraining order under M.G.L. c. 209A Violation of a harassment prevention order under M.G.L. c. 258E	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions) The applicant or a Licensee held a License that was revoked, a renewal application that was denied, or a similar action taken with relation to their Marijuana business in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdiction, whether by administrative action or stipulated agreement.	Mandatory Disqualification
More than Five and less than Ten Years	Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions) The applicant or a Licensee held a License that was revoked, a renewal application that was denied, or a similar action taken with relation to their Marijuana business in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdiction, whether by administrative action or stipulated agreement.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare; and the risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of a Marijuana Establishment.	May make a Negative Suitability Determination in accordance with 935 CMR 500.800(8)

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500.802: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Marijuana Establishment Agent

(1) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(iii), the Commission has established qualifications for licensure and minimum standards for employment that are directly and demonstrably related to the operation of a Marijuana Establishment and similar to qualifications for licensure and employment standards in connection with alcoholic Beverages as regulated under M.G.L. c. 138; provided, that a prior conviction solely for a Marijuana-related offense or for a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34 shall not disqualify an individual or otherwise affect eligibility for employment or licensure in connection with a Marijuana Establishment, unless the offense involved the distribution of a controlled substance, including Marijuana, to a minor.

(2) For purposes of determining suitability based on background checks in accordance with 935 CMR 500.030: Registration as a Marijuana Establishment Agent and 935 CMR 500.101: Application Requirements:

(a) All conditions, offenses, and violations are construed to include Massachusetts law or like or similar law(s) of Other Jurisdictions.

(b) All criminal disqualifying conditions, offenses, and violations include the crimes of attempt, accessory, conspiracy and solicitation.

(c) Juvenile dispositions shall not be considered as a factor for determining suitability.

(d) Where applicable, all look back periods for criminal conditions, offenses, and violations included in 935 CMR 500.801: Tables B through D commence on the date of disposition; provided, however, that if disposition results in incarceration in any institution, the look back period shall commence on release from incarceration.

(e) Unless otherwise specified in 935 CMR 500.801: Tables B through D, a criminal condition, offense or violation shall include both convictions, which include guilty pleas and pleas of *nolo contendere*, and dispositions resulting in continuances without a finding or other disposition constituting an admission to sufficient facts, but shall exclude other non-conviction dispositions. All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration. In addition to the requirements established in 935 CMR 500.800: Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration shall:

1. Consider whether offense(s) or information that would result in a Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination under 935 CMR 500.801: Tables B through D renders the subject unsuitable for registration regardless of the determination of the Licensee; and

2. Consider appeals of determinations of unsuitability based on claims of erroneous information received as part of the background check during the application process in accordance with 803 CMR 2.17: Requirement to Maintain a Secondary Dissemination Log and 803 CMR 2.18: Adverse Employment Decision Based on CORI or Other Types of Criminal History Information Received from a Source Other than the DCJIS.

(3) Registered Agents shall remain suitable at all times a License or registration remains in effect. An individual subject to 935 CMR 500.802: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Marijuana Establishment Agent shall notify the Commission in writing of any charge or conviction of an offense that would result in a presumptive negative suitability determination or mandatory disqualification under 935 CMR 500.801: Tables B through D within ten days of such individual's arrest or summons, and within ten days of the disposition on the merits of the underlying charge. Failure to make proper notification to the Commission may be grounds for disciplinary action. If the Commission lawfully finds a disqualifying event and the individual asserts that the record was sealed, the Commission may require the individual to provide proof from a court evidencing the sealing of the case.

Table B: Retail, ~~Delivery-only~~Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment

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with a Delivery Endorsement, Social Consumption Establishment, and Transporter Marijuana Establishment Agents. Shall apply solely to applicants for registration as a Marijuana Establishment Agent at a Marijuana Establishment licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.100: Application for Licensing of Marijuana Establishments, as a Marijuana Retailer, ~~Delivery-only~~ Delivery Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery Endorsement, Social Consumption Establishment, or as a Marijuana Transporter, under 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments.

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present (during time from start of application process through action on application or renewal.)	<p>Open/Unresolved Criminal Proceedings:</p> <p>Any outstanding or unresolved criminal proceeding, the disposition of which may result in a felony conviction under the laws of the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions, but excluding any criminal proceeding based solely on a Marijuana-related offense or a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E(a) or § 34.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Open Professional or Occupational License Cases</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Open/Unresolved Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions):</p> <p>An outstanding or unresolved violation of the regulations as included in 935 CMR 500.000: <u>Adult Use of Marijuana</u> or a similar statute or regulations of an Other Jurisdiction, which has either (a) remained unresolved for a period of six months or more; or (b) the nature of which would result in a determination of unsuitability for registration.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Submission of Untruthful Information to the Commission Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Submission of information in connection with an agent application, waiver request or other Commission action that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>; or</p> <p>making statements during or in connection with a Commission inspection or investigation that are deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tend to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination

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Indefinite	<p>Sex Offense:</p> <p>Felony conviction for a "sex offense" as defined in M.G.L. c. 6, § 178C and M.G. L. c. 127, § 133E or like offenses in Other Jurisdictions.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions:</p> <p>For trafficking crimes under M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E, or like crimes in Other Jurisdictions, except convictions for solely Marijuana-related crimes under M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E (a), or like crimes in Other Jurisdictions.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Conviction or Continuance without a Finding (CWO) for Any Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in Any Jurisdiction</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Preceding Five Years	<p>Crimes of Domestic Violence Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Violation of an abuse prevention restraining order under M.G.L. c. 209A; and</p> <p>Violation of a harassment prevention order under M.G.L. c. 258E.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	<p>(For Agents Working for a Transporter and Delivery-only Delivery)</p> <p>Licensee or a Marijuana Establishment with a Delivery</p> <p>Endorsement Multiple Crimes of Operating under the Influence:</p> <p>Two offenses within a ten-year period; or</p> <p>three or more offenses within any period of time.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	<p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions:</p> <p>For crimes of violence against a person or crimes of dishonesty or fraud, "violent crime" to be defined the same way as under M.G.L. c. 140, § 121 and M.G.L. c. 127, § 133E.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification

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Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Preceding Five Years	The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare; and the risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of a Marijuana Establishment.	May make a Negative Suitability Determination in accordance with 935 CMR 500.800(8)

Table C: Marijuana Product Manufacturer Marijuana Establishment Agents. Shall apply solely to applicants for registration as an agent at a Marijuana Establishment licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.100: Application for Licensing of Marijuana Establishments as a Marijuana Product Manufacturer under 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments.

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present (during time from start of application process through action on application or renewal.)	Open/Unresolved Criminal Proceedings: Any outstanding or unresolved criminal proceeding, the disposition of which may result in a felony conviction under the laws of the Commonwealth or a similar law in an Other Jurisdiction, but excluding any criminal proceeding based solely on a Marijuana-related offense or a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E (a) and § 34.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Open Professional or Occupational License Cases	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Open/Unresolved Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions): An outstanding or unresolved violation of the regulations as included in 935 CMR 500.000: <u>Adult Use of Marijuana</u> or a similar statute or regulations in an Other Jurisdiction, that has either (a) remained unresolved for a period of six months or more; or (b) the nature of which would result in a determination of unsuitability for registration.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Submission of Untruthful Information to the Commission Including, but Not Limited to: Submission of information in connection with an agent application, waiver request or other Commission action that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u> ; or making statements during or in connection with a Commission inspection or investigation that are deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tend to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination

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Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
	<u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure.</u>	
Present	<p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions:</p> <p>For trafficking crimes under M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E, or like crimes in Other Jurisdictions, except convictions for solely Marijuana-related crimes under § 32E (a), or like crimes in Other Jurisdictions.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Conviction or Continuance without a Finding (CWOFF) for Any Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor</p> <p>Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in Massachusetts or an Other Jurisdiction</p> <p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions for Crimes of Violence Against a Person or Crimes of Dishonesty or Fraud, "Violent Crime" to Be Defined the Same Way as under M.G.L. c. 140, § 121 and M.G.L. c. 127, § 133E.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Preceding Ten Years	<p>Sex Offense:</p> <p>Felony conviction for a "sex offense" as defined in M.G.L. c. 6, § 178C and M.G. L. c. 127, § 133E or like offenses in Other Jurisdictions.</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Preceding Five Years	<p>The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare; and</p> <p>the risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of a Marijuana Establishment.</p>	May make a Negative Suitability Determination in accordance with 935 CMR 500.800(8)

Table D: Cultivation Marijuana Establishment Agents. Shall apply solely to applicants for registration as an agent at a Marijuana Establishment licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.100: Application For Licensing of Marijuana Establishments as a Marijuana Cultivator or Craft Marijuana Cooperative under 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments.

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Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present (during time from start of application process through action on application or renewal.)	<p>Open/Unresolved Criminal Proceedings:</p> <p>Any outstanding or unresolved criminal proceeding, the disposition of which may result in a felony conviction under the laws of the Commonwealth or a similar law in an Other Jurisdiction, but excluding any criminal proceeding based solely on a Marijuana-related offense or a violation of M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E (a) or § 34.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Open Professional or Occupational License Cases</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Open/Unresolved Marijuana License or Registration Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions):</p> <p>An outstanding or unresolved violation of the regulations as included in 935 CMR 500.000: <u>Adult Use of Marijuana</u> or a similar statute or regulations in an Other Jurisdiction, that has either (a) remained unresolved for a period of six months or more; or (b) the nature of which would result in a determination of unsuitability for registration</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	<p>Submission of Information to the Commission Including, but Not Limited to:</p> <p>Submission of information in connection with an agent application, waiver request or other Commission action that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>; or</p> <p>making statements during or in connection with a Commission inspection or investigation that are deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tend to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u>.</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Indefinite	<p>Conviction or Continuance without a Finding (CWOFF) for Any Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor</p>	Mandatory Disqualification
Indefinite	<p>Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions</p> <p>For crimes of violence against a person, "violent crime" to be defined the same way as under M.G.L. c. 140, § 121 and M.G.L. c. 127, § 133E</p>	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination

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Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Preceding Three Years	Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions: For crimes of dishonesty or fraud.	Mandatory Disqualification
Preceding Five Years	The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare; and the risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of a Marijuana Establishment.	May make a Negative Suitability Determination in accordance with 935 CMR 500.800(8)

500.803: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent

- (1) 935 CMR 500.803: *Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent* shall apply to Laboratory Agents in their capacity as employees or volunteers for an Independent Testing Laboratory licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.029 and shall be used by the Independent Testing Laboratory Executive registered with the DCJIS pursuant to 803 CMR 2.04: *iCORI Registration and the Commission* for purposes of determining suitability for registration as a Laboratory Agent with the Licensee.
- (2) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15(b)(5), the Commission is prohibited from issuing a registration to a Laboratory Agent who has been convicted of a felony drug offense in the Commonwealth or Other Jurisdictions that would be a felony drug offense in the Commonwealth.
- (3) For purposes of determining suitability based on background checks performed in accordance with 935 CMR 500.803: *Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent*:
- (a) All conditions, offenses, and violations are construed to include Massachusetts law or similar law(s) of Other Jurisdictions.
 - (b) All criminal disqualifying conditions, offenses, and violations include the crimes of attempt, accessory, conspiracy, and solicitation.
 - (c) Juvenile dispositions shall not be considered as a factor for determining suitability.
 - (d) Where applicable, all look back periods for criminal conditions, offenses, and violations included in 935 CMR 500.803: *Table E* commence on the date of disposition; provided however, that if disposition results in incarceration in any institution, the look back period shall commence on release from incarceration.
 - (e) Unless otherwise specified in 935 CMR 500.803: *Table E*, a criminal condition, offense or violation shall include both convictions, which include guilty pleas and pleas of *nolo contendere*, and dispositions resulting in continuances without a finding or other disposition constituting an admission to sufficient facts, but shall exclude other non-conviction dispositions.
 - (f) All suitability determinations will be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration*. In addition to the requirements established in 935 CMR 500.800: *Background Check Suitability Standard for Licensure and Registration* shall:
 1. Consider whether offense(s) or information that would result in a Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination under 935 CMR 500.803: *Table E* renders the subject unsuitable for registration regardless of the determination of the Licensee; and
 2. Consider appeals of determinations of unsuitability based on claims of erroneous information received as part of the background check during the application process in accordance with 803 CMR 2.17: *Requirement to Maintain a Secondary Dissemination Log* and 2.18: *Adverse*

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Employment Decision Based on CORI or Other Types of Criminal History Information Received from a Source Other than the DCJIS.

Table E: Registration as a Laboratory Agent. Shall apply solely to applicants for registration as a Laboratory Agent in accordance with 935 CMR 500.803: Suitability Standard for Registration as a Laboratory Agent at a Marijuana Establishment licensed pursuant to 935 CMR 500.050: Marijuana Establishments.

Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Present (during time from start of application process through action on application or renewal.)	Open/Unresolved Criminal Proceedings: Any outstanding or unresolved criminal proceeding, the disposition of which may result in a felony conviction under the laws of the Commonwealth or a similar law in Other Jurisdictions.	Mandatory Disqualification
Present	Open/Unresolved Marijuana Business-Related License Violations (Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions): An outstanding or unresolved violation of the regulations as included in 935 CMR 500.000: <u>Adult Use of Marijuana</u> or a similar statute or regulations in Other Jurisdictions that has either (a) remained unresolved for a period of six months or more; or (b) the nature of which would result in a determination of unsuitability for registration.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Submission of False or Misleading Information to the Commission Including, but Not Limited to: Submission of information in connection with an agent application, waiver request or other Commission action that is deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u> ; or making statements during or in connection with a Commission inspection or investigation that are deceptive, misleading, false or fraudulent, or that tend to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by omission or ambiguity, <u>including lack of disclosure or insufficient disclosure</u> .	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Present	Open Professional or Occupational License Cases	Mandatory Disqualification

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Time Period	Precipitating Issue	Result
Indefinite	Felony Convictions in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions: For drug offenses or trafficking crimes under M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32E, or like crimes in Other Jurisdictions.	Mandatory Disqualification
Preceding Five Years	Felony Convictions or CWOFF in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions: For crimes of violence against a person, "violent crime" to be defined the same way as under M.G.L. c. 140, § 121 and M.G.L. c. 127, § 133E.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Seven Years	Felony Convictions or CWOFF in Massachusetts or Other Jurisdictions: For crimes of dishonesty or fraud.	Presumptive Negative Suitability Determination
Preceding Five Years	The applicant's or Licensee's prior actions posed or would likely pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare; and the risk posed by the applicant's or Licensee's actions relates or would likely relate to the operation of a Marijuana Establishment.	May make a Negative Suitability Determination in accordance with 935 CMR 500.800(8)

500.820: Confidentiality

- (1) All records made or received by the Commission shall be public records and shall be available for disclosure on request pursuant to this section and 950 CMR 32.00: *Public Records Access*, except the following, which shall be exempt from disclosure to the extent permitted by law:
- (a) All records exempt from disclosure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26;
 - (b) All records to the extent that they contain "personal data" pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66, § 1;
 - (c) All records to the extent that they contain "personal information" pursuant to M.G.L. c. 93H, § 1;
 - (d) All records which contain CORI as defined by 803 CMR 2.02: *Definitions*;
 - (e) All records which contain CHRI as defined by 803 CMR 7.02: *Definitions*; and
 - (f) All Confidential Records as defined in 935 CMR 500.002.
- (2) All records protected from disclosure under 935 CMR 500.820(1) or pursuant to the laws of any Other Jurisdiction may be disclosed by the Commission:
- (a) If disclosure is required pursuant to a state or federal law;
 - (b) To the individual or the individual's authorized representative, if the individual executes a written release in a form and manner determined by the Commission;
 - (c) To the Commission staff for the purpose of carrying out their official duties;
 - (d) To the Commission Delegee(s) as authorized by the Commission;
 - (e) To other government officials and agencies acting within their lawful jurisdiction which includes, but is not limited to, law enforcement personnel;
 - (f) To a healthcare professional who has a *Bona Fide* Healthcare Professional-Patient Relationship with the Qualifying Patient to facilitate dispensing of Medical-use Marijuana;
 - (g) To an MTC or any state agency to facilitate the dispensing of Medical-use

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- (h) To the Commission staff if required in the course of an administrative or a judicial proceeding; or
- (i) If an individual or entity obtains an order from a court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) Nothing in 935 CMR 500.820: *Confidentiality* shall prevent the Commission from acting in accordance with its authority.

500.830: Petitions for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations

(1) Any interested Person may file a petition with the Commission pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A,

§ 4, for the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation. Such petition shall be submitted in written and electronic form, be signed by the petitioner or petitioner's representative, and include the following information:

- (a) The name, address, and relevant contact information for the petitioner or the petitioner's representative;
- (b) The petitioner's specific interest in the regulation;
- (c) The petitioner's request for the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation, including proposed regulatory language;
- (d) If the request is to amend an existing regulation, a copy of the existing regulation with changes clearly marked on paper and electronic copies; and
- (e) The reasons for the request including, but not limited to, citation to any relevant legal authority, arguments and evidence, including data, that supports the request.

(2) After receipt of a petition for submitted in accordance with 935 CMR 500.830: *Petitions for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations*, the Commission may consider the petition at an open meeting pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20, and determine, in its discretion, whether to take any action on or as a result of the petition. The Commission may also delegate the review of petitions to its Executive Director.

(3) Within a reasonable time, the Commission or a Commission Delegee will notify the petitioner as to its determination, if any, concerning the petition.

(4) The submission of a petition for the adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation pursuant to 935 CMR 500.830(1), and any action, inaction, determination or notice by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.830(2) with respect thereto, shall not constitute the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation, unless or until regulations are duly promulgated by the Commission in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, *State Administrative Procedure Act*, and 950 CMR 20.00: *Preparing and Filing Regulations, and the regulatory process requirements of the Secretary of the Commonwealth*.

500.840: Non-conflict with Other Laws

(1) Nothing in 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* shall be construed to limit the applicability of any other law as it pertains to the rights of landlords, employers, Law Enforcement Authorities, or regulatory agencies, except as otherwise provided in 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.

(2) Nothing in 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*:

- (a) Allows the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of Marijuana;
- (b) Requires the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law; or
- (c) Poses an obstacle to federal enforcement of federal law.

500.850: Waivers

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- (1) The Commission may delegate its authority to the Executive Director to waive a regulatory requirement promulgated under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4 and M.G.L. c. 94I, § 7. The Executive Director may determine the form and manner of the waiver process. There can be no waiver of statutory requirements.
- (2) The Commission may waive applicability of one or more of the requirements imposed by 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* on the submission of written documentation and a finding that:
 - (a) Compliance would cause undue hardship to the requestor;
 - (b) If applicable, the implementation of compensating features acceptable to the Commission;
 - (c) The noncompliance with the regulatory requirement would not jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of any Registered Qualifying Patient or the public; and
 - (d) The granting of the waiver would not constitute a waiver of any statutory requirements.
- (3) Waiver of Security Requirements. Any waiver of security requirements under this section, shall be requested under 935 CMR 500.110(2)(b).
- (4) An adverse decision on a waiver request does not entitle an applicant or Licensee to a hearing or judicial review.

500.860: Notice

- (1) The Commission shall maintain a list of individuals or entities that request notice.
- (2) Notice shall be provided, in a time and manner to be determined by the Commission, to those individuals or entities on the list in advance for:
 - (a) Meetings of the Cannabis Control Commission;
 - (b) Meetings of the Cannabis Advisory Board; and
 - (c) Other events determined by the Commission, in its discretion.
- (3) The individual or entity is responsible for ensuring that the information provided to the Commission for the purpose of receiving notice remains current.

500.900: Severability

The provisions of 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* are severable. If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section, subsection, paragraph, or provision unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

935 CMR 500.000: St. 2016, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, and M.G.L. 94G.

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502.001: Purpose

~~An entity engaged in colocated marijuana operations (CMOs) must comply with the adult use marijuana laws, St. 2017, c. 55; M.G.L. c. 94G; M.G.L. 94I; 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*; 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 502.000. In addition to 935 CMR 502.000, 935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000 control for CMOs.~~

502.002: Definitions

~~Adult use Cannabis or Marijuana means Marijuana that is cultivated, processed, transferred, tested or sold to adults 21 years of age or older in compliance with 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~Adult use Cannabis or Marijuana Products means Marijuana Products that are processed, manufactured, transferred, tested or sold to adults 21 years of age or older in compliance with 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~Cannabis or Marijuana Products means cannabis or marijuana and its products unless otherwise indicated. Cannabis or Marijuana Products includes products that have been manufactured and contain cannabis or marijuana or an extract from cannabis or marijuana, including concentrated forms of marijuana and products composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures. Cannabis or marijuana products are the equivalent of marijuana-infused products (MIPs) defined in 935 CMR 501.003: *Definitions*.~~

~~Caregiver means a personal caregiver or caregiving institution.~~

~~Caregiving Institution means a hospice program, long term care facility, or hospital duly licensed or certified by the Department or Commission providing care to a registered Qualifying Patient on the premises of the facility or through a hospice program.~~

~~Certificate of Registration means the certificate formerly and validly issued by the Department or currently or validly issued by the Commission that confirms that an RMD, caregiving institution or independent testing laboratory has met all applicable requirements pursuant to M.G.L. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, and was formerly and validly~~

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~~registered by the Department or is currently and validly registered by the Commission. An RMD may be eligible for a provisional or final certificate of registration.~~

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~~Clone means a clipping from a cannabis or marijuana plant which can be rooted and grown.~~

~~Colocated Marijuana Operations (CMO) means an entity operating under both an RMD registration pursuant to 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, and under at least one Marijuana Establishment license pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, on the same premise. Colocated marijuana operations pertain to cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail, but not any other adult-use license.~~

~~Commission means the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission established by M.G.L. c. 10, § 76, or its representatives. The Commission has authority to implement the state marijuana laws, which include, but are not limited to, St. 2017, c. 55; M.G.L. c. 94G; M.G.L. c. 94I; 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*, 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, and 935 CMR 502.000.~~

~~Commission Designee(s) means other state or local officials or agencies working in cooperation with the Commission and as designated by the Commission to carry out the Commission's responsibilities and to ensure compliance with the adult-use, medical-use, and colocated-operations laws.~~

~~Consumer means a person who is 21 years of age or older.~~

~~Delivery means the lawful delivery of marijuana or MIPs for medical use to a patient or caregiver.~~

~~Department of Public Health or Department means the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, unless otherwise specified. The Department had the authority to implement and regulate the medical-use of marijuana program before the Program Transfer.~~

~~Edible Marijuana infused Products (Edible MIPs) means a Marijuana infused Product (MIP) that is to be consumed by eating or drinking. Edible MIPs are the equivalent of edible marijuana products under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~Finished Marijuana means usable marijuana, cannabis resin or cannabis concentrate.~~

~~Hardship Cultivation Registration means a registration issued to a registered Qualifying Patient under the requirements of 935 CMR 501.035: *Hardship Cultivation Registration*.~~

~~Hemp means the plant of the genus Cannabis or any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed 0.3% on a dry weight basis of any part of the plant of the genus Cannabis, or per volume or weight of cannabis or marijuana product, or the combined percent of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant of the genus Cannabis regardless of moisture content.~~

~~Identification Badges are badges issued by an RMD, a Marijuana Establishment or the Commission, which must be used while on CMO premises. Identification badges must be issued in a form and manner determined by the Commission.~~

~~Independent Testing Laboratory means a laboratory qualified to test medical-use marijuana in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94I; 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, or adult-use marijuana licensed in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G and 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*. Testing by either a registered or licensed Independent Testing Laboratory may be deemed by the Commission to satisfy the requirements of M.G.L. c. 94G, § 15.~~

~~Laboratory Agent means an employee of an independent testing laboratory registered in accordance with 935 CMR 501.032: *Registration of Testing Laboratory Agents*, who transports or tests medical-use marijuana or MIPs; or an employee of an Independent Testing Laboratory registered in accordance with 935 CMR 500.029: *Registration and Conduct of Laboratory Agents*, who transports, possesses or tests cannabis or marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

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~~License means the certificate issued by the Commission that confirms that a Marijuana Establishment has met all applicable requirements pursuant to St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*. An applicant may be eligible for a provisional or final license.~~

~~Licensee means a person or entity licensed by the Commission to operate a Marijuana Establishment under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~Limited Access Area means an indoor or outdoor area on the registered premises of a CMO where cannabis or MIPs or marijuana products, or their byproducts are cultivated, stored, weighed, packaged, processed, or disposed, under the control of a CMO, with access limited only to those persons that are essential to operations in these areas designated by the CMO, representatives of the Commission as authorized by the adult use, medical use, and colocated operations laws, Commission designee(s), and law enforcement authorities acting within their lawful jurisdiction. An RMD agent can also access this area for adult use if they are also a marijuana establishment agent designated by the establishment.~~

~~Marijuana or Cannabis means all parts of any plant of the genus Cannabis, not excepted in 935 CMR 501.003: *Definitions*, and whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; and resin extracted from any part of the plant; clones of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin including tetrahydrocannabinol as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 1; provided that cannabis shall not include:~~

- ~~(a) the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature stalks, fiber, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant or the sterilized seed of the plant that is incapable of germination;~~
- ~~(b) hemp; or~~
- ~~(c) the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis or marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or other products.~~

~~Marijuana Establishment means an adult use Marijuana Cultivator, Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Retailer, Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Research Facility, Marijuana Transporter, Marijuana Microbusiness or any other type of licensed marijuana related business.~~

~~Marijuana Establishment Agent means a board member, director, employee, executive, manager, or volunteer of a Marijuana Establishment, who is 21 years of age or older. Employee includes a consultant or contractor who provides on-site services to a Marijuana Establishment related to the cultivation, harvesting, preparation, packaging, storage, testing, or dispensing of marijuana.~~

~~Marijuana-infused Product (MIP) means a product infused with marijuana that is intended for use or consumption including, but not limited to, edible products, ointments, aerosols, oils, and tinctures. Marijuana-infused Product (MIP), when created or sold by an RMD, shall not be considered a food or a drug as defined in M.G.L. c. 94, § 1. MIPs are the equivalent of marijuana products under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~Massachusetts Resident means a person whose primary residence is located in Massachusetts.~~

