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Marijuana Establishment Request for Interest

Background

On November 8, 2016, Massachusetts voters approved an initiative legalizing the cultivation and sale of recreational marijuana in the Commonwealth. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G and its implementing regulations 935 CMR 500, Templeton is required to facilitate the establishment of up to 1 (requested formal opinion) regulated Marijuana Retailers.

In response, the Town has adopted the following:

1. The Town will negotiate community host agreements to provide resources for the oversight of marijuana establishments.
2. The Town is required to limit the number of marijuana retailers to no less than 20% of the number of "off-premises" alcohol licenses allotted to the Town which, under the current allotment of 7, would limit the number of marijuana retailers to 1.
3. The Town is issuing a Request for Interest from prospective marijuana establishment operators.

Additional information on the state licensure process can be found at www.mass-cannabis-control.com

Request for Interest

The Town of Templeton ("Town") invites interested parties to submit an application in response to this Request for Interest ("RFI"). The Town is accepting applications from qualified cannabis operators to be considered for the location of a marijuana establishment in the town. Selected applicants will be invited to negotiate a community host agreement with the Town and move forward in the local licensing process.

This is not a binding Request for Proposals ("RFP"), but an invitation for interested parties to submit a marijuana establishment plan to the Town. The Town will use the RFI submittals to gauge interest in the operation of marijuana establishments. Following analysis of the RFI submittals, the Town reserves the right to engage in negotiations with one or more respondents to this RFI.

The RFI is available at www.templeton1.org

The proposal may be for any available licenses issued by the Cannabis Control Commission. The deadline for submission of the RFI is as follows:

| License Type | RFI Deadline | Number |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Marijuana Cultivator | Will be 45 days from letter date | No cap |
| 2. Craft Marijuana Cooperative | Will be 45 days from letter date | No cap |
| 3. Marijuana Product Manufacturer | Will be 45 days from letter date | No cap |
| 4. Marijuana Retailer | Will be 45 days from letter date | 1 |
| 5. Marijuana Transporter | Will be 45 days from letter date | No cap |
| 6. Marijuana Research Facility | Will be 45 days from letter date | No cap |
| 7. Laboratories | Will be 45 days from letter date | No cap |
| 8. Microbusiness | Will be 45 days from letter date | No cap |

Submittal Requirements

Please submit to the Town completed PDF copies of the Application of Intent, Management and Operations Profile and any other documents required by the Cannabis Control Commission with the exception of the Background Check. In addition, please submit a cover letter summarizing your proposal and a signed copy of the last page of this document titled “Acknowledgement.”

1. Cover Letter – Please submit a 1-2 page cover letter summarizing your proposal and indicating why your establishment should be given preference to operate in the Town of Templeton.
2. Application of Intent - All documentation and information requested by the Cannabis Control Commission in the Application of Intent including any attachments must be submitted to the City with the following exception:
 - Host Community Information - Single-page certification of host community agreement (Not available at time of RFI submission and may be left blank)
3. Management and Operations Profile - All documentation and information requested by the Cannabis Control Commission in the Management and Operations Profile including any attachments must be submitted to the Town.
4. Background Check – Please Do Not submit to the Town the Background Check as requested by the Cannabis Control Commission.
5. Acknowledgement – Please sign and date the last page of this document titled “Acknowledgement” and submit as an attachment.

The requested information above should be included as attachments in one (1) email sent to alamontagne@templetonma.gov

In the body of the email please include the following information:

1. Name
2. Business Name
3. Proposed marijuana establishment address

4. Type of license
5. Phone and email contact information

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board will review applications based on the following criteria:

- Location
- Capacity to meet both city and state licensure and regulatory requirements
- Diversity of applicants including status as an Economic Empowerment Applicant
- Feedback from the community outreach meeting
- Proposal feasibility - both market and financial
- Experience of operators
- Professional qualifications and expertise
- How the proposal integrates with the overall goals of the Town of Templeton
- Soundness of proposal and the ability to bring the project to a timely commencement

The Board seeks to expedite notification regarding the submitted applications and next steps however factors including the volume of applicants and scheduling will determine when the Board is able to complete its process.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all applications if deemed to be in the Town's best interest.

The Town does not discriminate regardless of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, genetic identity, disability, gender identity or expression, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, veteran status, or any other protected status.

Inquiries

Any inquiries related to technical matters should be submitted in writing to alamontagne@templetonma.gov

Additional information including any changes to this RFI as well as Frequently Asked Questions will be found at www.templeton1.org/marijuana

Other Municipal Requirements

To obtain a Community Host Agreement:

RFI submission > RFI acceptance > Community Host Agreement negotiation > Signed community host agreement

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, have received a copy of the Town of Templeton Marijuana Establishment Request for Interest document (“RFI”). I have read the RFI and I understand and agree to the requirements, provisions, terms, and conditions contained therein.

Signature

Title

Date