~~Medical-use Cannabis or Marijuana means Marijuana that is cultivated, processed, transferred, tested or sold in compliance with 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~Medical use Cannabis or Marijuana Products means Marijuana Products that are manufactured, transferred, tested or sold in compliance with 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.~~

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~~Patient Registration Card means an identification card formerly and validly issued by the Department or currently and validly issued by the Commission, to a registered Qualifying Patient, personal caregiver, institutional caregiver, RMD agent or laboratory agent. The medical registration card allows access into Commission supported databases. The medical registration card facilitates verification of an individual registrant's status including, but not limited to, identification by the Commission and law enforcement authorities of those individuals who are exempt from Massachusetts criminal and civil penalties under M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~Person means an individual or an entity.~~

~~Personal Caregiver means a person, formerly and validly registered by the Department or currently and validly registered by the Commission, who is at least 21 years old, who has agreed to assist with a registered Qualifying Patient's medical use of marijuana, and is not the registered Qualifying Patient's certifying healthcare provider. A visiting nurse, personal care attendant, or home health aide providing care to a registered Qualifying Patient may serve as a personal caregiver, including to patients younger than 18 years old as a second caregiver.~~

~~Program Transfer means the transfer of the medical use of marijuana program to the Commission pursuant to St. 2017, c. 55, §§ 64 through 71, and 82, and M.G.L. c. 94I.~~

~~Provisional RMD Certificate of Registration means a certificate formerly and validly issued by the Department or currently and validly issued by the Commission confirming that an RMD completed the application process.~~

~~Qualifying Patient means a Massachusetts resident 18 years of age or older who has been diagnosed by a Massachusetts licensed healthcare provider as having a debilitating medical condition, or a Massachusetts resident younger than 18 years old who has been diagnosed by two Massachusetts licensed certifying physicians, at least one of whom is a board certified pediatrician or board certified pediatric subspecialist, as having a debilitating medical condition that is also a life-limiting illness, subject to 935 CMR 501.010(10).~~

~~Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) means an entity formerly and validly registered under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* or currently and validly registered under 935 CMR 501.100: *Registration of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries*, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible MIPs, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered Qualifying Patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.~~

~~Registered Qualifying Patient means a Qualifying Patient who was formerly and validly issued a registration card by the Department or is currently and validly issued a registration card by the Commission.~~

~~Registrant means the holder of a registration card or a certificate of registration, or a certifying healthcare provider registered with the Department or Commission.~~

~~RMD Agent means a board member, director, employee, executive, manager, or volunteer of an RMD, who is 21 years of age or older. Employee includes a consultant or contractor who provides on-site services to an RMD related to the cultivation, harvesting, preparation, packaging, storage, testing, or dispensing of marijuana.~~

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~~Seed to sale Electronic Tracking System~~ means a system designated by the Commission as the system of record (~~Seed to sale SOR~~) or a secondary electronic tracking system used by an RMD or an Independent Testing Laboratory. This system shall capture everything that happens to an individual marijuana plant, from seed and cultivation, through growth, harvest and manufacture of MIPs, including transportation, if any, to final sale of finished products. ~~Seed to sale Electronic Tracking System~~ shall utilize a unique plant identification and unique batch identification. It will also be able to track agents' and registrants' involvement with the marijuana product. Any secondary system used by the RMD or Independent Testing Laboratory must integrate with the SOR in a form and manner determined by the Commission.

~~Seed to sale System of Record (Seed to sale SOR)~~ means the electronic tracking system designated and required by the Commission to perform a process.

~~Visitor~~ means an individual, other than an RMD agent or Marijuana Establishment agent, authorized by the CMO to be on the premises of an establishment for a purpose related its operations, provided however, that no such individual shall be younger than 21 years old.

~~502.003: Colocated Marijuana Operations (CMOs)~~

~~A Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) may also be licensed to conduct adult use operations as a Cultivator, Product Manufacturer and Retailer, as defined in 935 CMR 502.002. No other license type qualifies for CMOs.~~

~~A Marijuana Establishment may also be registered as an RMD. No other registration type qualifies for CMOs.~~

~~A "CMO" may also be used to refer to an RMD that is also licensed as a Marijuana Establishment, or a Marijuana Establishment that is also registered as an RMD, that conducts colocated marijuana operations at a particular premise.~~

~~502.005: Fees~~

~~(1) For CMOs, an applicant must pay all of the following fees:~~

~~(a) Marijuana Establishment Application Fee. The application fee for a Marijuana Establishment, that will be colocated with an RMD, shall be the respective application fee for the type of Marijuana Establishment set forth in 935 CMR 500.005: *Fees* or \$450, whichever is lower.~~

~~(b) RMD Application Fee. The application fee for an RMD, that will be colocated with a Marijuana Establishment, shall be the applicable fee set forth in 935 CMR 501.004: *Fees*.~~

~~(c) License and Registration Fees. A CMO must pay the respective registration fee(s) for operating an RMD, and the respective licensing fee(s) for operating a Marijuana Establishment.~~

~~(2) The fees identified in 935 CMR 502.005 do not include the following:~~

~~(a) The costs associated with the Commission SOR, the Seed to sale electronic tracking system, which includes a monthly program fee and fees for plant and package tags.~~

~~(b) The costs associated with criminal background checks as required under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~(c) The costs associated with preapproval of packaging and labels in accordance with 935 CMR 502.105(7).~~

~~502.028: Registration of Agents Affiliated with CMOs~~

~~An agent may be registered under 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. An agent working in CMOs may only perform tasks and duties permitted by the license or registration under which they are registered and may perform colocated tasks and duties only if registered under both 935 CMR 500.000 and 501.000.~~

~~502.101: Application Requirements~~

~~RMD applicants seeking to operate a Marijuana Establishment must comply with 935 CMR 500.101(2): *RMD Applicants*. A Marijuana Establishment seeking to operate as an RMD must comply with the application requirements in 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~(1) Additional License Requirements. There is no separate application process applicable to CMOs. However, in addition to the requirements set forth in 935 CMR 500.101: *Application Requirements*, 935 CMR 501.100: *Registration of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries*, and 501.031: *Registration of Independent Testing Laboratories*, applicants shall also provide, as part of their application, detailed descriptions of the following:~~

- ~~(a) a proposed plan for inventory, including entering inventory into the Seed to sale SOR so that it separates adult use and medical use products, and transferring inventory between an RMDs and a Marijuana Establishment;~~
- ~~(b) a proposed plan for transporting marijuana, MIPs, or marijuana products, including plans for how the CMO will comply with 935 CMR 500.105(13): *Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments* and 935 CMR 501.110(5): *Registered Marijuana Dispensary Transportation of Marijuana and MIPs*, and which shall prohibit delivery of adult use products; and~~
- ~~(c) a proposed plan for maintaining records, including plans for separating financial records for adult use products to ensure compliance with the applicable tax laws;~~

~~502.102: Action on Applications~~

~~Action on applications for CMOs will be determined in a form and a manner determined by the Commission which includes, but is not limited to, the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.102: *Action on Applications*.~~

~~502.103: Licensure and Renewal~~

~~Action on licensure and renewal for CMOs will be determined in a form and a manner determined by the Commission which includes, but is not limited to, the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.103: *Licensure and Renewal*.~~

~~502.104: Notification and Approval of Changes~~

~~Action on notification and approval of changes for CMOs will be determined in a form and a manner determined by the Commission which includes, but is not limited to, the procedures set forth in 935 CMR 500.104: *Notification and Approval of Changes*.~~

~~502.105: General Operational Requirements~~

~~(1) Written Operating Procedures. A CMO shall have detailed written operating procedures.~~

~~(a) A CMO must have written operating procedures that comply with both 935 CMR 500.105(1): *Written Operating Procedures* and 935 CMR 501.105(1).~~

~~A CMO is not precluded from having two sets of written operating procedures, one applicable to medical use and one applicable to adult use operations; or from having one set of written operating procedures so long as it complies with both 935 CMR 500.105(1): *Written Operating Procedures* and 935 CMR 501.105(1).~~

~~(b) If the CMO has additional locations, it shall develop and follow a set of such operating procedures for each location.~~

~~(c) If requested by the Commission, written operating procedures must be submitted to the Commission in searchable electronic form.~~

~~(2) **Agent Training.** For CMOs, an individual who is both an RMD agent and a marijuana establishment agent must receive the trainings provided in both 935 CMR 500.105(2)(a) and (b), and 935 CMR 501.105(8): *RMD Agent Training*, including training regarding privacy and confidentiality requirements for patients. Agents responsible for tracking and entering product into the Seed-to-sale SOR must receive training in a form and manner determined by the Commission.~~

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~~(3) Requirements for the Handling of Marijuana. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, a CMO must comply with 935 CMR 500.105(3): *Requirements for the Handling of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 501.105(3): *Requirements for Handling and Testing Marijuana and for Production of MIPs*.~~

~~(4) Marketing and Advertising Requirements.~~

~~(a) Permitted Practices.~~

~~1. A CMO may develop a business name and logo to be used in labeling, signage, and other materials; provided however, that use of medical symbols, images of marijuana, or related paraphernalia, and colloquial references to cannabis and marijuana that the Commission determines are appealing to persons younger than 21 years old are prohibited from use in this business name and logo.~~

~~2. Sponsorship of a charitable, sporting or similar event, except that advertising, marketing, and branding at or in connection with such an event is prohibited unless at least 85% of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data.~~

~~3. A CMO may display, in secure, locked cases, samples of each product offered for sale and subject to the requirements of 935 CMR 500.110: *Security Requirements for Marijuana Establishments*. These display cases may be transparent. An authorized agent may remove a sample of marijuana from the case and provide it to the Qualifying Patient, caregiver or consumer for inspection, provided the Qualifying Patient, caregiver or consumer may not consume or otherwise use the sample unless otherwise authorized in 935 CMR 502.105(4)(a)3. CMOs are prohibited from providing adult use products for on-site social consumption.~~

~~4. A CMO may post prices in the store and may respond to questions about pricing. A CMO shall provide a catalogue or a printed list of the prices and strains of marijuana available at the CMO to registered Qualifying Patients, personal caregivers, and consumers upon request. A catalogue or a printed list of the prices, strains of marijuana and MIPs available at the CMO may also be posted on a CMO's website. A CMO cannot post prices in any other manner.~~

~~5. A CMO may engage in reasonable marketing, advertising and branding practices that do not jeopardize the public health, welfare or safety of the general public or promote the diversion of adult use marijuana or non-medical marijuana use in individuals younger than 21 years old. Any such marketing, advertising and branding created for viewing by the public shall include the statement "Please Consume Responsibly", in a conspicuous manner on the face of the advertisement and shall include a minimum of two of the following warnings in their entirety in a conspicuous manner on the face of the advertisement:~~

~~a. "This product may cause impairment and may be habit forming."~~

~~b. "Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug."~~

~~c. "There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product."~~

~~d. "For use only by adults 21 years of age or older or persons holding a patient registration card. Keep out of the reach of children."~~

~~e. "Marijuana should not be used by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding."~~

~~6. All marketing, advertising and branding produced by or on behalf of a CMO shall include the following warning, including capitalization, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(xxvi):~~

~~"This product has not been analyzed or approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN. There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product. Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment. The impairment effects of edible marijuana may be delayed by two hours or more. In case of accidental ingestion, contact poison control hotline 1-800-222-1222 or 9-1-1. This product may be illegal outside of MA."~~

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~~(b) Prohibited Practices. The following advertising, marketing, and branding activities are prohibited:~~

- ~~1. advertising, marketing and branding in such a manner that is deemed to be deceptive, false, misleading, or untrue, or tends to deceive or create a misleading impression, whether directly, or by ambiguity or omission;~~
- ~~2. advertising, marketing and branding by means of television, radio, internet, mobile applications, social media, or other electronic communication, billboard or other outdoor advertising, or print publication, unless at least 85% of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older as determined by reliable and current audience composition data;~~
- ~~3. advertising, marketing and branding that utilizes statements, designs, representations, pictures or illustrations that portray anyone younger than 21 years old;
A CMO must seek approval from the Commission to advertise, market and brand to portray persons under 21 years of age holding a patient registration card;~~
- ~~4. advertising, marketing and branding including, but not limited to, mascots, cartoons, brand sponsorships and celebrity endorsements, that is deemed to appeal to a person younger than 21 years of age;~~
- ~~5. advertising, marketing and branding, including statements by a licensee, that makes any false or misleading statements concerning other registrants or licensees and the conduct and products of such other registrants or licensees;~~
- ~~6. advertising, marketing and branding through certain identified promotional items as determined by the Commission including, but not limited to, gifts, giveaways, coupons, or "free" or "donated" marijuana;~~
- ~~7. advertising, marketing and branding by a registrant or licensee that asserts that its products are safe, or represent that its products have curative or therapeutic effects, other than labeling required pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(a½)(xxvi), unless supported by substantial evidence or substantial clinical data with reasonable scientific rigor as determined by the Commission;~~
- ~~8. installation of any neon signage or any illuminated external signage which fails to comply with all local ordinances and requirements;~~
- ~~9. installation of any external signage that is illuminated beyond the period of 30 minutes before sundown until closing, provided however that the Commission may further specify minimum signage requirements;~~
- ~~10. the use of vehicles equipped with radio or loud speakers for the advertising of marijuana;~~
- ~~11. the use of radio or loud speaker equipment for the purpose of attracting attention to the sale of marijuana;~~
- ~~12. advertising, marketing and branding at, or in connection with, a charitable, sporting or similar event, unless at least 85% of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, current audience composition data;~~
- ~~13. operation of any CMO website that fails to verify that the entrant is a Qualifying Patient, or a caregiver or 21 years of age or older;~~
- ~~14. use of unsolicited pop up advertisements on the internet;~~
- ~~15. any advertising of an improper or objectionable nature including, but not limited to, the use of recipe books or pamphlets for MIPs or marijuana products which contain obscene or suggestive statements;~~
- ~~16. advertising, marketing or branding of MIPs or marijuana products, on clothing, cups, drink holders, apparel accessories, electronic equipment or accessories, sporting equipment, novelty items and similar portable promotional items;~~
- ~~17. advertising, marketing or branding on or in public or private vehicles and at bus stops, taxi stands, transportation waiting areas, train stations, airports, or other similar transportation venues including, but not limited to, vinyl wrapped vehicles or signs or logos on transportation vehicles or company cars; and~~
- ~~18. display of MIPs or marijuana products so as to be clearly visible to a person from the exterior of a CMO.~~

~~(c) Nothing in 935-CMR 502.105(4)(b)1. through 18. prohibits a CMO from using a mark provided by the Commission which uses images of marijuana.~~

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~~(5) Labeling of Marijuana, MIPs, or Marijuana Products.~~

~~(a) Prior to April 1, 2019, at the point of sale, a CMO's marijuana, MIPs or marijuana products must comply with the labeling requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(5): *Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments* for adult use sales or 935 CMR 501.105(5): *Packaging and Labeling* for medical use sales.~~

~~(b) On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, a CMO's entire inventory must at a minimum have a label that includes the tracking number(s) for the Seed-to-sale SOR. Each plant must have a plant tag.~~

~~(c) On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, at the point of sale, a CMO's marijuana, MIPs, or marijuana products must be recorded in the Seed to sale SOR and must comply with the labeling requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(5): *Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* for adult use sales or 935 CMR 501.105(5): *Packaging and Labeling* for medical use sales.~~

~~(d) On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, the Commission may provide an approved label that satisfies the labeling requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(5): *Labeling of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* for adult use sales or 935 CMR 501.105(5): *Packaging and Labeling* for medical use sales.~~

~~(6) Packaging of Marijuana, MIPs, or Marijuana Products.~~

~~(a) Prior to April 1, 2019, at the point of sale, a CMO's marijuana, MIPs, or marijuana products must be recorded in the Seed to sale SOR and must comply with the packaging requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(6): *Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* for adult use sales or 935 CMR 501.105(5): *Packaging and Labeling* for medical use sales.~~

~~(b) On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, a CMO's entire inventory must at a minimum have a package tag that includes the tracking number(s) for the Seed to sale SOR. Each plant must have a plant tag.~~

~~(c) On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, at the point of sale, a CMO's marijuana, MIPs, or marijuana product must be recorded in the Seed to sale SOR and must comply with the packaging requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(6): *Packaging of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* for adult use sales or 935 CMR 501.105(5): *Packaging and Labeling* for medical use sales.~~

~~(7) Packaging and Labeling Preapproval. Prior to a marijuana product being sold at a CMO, a registrant, licensee or applicant may submit an application, in a form and manner determined by the Commission, for packaging and label approval by the Commission. The Commission may charge a fee for packaging and labeling pre-approval. The packaging and labeling preapproval process shall in no way substitute for compliance with 935 CMR 502.105(4) through (6).~~

~~(8) Inventory and Transfer.~~

~~(a) Inventory.~~

~~1. A CMO's real time inventory tracking shall be maintained in accordance with 935 CMR 500.105(8)(c) and (d), and include, at a minimum, an inventory of marijuana plants; marijuana plant seeds and clones in any phase of development such as propagation, vegetation, and flowering; marijuana ready for dispensing; all MIPs or marijuana products; and all damaged, defective, expired, or contaminated marijuana, MIPs or marijuana products awaiting disposal.~~

~~2. An RMD or a Marijuana Establishment operating as a CMO shall:~~

~~a. Establish inventory controls and procedures for the conduct of inventory reviews, and comprehensive inventories of MIPs or marijuana products in the process of cultivation, and finished, and stored marijuana;~~

~~b. Conduct a monthly inventory of marijuana in the process of cultivation and finished, stored marijuana;~~

~~c. Conduct a comprehensive annual inventory at least once every year after the date of the previous comprehensive inventory; and~~

~~d. Promptly transcribe inventories if taken by use of an oral recording device.~~

~~3. The record of each inventory shall include, at a minimum, the date of the inventory, a summary of the inventory findings, and the names, signatures, and titles of the individuals who conducted the inventory.~~

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~~4.—A CMO must implement procedures for virtual, *i.e.*, electronic, separation of medical-use and adult-use marijuana, MIPs, and marijuana products subject to Commission approval. The use of plant or package tags in the Seed-to-sale SOR may constitute sufficient separation.~~

~~5.—After Program Transfer, an RMD shall enter its entire inventory into the Seed-to-sale SOR in a form and manner determined by the Commission.~~

~~a.—On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, an RMD must attach plant tags to all marijuana clones and plants and attach package tags to all finished marijuana, MIPs and marijuana products and enter any remaining inventory, including seeds, into the Seed-to-sale SOR. The failure to enter inventory into the Seed-to-sale SOR may result in the suspension or revocation of an RMD registration or Marijuana Establishment license.~~

~~b.—The use of the Seed-to-sale SOR does not preclude an RMD from using a secondary electronic tracking system so long as it otherwise complies with 935 CMR 501.105: *Operational Requirements for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries*.~~

~~The RMD must seek approval from the Commission to integrate the secondary system with the Seed-to-sale SOR designated by the Commission.~~

~~6.—On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, a CMO must maintain, at a minimum, electronic separation of medical and adult-use marijuana, MIPs, and marijuana products in the Seed-to-sale SOR.~~

~~(b) Transfer of Product. Subject to marijuana product or MIPs being entered into the Seed-to-sale SOR, an RMD may transfer product to a Marijuana Establishment; and a Marijuana Establishment may transfer product to an RMD as long as there is no violation of the dosing limitations set forth in 935 CMR 500.150(4): *Dosing Limitations*.~~

~~Such transfers cannot violate provisions protecting patient supply under 935 CMR 502.140(9). An RMD must limit its transfer of inventory of seeds, plants, and usable marijuana to reflect the projected needs of registered Qualifying Patients.~~

~~(c) Sale of Product.~~

~~1.—Medical-use marijuana or MIPs, may be sold to Qualifying Patients or caregivers only if it has been tested by an Independent Testing Laboratory registered or licensed at the time of sale to test medical-use marijuana in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I, 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, and 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~2.—Marijuana or marijuana products may be sold to adult-use consumers if it has been tested by an Independent Testing Laboratory that is licensed at the time of sale to test adult-use marijuana in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~3.—Before April 1, 2019, at a minimum at the point of sale or prior to the point of sale, a CMO must designate whether marijuana or marijuana products are intended for sale for adult use through the Seed-to-sale SOR. Products shall be transferred to the appropriate license within the Seed-to-sale SOR prior to sale. After the point of sale, there shall be a reconciliation of that inventory in the SOR.~~

~~4.—On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, at a minimum at the point of sale or prior to the point of sale, a CMO must designate whether marijuana or MIPs, or marijuana products are intended for sale for adult use or medical use through the SOR. Products shall be transferred to the appropriate license within the Seed-to-sale SOR prior to sale. After the point of sale, there shall be a reconciliation of that inventory in the SOR.~~

~~5.—To the extent a CMO conducts adult-use retail sales, it is subject to the laws governing _____ taxation in the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, the laws regarding taxation, filing, audit and seizure~~

~~(9) Record Keeping. A CMO shall comply with 935 CMR 500.105(9): *Record Keeping* and 935 CMR 501.105(9): *Record Keeping*.~~

~~(10) Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow.~~

~~(a) A CMO shall obtain and maintain general liability insurance coverage for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in aggregate, annually, and product liability insurance coverage for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in aggregate, annually, except as provided in 935 CMR 502.105(10)(b) or otherwise approved~~

~~by the Commission. The deductible for each policy shall be no higher than \$5,000 per occurrence.~~

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~~(b) A CMO that documents an inability to obtain minimum liability insurance coverage as required by 935 CMR 502.105(10)(a) may place in escrow a sum of no less than \$250,000 or such other amount approved by the Commission, to be expended for coverage of liabilities.~~

~~(c) The escrow account required pursuant to 935 CMR 502.105(10)(b) must be replenished within ten business days of any expenditure.~~

~~(d) Reports documenting compliance with 935 CMR 502.105(10) shall be made in a manner and form determined by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 501.105(13): *Reports to the Commission*.~~

~~(11) Storage Requirements. A CMO shall comply with both 935 CMR 500.105(11): *Storage Requirements* and 935 CMR 501.105(4): *RMD Storage Requirements*.~~

~~(12) Waste Disposal:~~

~~(a) All recyclables and waste, including organic waste composed of or containing finished marijuana, MIPs, or marijuana products, shall be stored, secured, and managed in accordance with applicable state and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations.~~

~~(b) Liquid waste containing marijuana or by products of marijuana processing shall be disposed of in compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements including, but not limited to, for discharge of pollutants into surface water or groundwater (Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26 through 53; 314 CMR 3.00: *Surface Water Discharge Permit Program*; 314 CMR 5.00: *Groundwater Discharge Program*; 314 CMR 12.00: *Operation Maintenance and Pretreatment Standards for Wastewater Treatment Works and Indirect Dischargers*; the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulations at 40 CFR Part 122, 314 CMR 7.00: *Sewer System Extension and Connection Permit Program*), or stored pending disposal in an industrial wastewater holding tank in accordance with 314 CMR 18.00: *Industrial Wastewater Holding Tanks and Containers*.~~

~~(c) Organic material, recyclable material and solid waste generated at a CMO shall be redirected or disposed of as follows:~~

~~1. Organic and recyclable material shall be redirected from disposal in accordance with the waste disposal bans described at 310 CMR 19.017: *Waste Bans*.~~

~~2. To the greatest extent feasible:~~

~~a. Any recyclable material as defined in 310 CMR 16.02: *Definitions* shall be recycled in a manner approved by the Commission; and~~

~~b. Any remaining marijuana waste shall be ground and mixed with other organic material as defined in 310 CMR 16.02: *Definitions* such that the resulting mixture renders the marijuana unusable for its original purpose. Once such marijuana waste has been rendered unusable, the mixture may be composted or digested at an aerobic or anaerobic digester at an operation that is in compliance with the requirements of 310 CMR 16.00: *Site Assignment Regulations for Solid Waste Facilities*.~~

~~3. Solid waste containing cannabis waste generated by CMO may be ground up and mixed with solid wastes such that the resulting mixture renders the cannabis unusable for its original purposes. Once such cannabis waste has been rendered unusable, it may be brought to a solid waste transfer facility or a solid waste disposal facility (e.g., landfill or incinerator) that holds a valid permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection or by the appropriate state agency in the state in which the facility is located; or~~

~~(d) No fewer than two Marijuana Establishments or RMD Agents must witness and document how the marijuana waste is disposed or otherwise handled (recycled, composted, etc.) in accordance with 935 CMR 502.105(12).~~

~~(e) A CMO must accept at no charge unused, excess, or contaminated marijuana or MIPs from a registered Qualifying Patient, personal caregiver and shall destroy it as provided in 935 CMR 502.105(12) and maintain a written record of such disposal, which shall include the name of the supplying registered Qualifying Patient or personal caregiver if applicable.~~

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~~(f) When marijuana, MIPs or marijuana products or waste is disposed or handled, the CMO must create and maintain an electronic record of the date, the type and quantity disposed or handled, the manner of disposal or other handling, the location of disposal or other handling, and the names of the two agents present during the disposal or other handling, with their signatures. CMOs shall keep these records for at least three years. This period shall automatically be extended for the duration of any enforcement action and may be extended by an order of the Commission.~~

~~On April 1, 2019 and thereafter, the disposal of marijuana, MIPs or marijuana products must be recorded and tracked in the Seed to sale SOR.~~

~~(13) Transportation.~~

~~(a) Any transport of adult use marijuana and marijuana products is governed by 935 CMR 500.105(13): *Transportation Between Marijuana Establishments*; and any transport or delivery of medical use marijuana and MIPs is governed by 935 CMR 501.105(3), (6) and (16) and 935 CMR 501.110(5): *Registered Marijuana Dispensary Transportation of Marijuana and MIPs*.~~

~~(b) A CMO can transport adult use and medical use marijuana, MIPs and marijuana products if it is appropriately registered and licensed to do so. Where a CMO is transporting both adult use and medical use marijuana, MIPs and marijuana products, the CMO must comply with the more restrictive security provisions.~~

~~(c) A CMO is prohibited from delivering adult use marijuana for purposes other than commercial use by a licensed Marijuana Establishment. Any vehicle authorized to transport medical use marijuana for delivery to a private residence cannot transport adult use marijuana at the same time.~~

~~(14) Access to the Commission, State and Local Officials and Agencies, Law Enforcement and Emergency Responders.~~

~~(a) The following individuals shall have access to a CMO or CMO transportation vehicle:~~

- ~~1. Representatives of the Commission acting in the course of their authority under the adult use marijuana laws, St. 2016, c. 334 as amended by St. 2017, c. 55; M.G.L. c. 94G; 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*; M.G.L. c. 94I; 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use Marijuana* and 935 CMR 502.000: *Colocated Adult use and Medical use Marijuana Operations*;~~
- ~~2. Commission Designee(s); and~~
- ~~3. Law enforcement authorities and emergency responders acting within their lawful jurisdiction.~~

~~(b) 935 CMR 502.000: *Colocated Adult use and Medical use Marijuana Operations* shall not be construed to prohibit access to state and local officials and agencies acting within their lawful jurisdiction.~~

~~(15) Energy Efficiency and Conservation. A CMO must comply with 935 CMR 500.105(15): *Energy Efficiency and Conservation.*~~~~(16) Bond. A CMO must comply with 935 CMR 500.105(16): *Bond.*~~~~(17) Social Equity Program. A CMO must comply with 935 CMR 500.105(17): *Social Equity Program.* For purposes of 935 CMR 502.105(17), "Marijuana Establishment" wherever it appears in 935 CMR 500.105(17) shall mean CMO.—~~~~502.110:—Security Requirements~~

~~(1) General Requirements. A CMO shall implement sufficient security measures to deter and prevent unauthorized entrance into areas containing marijuana and theft of marijuana at the CMO. Security measures taken by the CMO to protect the premises, registered Qualifying Patients, personal caregivers, employees, Marijuana Establishment agents, RMD agents, consumers and general public shall include, but not be limited to the following:~~

~~(a) Positively identifying individuals seeking access to the premises of the CMO to limit access solely to individuals 21 years of age or older, or registered Qualifying Patients or personal caregivers;~~

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- ~~(b) Adopting procedures to prevent loitering and ensure that only individuals engaging in activity expressly or by necessary implication permitted by M.G.L. c. 94I; 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana* and are allowed to remain on the premises;~~
- ~~(c) Disposing of marijuana in accordance with 935 CMR 502.105(12) in excess of the quantity required for normal, efficient operation as established within 935 CMR 502.105;~~
- ~~(d) Securing all entrances to the CMO to prevent unauthorized access;~~
- ~~(e) Establishing limited access areas pursuant to 935 CMR 502.110(4), which shall be accessible only to specifically authorized personnel limited to include only the minimum number of employees essential for efficient operation;~~
- ~~(f) Storing all finished marijuana, MIPs or marijuana products in a secure, locked safe or vault in such a manner as to prevent diversion, theft and loss;~~
- ~~(g) Keeping all safes, vaults and any other equipment or areas used for the production, cultivation, harvesting, processing or storage of marijuana, MIPs or marijuana products securely locked and protected from entry, except for the actual time required to remove or replace marijuana;~~
- ~~(h) Keeping all locks and security equipment in good working order;~~
- ~~(i) Prohibiting keys, if any, from being left in the locks or stored or placed in a location accessible to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;~~
- ~~(j) Prohibiting accessibility of security measures, such as combination numbers, passwords or electronic or biometric security systems, to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;~~
- ~~(k) Ensuring that the outside perimeter of the CMO is sufficiently lit to facilitate surveillance, where applicable;~~
- ~~(l) Ensuring that all marijuana, MIPs or marijuana products are kept out of plain sight and are not visible from a public place without the use of binoculars, optical aids or aircraft;~~
- ~~(m) Developing emergency policies and procedures for securing all product following any instance of diversion, theft or loss of marijuana, and conduct an assessment to determine whether additional safeguards are necessary;~~
- ~~(n) Developing sufficient additional safeguards as required by the Commission for CMOs that present special security concerns; and~~
- ~~(o) Sharing the CMO's security plan and procedures with law enforcement authorities and fire services and periodically updating law enforcement authorities and fire services if the plans or procedures are modified in a material way.~~

~~(2) Alternate Security Provisions:~~

- ~~(a) Notwithstanding the requirements specified in 935 CMR 502.110(1), (5) and (6), if a CMO has provided other, specific safeguards that may be regarded as an adequate substitute for those requirements, such measures may be taken into account by the Commission in evaluating the overall required security measures.~~
- ~~(b) The applicant, registrant or licensee shall submit a request for an alternative security provision to the Commission on a form as determined and made available by the Commission. Upon receipt of the form, the Commission shall submit the request to the chief law enforcement officer in the municipality where the CMO is located or will be located. The Commission shall request that the chief law enforcement officer review the request and alternative security provision requested and, within 30 days:

 - ~~1. certify the sufficiency of the requested alternate security provision; or~~
 - ~~2. provide the Commission with a statement of reasons why the alternative security provision is not sufficient in the opinion of the chief law enforcement officer.~~
 The Commission shall take the chief law enforcement officer's opinion under consideration in determining whether to grant the alternative security provision, provided that it shall not be determinative. If no response is received from the chief law enforcement officer or a designee within 30 days of submitting the request to the chief law enforcement officer, the Commission shall proceed with a determination.~~

~~502.110:—continued~~

~~(3) Buffer Zone. The property where the proposed CMO is to be located, at the time the license application is received by the Commission, is not located within 500 feet of a preexisting public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, unless a city or town adopts an ordinance or bylaw that reduces the distance requirement. The distance under 935 CMR 502.110 shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line in question to the nearest point of the property line where the CMO is or will be located.~~

~~(4) Limited Access Areas.~~

~~(a) All limited access areas must be identified by the posting of a sign that shall be a minimum of 12" x 12" and which states: "Do Not Enter limited Access Area access Limited to Authorized Personnel Only" in lettering no smaller than one inch in height.~~

~~(b) All limited access areas shall be clearly described by the filing of a diagram of the registered premises, in the form and manner determined by the Commission, reflecting entrances and exits, walls, partitions, counters, vegetation, flowering, processing, production, storage, disposal and retail sales areas.~~

~~(c) Access to limited access areas shall be limited to persons that are essential to operations in these areas and specifically permitted by the RMD or Marijuana Establishment; representatives of the Commission acting in accordance with their authority under the adult use, medical use and colocated operations laws; Commission designee(s); and law enforcement authorities; and emergency responders acting within their lawful jurisdiction.~~

~~(d) Employees of the CMO shall visibly display an employee identification badge issued by the CMO or the Commission at all times while at the CMO or transporting marijuana.~~

~~(e) All outside vendors, contractors and visitors shall obtain a visitor identification badge prior to entering a limited access area, and shall be escorted at all times by a marijuana establishment agent or RMD agent authorized to enter the limited access area. The visitor identification badge shall be visibly displayed at all times while the visitor is in any limited access area. All visitors must be logged in and out and that log shall be available for inspection by the Commission at all times. All visitor identification badges shall be returned to the CMO upon exit.~~

~~(5) Security and Alarm Requirements for CMOs Operating Enclosed Areas. A CMO must comply with 935 CMR 500.110(5): *Security and Alarm Requirements for Marijuana Establishments Operating Enclosed Areas.* For purposes of 935 CMR 502.110(5), "Marijuana Establishment" wherever it appears in 935 CMR 500.110(5) shall mean CMO.~~

~~(6) Security and Alarm Requirements for CMOs Operating an Open Cultivation Facility. A CMO operating an open cultivation facility must comply with 935 CMR 500.110(6): *Security and Alarm Requirements for Marijuana Establishments Operating an Open Cultivation Facility.* For purposes of 935 CMR 502.110(6), "Marijuana Establishment" wherever it appears in 935 CMR 500.110(6) shall mean CMO.~~

~~(7) Incident Reporting. A CMO must comply with 935 CMR 500.110(7): *Incident Reporting.* For purposes of 935 CMR 502.110(7), "Marijuana Establishment" wherever it appears in 935 CMR 500.110(7) shall mean CMO.~~

~~(8) Security Audits. A CMO shall comply with 935 CMR 500.110(8): *Security Audits and 935 CMR 501.110(7): Incident Reporting.*~~

~~502.120:—Additional Operational Requirements for Cultivation~~

~~An RMD that cultivates marijuana for adult use must comply with 935 CMR 500.120: *Additional Operating Requirements for Indoor and Outdoor Marijuana Cultivators.*~~

~~502.130: Additional Operating Requirements for Product Manufacturing~~

~~At the point of initial production, a CMO's marijuana or MIPs that are tracked for medical use in the Seed to sale SOR must comply with 935 CMR 501.105(3): Requirements for Handling and Testing Marijuana and for Production of MIPs. At the point of initial production, a CMO's marijuana or marijuana products that are tracked for adult use in the Seed to sale SOR must comply with 935 CMR 500.130: Additional Operating Requirements for Marijuana Product Manufacturers.~~

~~502.140: Additional Operational Requirements for Retail Sales~~

~~(1) In addition to the general operational requirements for CMOs required under 935 CMR 502.105, CMOs engaged in retail sales shall comply with additional operational requirements for CMOs under 935 CMR 502.140.~~

~~(2) On premises Verification of Identification for CMOs. Upon entry into the premises of a CMO by an individual, an RMD agent or marijuana establishment agent shall immediately inspect the individual's proof of identification and determine that the individual is 21 years of age or older. A patient registration card is not sufficient proof of age.~~

~~(a) If the individual is between 18 and 21 years of age, he or she shall not be admitted unless they produce an active patient registration card issued by the DPH or the Commission.~~

~~(b) If the individual is younger than 18 years old, he or she shall not be admitted without an active patient registration card and a personal caregiver with an active patient registration card.~~

~~(c) In addition to the patient registration card, registered Qualifying Patients 18 years of age and older and personal caregivers must also produce proof of identification.~~

~~(3) Limitation on Sales. A CMO must comply with requirements related to limitation on sales provided in 935 CMR 500.140(4): Limitations on Sales.~~

~~(4) Unauthorized Sales and Right to Refuse Sales. A CMO must comply with 935 CMR 500.140(5): Unauthorized Sales and Right to Refuse Sales.~~

~~(5) Recording Sales. A CMO must comply with 935 CMR 500.140(6): Recording Sales. In addition, a colocated retailer shall maintain and provide to the Commission on a biannual basis accurate sales data collected by the licensee during the six months immediately preceding this application to ensure an adequate supply of marijuana and MIPs or marijuana products under 935 CMR 500.140(10): Patient Supply.~~

~~(6) Physical Separation of Marijuana and MIPs or Marijuana Products for Medical or Adult Use. A CMO shall provide for physical separation between medical and adult use sales areas. Separation may be provided by a temporary or semi-permanent physical barrier, such as a stanchion, that, in the opinion of the Commission, adequately separates sales areas of MIPs for medical use from sales areas of marijuana products for adult use for the purpose of patient confidentiality.~~

~~(a) A CMO shall provide for separate lines for sales of marijuana or MIPs for medical use from marijuana products for adult use within the sales area, provided that the holder of a patient registration card may use either line and shall not be limited only to the medical use line, so long as the CMO can record the patient's transaction in accordance with 935 CMR 501.105(5)(d).~~

~~(b) A CMO shall additionally provide a patient consultation area, an area that is separate from the sales floor that is enclosed to allow privacy and for confidential visual and auditory consultation with Qualifying Patients.~~

~~(c) A CMO's patient consultation area must have signage stating, "Consultation Area". The private consultation area must be separate from the sales area. It must be accessible by a Qualifying Patient or caregiver without having to traverse a Limited Access Area.~~

~~(d) A CMO shall use best efforts to prioritize patient and caregiver identification verification and physical entry into its retail area.~~

~~(7) Consumer and Patient Education. A CMO must comply with the consumer education requirements under 935 CMR 500.140(8); *Consumer Education* and patient education requirements under 935 CMR 501.105(11); *Patient Education.*~~

~~502.140:—continued~~

~~(8) Testing. No marijuana, MIP or marijuana product may be sold for adult use or medical use that is not capable of being tested by an Independent Testing Laboratory in accordance with 935 CMR 502.105(8)(c). The product must be deemed to comply with the standards required under 935 CMR 500.160: *Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products.*~~

~~(9) Patient Supply.~~

~~(a) A CMO shall ensure access to a sufficient quantity and variety of marijuana products, including marijuana, for patients registered under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana.*~~

~~1. Where the CMO has been open and dispensing for a period of less than six months, the license shall reserve 35% of the RMD's marijuana products.~~

~~2. Where the CMO has been open and dispensing for a period of six months or longer, the licensee shall maintain a quantity and variety of marijuana products for patients registered under 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*, sufficient to meet the demand indicated by an analysis of sales data collected by the licensee during the preceding six months in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6) *Recording Sales.*~~

~~(b) Marijuana products reserved for patient supply shall, unless unreasonably impracticable, reflect the actual types and strains of marijuana products documented during the previous six months. If a substitution must be made, the substitution shall reflect as closely as possible the type and strain no longer available.~~

~~(c) On a quarterly basis, the CMO shall submit to the Commission an inventory plan to reserve a sufficient quantity and variety of medical use products for registered patients, based on reasonably anticipated patient needs as documented by sales records over the preceding six months. On each occasion that the supply of any product within the reserved patient supply is exhausted and a reasonable substitution cannot be made, the CMO shall submit a report to the Commission in a form determined by the Commission.~~

~~(d) Marijuana products reserved for patient supply shall be either maintained on-site at the retailer or easily accessible at another location operated by the licensee and transferable to the retailer location within 48 hours of notification that the on-site supply has been exhausted. CMOs shall perform audits of patient supply available on a weekly basis and retain those records for a period of six months.~~

~~(e) The Commission shall, consistent with 935 CMR 500.300: *Inspections and Compliance*, inspect and audit CMOs to ensure compliance with 935 CMR 502.140. The Commission may, in addition to the issuance of a deficiency statement under 935 CMR 500.310: *Deficiency Statements* and a plan of correction under 935 CMR 500.320: *Plans of Correction*, demand that the CMO take immediate steps to replenish its reserved patient supply to reflect the amounts required under 935 CMR 502.140(9)(a). Failure to adequately address a deficiency statement or follow a plan of correction shall result in administrative action by the Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.450: *Marijuana Establishment License: Grounds for Denial of Renewal Applications, Suspension and Revocation* and 935 CMR 500.500: *Hearings and Appeals of Actions on Licenses.*~~

~~(f) CMOs may transfer marijuana products reserved for medical use to adult use within a reasonable period of time prior to the date of expiration provided that the product does not pose a risk to health or safety.~~

~~502.150:—Edible MIPs or Marijuana Products~~

~~(1) At the point of final production, a CMO's marijuana and MIPs recorded for medical use in its Seed to sale SOR must comply with the packaging and labeling requirements in 935 CMR 501.105(5): *Packaging and Labeling.*~~

~~(2) At the point of final production, a CMO's marijuana or marijuana products that is recorded for adult use in its Seed to sale SOR must comply with the packaging, labeling, and dosing requirements in 935 CMR 500.105(5) and (6), and 935 CMR 500.150: *Edible Marijuana Products.*~~

~~502.160: Testing of Marijuana, MIPs, or Marijuana Products~~

~~(1) A CMO is prohibited from selling any marijuana, MIPs, or marijuana products that have not already been tested by an Independent Testing Laboratory, in compliance with the testing protocols established by 935 CMR 500.160: *Testing of Marijuana and Marijuana Products* or 935 CMR 501.105(3): *Requirements for Handling and Testing Marijuana and for Production of MIPs*.~~

~~(a) Medical use marijuana or MIPs, may be sold to Qualifying Patients or caregivers if it has been tested by an Independent Testing Laboratory registered at the time of sale to test medical use marijuana in compliance with M.G.L. c. 94I, and 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~(b) Marijuana or marijuana products may be sold to consumers if it has been tested by an Independent Testing Laboratory that is licensed at the time of sale to test adult use marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana*.~~

~~(2) At any time, adult use marijuana or marijuana product must be tracked in the Seed to sale SOR.~~

~~(3) On April 1, 2019 or thereafter, testing of all marijuana, or MIPs marijuana products, must be tracked in the Seed to sale SOR.~~

~~502.300: Inspections~~

~~The Commission or its agents or designees may inspect CMOs pursuant to 935 CMR 500.300: *Inspections and Compliance* and 935 CMR 501.300: *Inspection of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries* to determine the CMO's compliance with the adult use, medical use and colocated operations laws.~~

~~502.700: Waivers~~

~~For CMOs, in addition to waiver provisions set forth in 935 CMR 500.700: *Waivers* and 935 CMR 501.700: *Waivers*, the Commission may delegate its authority to the Executive Director to waive administrative regulatory requirements under either 935 CMR 500.000: *Adult Use of Marijuana* or 935 CMR 501.000: *Medical Use of Marijuana*. The Executive Director may determine the process or manner of the waiver process, including whether a registrant, licensee or applicant is required to request a waiver in writing. There can be no waiver of statutory requirements. A waiver of the regulatory requirements cannot pose a risk to the public health, safety or welfare.~~

~~502.900: Severability~~

~~The provisions of 935 CMR 502.000: *Colocated Adult use and Medical use Marijuana Operations* are severable. If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section, subsection, paragraph, or provision unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.~~

~~REGULATORY AUTHORITY~~

~~935 CMR 502.000: St. 2017, c. 55: *An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana*, and M.G.L. c. 94G and M.G.L. c. 94I.~~

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Item Title:

STA AGREEMENTS-ATLANTIC RED CRAB CO. & EASTERN FISHERIES & TIE/HDIP,
NATIONAL DOWNTOWN CLUB LLC

Item Detail:

8. COMMUNICATION, Derek Santos, Executive Director, New Bedford Economic Development Council, to Council President Lopes and Members of the City Council, submitting two proposed STA applications approved by the Tax Increment Financing Board for a five (5) year Agreement for **The Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC** and **Eastern Fisheries, Inc.** and one proposed TIE/HDIP application for **2135 and 319 Commercial Street** and **10 Front Street – National Downtown Club LLC**. (Copies provided and distributed to all Councillors on December 02, 2020.)

8a. RESOLUTION, approving Certified Project Application and Special Tax Assessment Agreement with Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC

8b. RESOLUTION, approving Certified Project Application and Special Tax Assessment Agreement with Eastern Fisheries, Inc.

8c. TAX INCREMENT EXEMPTION/HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM, National Downtown Club 2135 & 319 Commercial Street and 10 Front Street.

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
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<input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTION, ATLANTIC RED CRAB COMPANY	Cover Memo
<input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTION, EASTERN FISHERIES LLC	Cover Memo
<input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL DOWNTOWN CLUB	Cover Memo

December 2, 2020

Joseph Lopes, President
New Bedford City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: New Bedford Tax Increment Financing Program

Council President Lopes,

The Tax Increment Financing Board approved the two proposed STA applications and one proposed TIE/HDIP application at their 11.18.20 meeting. The two STA proposals represent a total of \$15 million of new investment in the City and will be responsible for the retention of 314 and the creation of at least 78 new jobs. The proposed TIE/HDIP project will create 28 residential and 2 commercial units and represents an investment of \$13 million.

The following proposed projects are now ready for submission to City Council:

- Proposed STA for The Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC, - 5 year agreement
- Proposed STA for Eastern Fisheries Inc., - 5 year agreement
- Proposed TIE/HDIP for 2135 & 319 Commercial St. & 10 Front St. - National Downtown Club LLC

On behalf of the TIF Board and the project applicants, we are requesting that these items be placed on the City Council agenda for referral to the Finance Committee.

Relative to the proposed STA agreements, attached are 12 copies of the project overviews, hypothetical calculations, and City Council Resolutions, for the City Council's review. For the proposed TIE/HDIP project attached please find 12 copies of an overview of the Massachusetts DHCD Housing Development Incentive Program as well as a summary of the proposed project, also for the City Council's review.

Should any City Councilor request to visit the sites we would be pleased to arrange the details with the company representatives.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,



Derek Santos
Executive Director

Cc: New Bedford City Council
Mayor Mitchell's Office



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TAX INCREMENT FINANCING BOARD

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Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

TIF/STA PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project: STA - proposed 5 -year agreement Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC 48 Antonio L. Costa Blvd. New Bedford, MA 02740	Contact Information: Jonathan Williams, Owner jwilliams@atlanticredcrab.com 132 Herman Melville Blvd. New Bedford, MA 02740
Company Background The Atlantic Red Crab Company was founded with a single boat by Jon Williams in 1996. In 2008, the company purchased its current facility at 132 Herman Melville Blvd., and has since called the historic port of New Bedford, MA its home. Its namesake product, the Atlantic Red Crab has an average weight of one-pound, is known for its delicious, sweet taste and red-tinted meat. Red crab is recommended by both the Monterrey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch and the New England Aquarium. Through self-imposed regulation and routine assessment, the company quickly became renowned for its sustainable practices. The company has a well-known reputation for industry preservation, fisheries management support and year-round employment. Over the years, the company has not only grown in volume, it has grown in people, employing approximately 80 people both full and part-time. Current Employment Currently, over 125 people are proud to call The Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC and its affiliates their Massachusetts home. Proposed Project This project includes the acquisition, renovation, and equipping of 48 Antonio L. Costa Blvd. The property has suffered from deferred maintenance over the years and requires external repairs as well as internal upgrades. This expansion project will also require the purchase of new machinery and equipment the addition of a blast freezer as well as improvements to the Company's other two facilities in New Bedford. The company plans to complete renovations and streamline operations across its properties then complete the move into the new facility by the end of Q1 2021.	
Proposed Investment The proposal requires an investment of approximately \$3MM. The acquisition price was \$1.2MM, renovations are budgeted at \$2M, and equipment, machinery, and furniture are budgeted at \$1.6MM. The property has a total assessed value of \$918,800 (FY20).	

Employment Projections

The project proposes the retention of 39 full time equivalent Atlantic Red Crab Company jobs as well as an additional 50 jobs at its affiliates.

The Atlantic Red Crab Company will create 28 new jobs over the next 5 years consisting of:

Job Category	Number	Average Salary
Management	2	\$85,000
Professional	2	\$50,000
Skilled labor	2	\$45,000
Unskilled labor	22	\$27,000

The company does offer health insurance to its employees.

EDIP Participation

- Local real estate tax incentive beneficiary (hypothetical calculation is attached)
- EDIP State Income Tax Credits

Location: 48 ANTONIO L COSTA BLV

Parcel ID: 66 138A

Zoning: WI

Fiscal Year: 2020

Current Owner Information:

NB PROPERTIES LLC
 C/O MARDER NORTH REALTY LLC
 28 UNION STREET

NEW BEDFORD , MA 02740

Current Sales Information:

Sale Date:

09/11/2009

Sale Price:

\$0.00

Card No. 1 of 1

Legal Reference:

9500-21

Grantor:

DOLINSKY ,MARVIN

This Parcel contains 0.8631 acres of land mainly classified for assessment purposes as MFG with a(n) Fish Processing Plant style building, built about 1987, having Metal exterior, Metal and Tin roof cover and 14224 Square Feet, with 1 unit(s), total room(s), total bedroom(s) total bath(s), 0 3/4 baths, and 5 total half bath(s).

Building Value:

739800

Land Value:

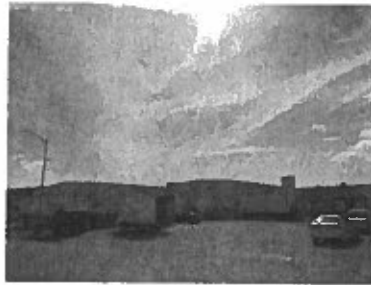
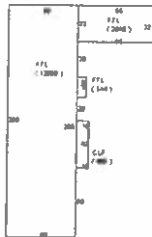
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Yard Items Value:

7200

Total Value:

918800



Fiscal Year 2020		Fiscal Year 2019		Fiscal Year 2018	
Tax Rate Res.:	16.16	Tax Rate Res.:	16.47	Tax Rate Res.:	16.63
Tax Rate Com.:	33.59	Tax Rate Com.:	34.84	Tax Rate Com.:	35.65
Property Code:	400	Property Code:	400	Property Code:	400
Total Bldg Value:	739800	Total Bldg Value:	769500	Total Bldg Value:	558200
Total Yard Value:	7200	Total Yard Value:	7200	Total Yard Value:	7200
Total Land Value:	171800	Total Land Value:	171800	Total Land Value:	171800
Total Value:	918800	Total Value:	948500	Total Value:	737200
Tax:	\$30,862.49	Tax:	\$33,045.74	Tax:	\$26,281.18

Disclaimer: Classification is not an indication of uses allowed under city zoning. This information is believed to be correct but is subject to change and is not warranted.

**Resolution Approving Certified Project Application and Special Tax Assessment
Agreement with Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC**

Whereas, Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC has applied for designation as a Certified Project under the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program created by Chapter 23A of Massachusetts General Laws; within an Economic Opportunity Area (“EOA”) within the New Bedford Economic Target Area (“ETA”) for a period of 5 years ending June 30, 2026 pursuant to the authority granted by and meeting the requirements of 402 C.M.R. 2.10(3).

Whereas, Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC meets the minimum standards and is consistent with the Economic Development Incentive Program and the local economic development goals and criteria established as part of the documents creating the Greater New Bedford Economic Target Areas shall be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion in said ETA:

Whereas, the proposed Certified Project is located at Parcel 66 138A on 48 Antonio L. Costa Blvd. New Bedford, MA and shown on the City of New Bedford’s real property assessment database on July 1, 2020;

Whereas, the project, together with all other projects previously certified and located in the same expansion project EOA will not overburden the City’s infrastructure and utilities servicing the EOA;

Whereas, the City of New Bedford has agreed to offer Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC a Special Tax Assessment Agreement, for the project described in the application proposal that will have a reasonable chance of increasing employment opportunities for residents of the expansion project area, ETA. Said Agreement is hereby approved by the City Council and the STA Plan is incorporated by reference herein;

Whereas, Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC is going to invest at least \$3,000,000 in the acquisition of the facility, renovations, and other capital expenditures, and will retain 39 permanent full time jobs and create 28 new permanent full time jobs over a period of five years;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the City Council of the City of New Bedford approves the Certified Project application of Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC and forward said application for certification to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council for its approval and endorsement.

Further, the City Council of the City of New Bedford authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Special Tax Assessment Agreement between the City of New Bedford and Atlantic Red Crab Company LLC. Said Agreement will provide for an exemption on property taxes on the full assessed valuation of the property at 95% for year one, 75% for year two, 50% for year three, 25% for year four, 5% for year five of a five-year Agreement according to the requirements and regulations established which govern the implementation of such Special Tax Assessment Agreements. The Agreement will be in effect as of FY2022 through FY2026.



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TIF/STA PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project: STA - proposed 5 -year agreement Eastern Fisheries Inc. 214 Samuel Barnett Blvd. New Bedford, MA 02745	Contact Information: Benjamin Alego, CFO benjamin@easternfisheries.com 14 Hervey Tichon Ave. New Bedford, MA 02740
Company Background Eastern Fisheries, headquartered in New Bedford, MA is a global supply leader in the seafood industry and a trusted seafood source to some of the largest retailers, food service distributors and wholesalers in the world. Founded in 1978 by Roy Enoksen and Frank O'Hara, Eastern Fisheries harvests, imports, and distributes premium seafood worldwide. Today, Eastern owns and operates the largest scallop fleet in the industry and operates facilities in the U.S.A , China, Europe and Japan. Eastern Fisheries is a privately owned, family operated, vertically integrated seafood company. Founded in 1978, Eastern is the world's largest harvester, importer and processor of scallops and has become a globally recognized and trusted seafood source for retailers and food service companies world-wide. The company's vertically integrated business approach manages to ensure the highest quality control, cost effectiveness and availability of products while minimizing logistic issues. Eastern currently buys, processes, and sells over 50 million pounds of seafood per year.	
Current Employment Eastern Fisheries Inc., currently employs 275 full time employees.	
Proposed Project This project includes the acquisition and renovation of 214 Samuel Barnett Blvd. that will enable the relocation and expansion of Eastern Fisheries' operations. This location, the former Rhinehart facility, has remained vacant for a number of years and has suffered from deferred maintenance. Renovations to be completed include the upgrading and repairs of buildings roof, mechanical systems, electric, HVAC, refrigeration, as well as bathrooms and break areas. The company plans to complete renovations in Q1 2021, start moving equipment into the new facility in Q2 2021, and begin full production at the new location by May 1, 2021.	
Proposed Investment The proposal requires an investment of approximately \$12MM. The acquisition price was \$8MM, renovations are budgeted at \$2MM, and equipment, machinery, and furniture are budgeted at \$2MM. The property has a total assessed value of \$4,913,900 (FY20).	

Employment Projections

The project proposes the retention of 275 FTE jobs and the creation of 50 new jobs over the next 5 years.

Job Creation will consist of:

Job Category	Number	Average Salary
Management	2	\$130,000
Professional	2	\$98,000
Skilled labor	5	\$76,000
Unskilled labor	41	\$42,000

The company does offer health insurance as well as a 401k/IRA to its employees.

EDIP Participation

- Local real estate tax incentive beneficiary (hypothetical calculation is attached)
- Abandoned building tax credit
- EDIP State Income Tax Credits

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
 MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

EDIP Supplemental Application Exhibit 2: Local Incentive Valuation for Eastern Fisheries, Inc. (New Bedford)

FY	Municipal Tax Rate Per Thousand	Assessed Value	Projected Annual RE Property Tax Bill for Incremental Assessed Value	TIF/STA Yearly Exemption %	Exempted Annual RE Property Taxes	Exempted Annual Personal Property Taxes	Total Yearly Value of Local Tax Incentives
2022	\$33.59	\$4,913,900.00	\$165,057.90	100%	\$165,057.90	\$0.00	\$165,057.90
2023	\$33.59	\$4,913,900.00	\$165,057.90	75%	\$123,793.43	\$0.00	\$123,793.43
2024	\$33.59	\$4,913,900.00	\$165,057.90	50%	\$82,528.95	\$0.00	\$82,528.95
2025	\$33.59	\$4,913,900.00	\$165,057.90	25%	\$41,264.48	\$0.00	\$41,264.48
2026	\$33.59	\$4,913,900.00	\$165,057.90	5%	\$8,252.90	\$0.00	\$8,252.90
				TOTALS	\$420,897.65	\$0.00	\$420,897.65

Note: In Massachusetts, Proposition 2½ operates at the level of a municipality's total tax levy. Due to Proposition 2½, it is impossible to make reliable projections for individual parcels, whose taxes may increase much more or much less than the municipality's total taxes. As a result, this spreadsheet does not include an assumed increase in either the tax rate or the assessed value. This spreadsheet is intended to provide an estimate of the total value of property tax exemption as a result of the yearly TIF or STA exemption percentage negotiated between a company and a municipality.

Total Yearly Value of Local Tax Incentives minus PILOT = _____

Location: 214 SAMUEL BARNETT BLVD

Parcel ID: 133 55

Zoning: IC

Fiscal Year: 2020

Current Owner Information:

LONE OAK - NEW BEDFORD, LLC
 C/O REYES HOLDINGS, LLC
 6250 NORTH RIVER ROAD

ROSEMONT, IL 60018

Current Sales Information:

Sale Date:

10/22/2007

Sale Price:

\$8,000,000.00

Card No. 1 of 1

Legal Reference:

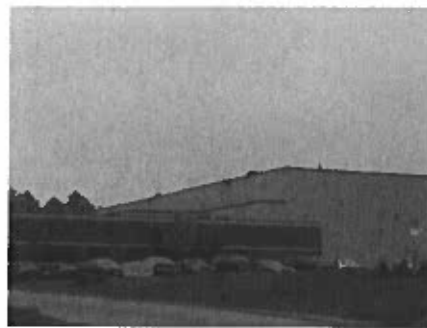
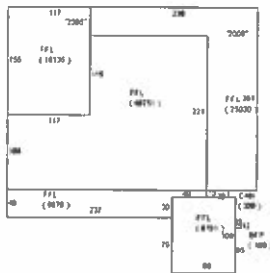
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Grantor:

DISTRIBUTION REALTY LLC,

This Parcel contains 9.4 acres of land mainly classified for assessment purposes as IND WHS with a(n) WareHouse style building, built about 1999, having Metal exterior, Rubber Sheathing roof cover and 112587 Square Feet, with 1 unit(s), total room(s), total bedroom(s) total bath(s), 0 3/4 baths, and 0 total half bath(s).

Building Value:	Land Value:	Yard Items Value:	Total Value:
4231000	601200	81700	4913900



Fiscal Year 2020		Fiscal Year 2019		Fiscal Year 2018	
Tax Rate Res.:	16.16	Tax Rate Res.:	16.47	Tax Rate Res.:	16.63
Tax Rate Com.:	33.59	Tax Rate Com.:	34.84	Tax Rate Com.:	35.65
Property Code:	401	Property Code:	401	Property Code:	401
Total Bldg Value:	4231000	Total Bldg Value:	4105600	Total Bldg Value:	3927100
Total Yard Value:	81700	Total Yard Value:	81700	Total Yard Value:	81700
Total Land Value:	601200	Total Land Value:	601200	Total Land Value:	431800
Total Value:	4913900	Total Value:	4788500	Total Value:	4440600
Tax:	\$165,057.90	Tax:	\$166,831.34	Tax:	\$158,307.39

**Resolution Approving Certified Project Application and Special Tax Assessment
Agreement with Eastern Fisheries, Inc.**

Whereas, Eastern Fisheries Inc., have applied for designation as a Certified Project under the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program created by Chapter 23A of Massachusetts General Laws; within an Economic Opportunity Area (“EOA”) within the New Bedford Economic Target Area (“ETA”) for a period of 5 years ending June 30, 2026 pursuant to the authority grandy by and meeting the requirements of 402 C.M.R. 2.10(3).

Whereas, Eastern Fisheries Inc., meet the minimum standards and is consistent with the Economic Development Incentive Program and the local economic development goals and criteria established as part of the documents creating the Greater New Bedford Economic Target Areas shall be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion in said ETA:

Whereas, the proposed Certified Project is located at Parcel 133 55 on 214 Samuel Barnet Blvd. New Bedford, MA and shown on the City of New Bedford’s real property assessment database on July 1, 2020;

Whereas, the project, together with all other projects previously certified and located in the same expansion project EOA will not overburden the City’s infrastructure and utilities servicing he EOA;

Whereas, the City of New Bedford has agreed to offer Eastern Fisheries Inc., a Special Tax Assessment Agreement, for the project described in the application proposal that will have a reasonable chance of increasing employment opportunities for residents of the expansion project area, ETA. Said Agreement is hereby approved by the City Council and the STA Plan is incorporated by reference herein;

Whereas, Eastern Fisheries Inc., is going to invest at least \$13,000,000 in the acquisition of the facility, renovations and other capital expenditures, and will retain 275 permanent full time jobs and create 50 new permanent full time jobs over a period of five years;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the City Council of the City of New Bedford approves the Certified Project application of Eastern Fisheries Inc., and forward said application for certification to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council for its approval and endorsement.

Further, the City Council of the City of New Bedford authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Special Tax Assessment Agreement between the City of New Bedford and Eastern Fisheries Inc.,. Said Agreement will provide for an exemption on property taxes on the full assessed valuation of the property at 100% for year one, 75% for year two, 50% for year three, 25% for year four, 5% for year five of a five-year Agreement according to the requirements and regulations established which govern the implementation of such Special Tax Assessment Agreements. The Agreement will be in effect as of FY2022 through FY2026.



City of New Bedford, Massachusetts

Office of Housing & Community Development

Patrick J. Sullivan, Director

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The City of New Bedford is seeking to expand residential development within its downtown business district by creating an incentive zone utilizing the newly developed program offered through the state of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP), established as M.G.L., Chapter 40V, provides Gateway Cities with a development tool to increase residential growth, expand diversity of housing stock, support economic development, and promote neighborhood stabilization in designated geographic target areas.

The program provides two tax incentives to developers to undertake substantial rehabilitation of properties for lease or sale as multi-unit market rate housing:

- 1) A local-option tax exemption on increased property values
- 2) A State tax credit of up to 10 percent of qualified rehabilitation costs.

Project Specifics:

Substantial rehabilitation of an existing property resulting in:

- Two or more units for sale or lease as market rate housing
- Minimum of 80% of total units as market rate
- One or more buildings on one or more contiguous parcels of land permitted and financed as single undertaking. May be mixed-use, including commercial
- No restrictions on size of HD Projects
- Must be substantial rehabilitation of an existing property

HD Tax Increment Exemption Agreement authorizes annual exemption from local property tax

- Exemption percentage of 10-100% of incremental value of market rate units
- % may vary among HD Projects
- % may change from year-to-year for individual HD Projects
- Duration of Agreement 5-20 years
- Effective as of the 1st fiscal year following DHCD's certification of HD Project and approval of Agreement
- DHCD will also approve Agreements for HD Projects not seeking/not awarded HD Tax Credits

State Investment Tax Credit up to 10% of qualified substantial rehabilitation costs of market rate units

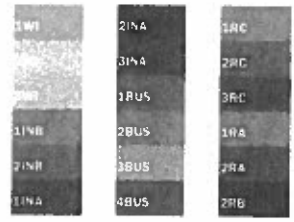
- Credit of up to \$2M for individual HD Projects
- Credit allowed in taxable year in which project completed and certified by DHCD
- Credit is transferable and can be carried forward for up to 5 years
- Total annual program cap of \$10M

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The City's HD Zone constitutes the core of New Bedford's downtown. It is bounded on the east by Route 18; on the south by Walnut Street; on the west by County Street; and on the north by Kempton Street.



Existing Zoning



HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING BOARD

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Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

TIE/HDIP PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project: National Downtown Club LLC Eighteen and Union 2135 & 319 Commercial Street and 10 Front Street, New Bedford, MA	Contact Information: Sean LaFrance, Director of Facilities LaFrance Hospitality Telephone: 508.294.7097 Email: sean@lafrancehospitality.com
Prepared By: Patrick J. Sullivan Director Office of Housing and Community Development	Date: October 13, 2020
Company Background: LaFrance Hospitality began in 1955 when it opened a family restaurant in Westport, MA, named it White's. Richard LaFrance took over operations and in 1985 created the addition of the Grand Salon at the restaurant which added 9,800 square feet, and greater flexibility to the business. LaFrance Hospitality Company took a step in a new direction in 1989, with the opening of it's first limited service Hampton Inn hotel, adjacent to White's of Westport. This Hampton Inn was joined by two more in 1995 and 2000, respectively, with the Fairhaven/New Bedford Hampton Inn and the Franklin, MA Hampton Inn. With the sale of the Fairhaven and Franklin Hampton Inn properties in 2007 to the Claremont Company, LaFrance launched its first non-owned Hotel Service Contracts. The restaurant/banquet side of the business expanded, also, with the purchase of what was to become Bittersweet Farm Restaurant and Tavern in Westport, in 1998 and Rachel's Lakeside, a banquet/function facility in Dartmouth, MA in 2002. LaFrance Hospitality Company has opened hotels in: Comfort Inn and Suites, in Dover, New Hampshire. a 122 room Hampton Inn & Suites in Plymouth, MA, Comfort Inn & Suites in Wilton, Maine, Hampton Inn and the Homewood Suites, the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott & Waypoint Event Center, New Bedford, MA, Holiday Inn Express in Milford, Massachusetts, TownePlace Suites by Marriott Wareham Buzzards Bay hotel at Rosebrook Place: a mixed-use development by the A.D. Makepeace Company just off I-495/I-195 in Wareham, MA. The hotels have received many awards from local and international organizations, including "Best Hotel Opening" from Marriott International, and Economic Impact Awards from Boston based MassECON, and the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition to the company's New England hotel properties, LaFrance Hospitality also acquired four hotel properties in Florida through various partnerships while assuming management control in a select few. LaFrance Hospitality sold their Dover, NH Hampton Inn in 2015, and later, in 2016, the Comfort Inn & Suites, Dover, NH hotel to the same company. In 2016, LaFrance Hospitality added three new hotel properties within six months of each other. Courtyard by Marriott Boston Littleton, located at The Point in Littleton, MA, a mixed-use retail destination on I-495, opened in May of 2016 and soon after, a Fairfield Inn & Suites hotel in Plymouth, NH, opened in September 2016, the company acquired the Residence Inn North Conway hotel in New Hampshire from True North Hotel Group.	

Proposed Project

The project is located within the downtown New Bedford Historic District on lower Union Street. The project named "Eighteen and Union", is proposing to completely renovate three separate, but contiguous buildings. The frame building is particularly historically significant, built in 1783 with the second and third buildings build between 1843 and 1845.

The project will involve the substantial rehabilitation of these three buildings resulting in a total of 28 residential units - 23 market rate units, 5 affordable units, and 2 commercial spaces. The apartments will be structured as follows: 20 – two (2) bedroom units, and 8 – one (1) bedroom units. The proposed use for the commercial spaces is for a barber and restaurant.

The apartments will be structured as follows: 18 – two (2) bedroom units, and 8 – one (1) bedroom units. The proposed use for the commercial spaces is for a barber and restaurant. The project is estimated to cost \$13 million and will total 26,788 square feet. The proposed construction start date is September 2020 with a project completion date of September 2021.

The owner of the project will be a newly created LLC named; National Development LLC. The Development team includes: Developer – LaFrance Hospitality, General Partner -Lanagan and Associates, Development Consultant – WHALE, Architect – Newport Collaborative, Construction Manager – LaFrance Hospitality, Management Agent – Lanagan & Associates, Attorney – Klein Hornig, Syndicator – Dorfman Financial.

The project is fully permitted with the Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Historic Commission. The City of New Bedford, through the Office of Housing and Community Development will be providing federal HOME funding to support the project.

Financing Summary:**SOURCES OF FUNDS**

Owner Mortgage	\$5,519,885
Opportunity Zone	\$1,700,000
State Historic Tax Credits	\$1,727,189
Federal Historic Tax Credits	\$2,007,857
HDIP	\$1,840,000
City HOME	\$ 500,000

TOTAL SOURCES **\$13,294,930**

USES OF FUNDS

Acquisition	\$2,350,000
Construction Frame Building	\$2,643,124
Construction Masonry Bldg	\$4,057,890
Construction National Club	\$1,138,960
Contingency	\$ 700,000
Acquisition and Construction:	\$10,889,974
Subtotal Soft Costs:	\$1,404,956
Developer Overhead and Fee	\$1,000,000

TOTAL USES **\$13,294,930**

Rehabilitation Investment

The project proposes to renovate three historic buildings utilizing several funding sources identified in the Development Budget including State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. The Beckman buildings consist of a stone building (21-35 Commercial Street) and a wood framed building (11-19 Commercial Street) that were constructed in three phases between 1843-1851.

The Project will restore and rehabilitate the Beckman buildings into a mix of 26 affordable and market rate one-and – two -bedroom units, as well as one commercial space. The stone building will contain solely residential spaces. The building will be re-roofed, and dormers will be added. Original doors and windows will be restored wherever possible. The interior will be partitioned into residential apartments and townhomes. All mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection systems will be replaced with new code-compliant systems. The Frame building will be primarily residential with one commercial space on the first story of the eastern portion of the building. The frame building presents multiple structural challenges and will require some restructuring and reconstruction to render the building sound, habitable and compliant with building codes. Following structural repairs, the Framed building will be renovated utilizing original windows, siding and doors whenever possible. An elevator will be installed to provide accessibility to both the Framed and the Stoned building.

The estimated construction costs total \$8,539,974 (including a \$700,000 contingency). In accordance with the HDIP requirements, I have requested, from the developer, a breakdown of the actual eligible construction costs associated with the market rate residential units only. The 5 affordable units and the commercial space construction costs will have to be subtracted from the total construction cost of the project.

Proposed Tax Increment Exemption

The developer is requesting a TIE for a term of 10 years. The TIE Tax Exemption % would begin at 100% the first year and then would be at 20% for years 1-5. The TIE exemption would then increase by 10% for years 6-10 resulting in 100% after the ten years. The current assessed tax of the buildings is \$49,471 based on a current appraised value of \$1,472,800. The proposed construction costs totaling \$8,539,974 and the current value of \$1,472,800 are being utilized to compute the new assessment totaling \$8,652,256. The new tax derived from the proposed renovations and the base value would total \$290,169 in year 2. Based on the proposed TIE agreement, the developer would pay the base value of the property each year plus the new assessed value less TIE exemption. The tax would increase by TIE percentages outlined above until the property would become fully taxed in 15 years.

Attached to this summary is the proposed Tax Increment Exemption Schedule, as well as site and building plans for the project.

National Downtown Club, LLC
 18 & Union
 New Bedford, MA
 TIE Calculation

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Fiscal Year	Base Value	Improvement Value	New Assessment	Tax Rate	Base Tax @ 100% Value	New Invest Tax @ 100% Value	Total Tax	TIE % Payment Each Year	TIE Exemption %	Tax Paid By National Downtown Club on New Investment	Tax Exemption to National Downtown Club on New Investment	Tax Paid By National Downtown Club Each Year	Tax Benefit To National Downtown Club Each Year	Average Local Annual Spend (based upon 28 units)	Local Tax	Tax Benefit to City of New Bedford	
2020	\$1,472,800		\$1,472,800	\$33.59	\$49,471	\$0	\$49,471	100%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$49,471	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,471	
2021	\$1,502,266	\$5,395,000	\$6,897,266	\$33.59	\$50,481	\$181,218	\$231,679	20%	80%	\$36,244	\$144,974	\$86,704	\$144,874	\$336,000	\$23,520	\$110,224	
2022	\$1,532,301	\$5,502,900	\$7,035,201	\$33.59	\$51,470	\$184,842	\$236,312	20%	80%	\$36,968	\$147,874	\$88,438	\$147,874	\$342,720	\$23,960	\$112,428	
2023	\$1,562,947	\$5,612,958	\$7,175,905	\$33.59	\$52,499	\$188,538	\$241,039	20%	80%	\$37,708	\$150,831	\$90,207	\$150,831	\$349,574	\$24,470	\$114,677	
2024	\$1,594,206	\$5,725,217	\$7,319,423	\$33.59	\$53,549	\$192,310	\$245,859	20%	80%	\$38,462	\$153,848	\$92,011	\$153,848	\$356,566	\$24,960	\$116,971	
2025	\$1,626,090	\$5,839,722	\$7,465,812	\$33.59	\$54,620	\$196,156	\$250,777	20%	80%	\$39,231	\$156,925	\$93,852	\$156,925	\$363,687	\$25,459	\$119,310	
2026	\$1,659,612	\$5,956,516	\$7,615,128	\$33.59	\$55,713	\$200,079	\$255,792	50%	50%	\$100,040	\$100,040	\$155,752	\$100,040	\$370,971	\$25,968	\$181,720	
2027	\$1,691,784	\$6,075,646	\$7,767,431	\$33.59	\$56,827	\$204,081	\$260,908	60%	40%	\$122,449	\$81,632	\$178,276	\$81,632	\$378,391	\$26,487	\$205,763	
2028	\$1,725,620	\$6,197,159	\$7,922,779	\$33.59	\$57,964	\$208,163	\$266,126	70%	30%	\$145,714	\$82,449	\$203,677	\$82,449	\$385,858	\$27,017	\$230,684	
2029	\$1,760,132	\$6,321,102	\$8,081,235	\$33.59	\$59,123	\$212,326	\$271,449	80%	20%	\$169,661	\$42,465	\$228,964	\$42,465	\$393,678	\$27,557	\$256,541	
2030	\$1,795,335	\$6,447,524	\$8,242,859	\$33.59	\$60,305	\$216,572	\$276,878	90%	10%	\$194,915	\$21,657	\$255,220	\$21,657	\$401,551	\$28,109	\$283,329	
TOTALS					\$602,003	\$1,984,287	\$2,586,290			\$921,591	\$1,062,896	\$1,523,584	\$1,062,696	\$3,879,106	\$257,537	\$1,781,131	

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COMMUNICATION - NEW BEDFORD RETIREMENT BOARD FY 2022

Item Detail:

9. COMMUNICATION, John W. Parsons, Esq., Executive Director, Commonwealth of Massachusetts/Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, to City Council, submitting copy of a memorandum sent to the New Bedford Retirement Board regarding the amount to be appropriated for the City of New Bedford's retirement system for Fiscal Year 2022.

Additional Information:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
□ Letter regarding Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation for the City of New Bedford's Retirement system	Cover Memo

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS | PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

PHILIP Y. BROWN, ESQ., *Chairman*

JOHN W. PARSONS, ESQ., *Executive Director*

Auditor SUZANNE M. BUMP | KATHLEEN M. FALLON | KATE FITZPATRICK | JAMES M. MACHADO | ROBERT B. McCARTHY | JENNIFER F. SULLIVAN


MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford Retirement Board

FROM: John W. Parsons, Esq., Executive Director

RE: Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2022

DATE: November 17, 2020



Required Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation: **\$38,735,948**

This Commission is hereby furnishing you with the amount to be appropriated for your retirement system for Fiscal Year 2022 which commences July 1, 2021.

Attached please find summary information based on the present funding schedule for your system and the portion of the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriation to be paid by each of the governmental units within your system.

The current schedule is due to be updated by Fiscal Year 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact PERAC's Actuary, John Boorack, at (617) 666-4446 Extension 935.

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Attachments

cc: Office of the Mayor
City Council
c/o City Clerk

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New Bedford Retirement Board

Projected Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2022 - July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Aggregate amount of appropriation: **\$38,735,948**

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost of Benefits	Funding Schedule (Excluding ERI)	ERI	Total Appropriation	Pension Fund Allocation	Pension Reserve Fund Allocation	Transfer From PRF to PF
FY 2022	\$44,190,961	\$38,735,948	\$0	\$38,735,948	\$38,735,948	\$0	\$5,455,013
FY 2023	\$45,285,128	\$40,827,689	\$0	\$40,827,689	\$40,827,689	\$0	\$4,457,439
FY 2024	\$46,407,074	\$43,105,874	\$0	\$43,105,874	\$43,105,874	\$0	\$3,301,200
FY 2025	\$47,557,502	\$45,511,182	\$0	\$45,511,182	\$45,511,182	\$0	\$2,046,320
FY 2026	\$48,737,136	\$48,050,707	\$0	\$48,050,707	\$48,050,707	\$0	\$686,429

The Total Appropriation column shown above is in accordance with your current funding schedule and the scheduled payment date(s) in that schedule. Whenever payments are made after the scheduled date(s), the total appropriation should be revised to reflect interest at the rate assumed in the most recent actuarial valuation. Payments should be made before the end of the fiscal year.

For illustration, we have shown the amount to be transferred from the Pension Reserve Fund to the Pension Fund to meet the estimated Cost of Benefits for each year. If there are sufficient assets in the Pension Fund to meet the Cost of Benefits, this transfer is optional.

New Bedford Retirement Board
Appropriation by Governmental Unit

Fiscal Year 2022 - July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Aggregate amount of appropriation: **\$38,735,948**

UNIT	Percent of Aggregate Amount	Funding Schedule (excluding ERI)	ERI	Total Appropriation
City of New Bedford	87.39%	\$33,851,345	\$0	\$33,851,345
New Bedford Housing Authority	6.72%	\$2,603,056	\$0	\$2,603,056
Gtr. New Bedford Reg. Tech. Voc. H.S.	4.37%	\$1,692,761	\$0	\$1,692,761
Greater New Bedford Refuse Mgmt.	0.93%	\$360,244	\$0	\$360,244
Southeast Regional Transit Auth.	0.59%	\$228,542	\$0	\$228,542
UNIT TOTAL	100%	\$38,735,948	\$ 0	\$38,735,948

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