



Chris Swope Lansing City Clerk

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Clerk Swope conditionally approves 24 Recreational Marijuana Operations Licenses

Lansing – Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope announced the conditional approval of the first group of recreational marijuana applications for the City of Lansing as the initial review and scoring process has been completed for retail, grows, and microbusiness. Clerk Swope conditionally approved 11 Marijuana Recreational Retail Licenses, 10 Recreational Grow Licenses (at 6 locations), and 1 Recreational Processor License in City of Lansing. In addition, he has licensed Lansing’s first recreational (adult use) transporter, and has conditionally approved another. As the appeal process moves forward, more applicants will be approved or denied.

Combined with their current medical marijuana facilities improvements, these recreational marijuana business owners have pledged to invest more than \$75,000,000 in Tangible Capital Improvements in the City of Lansing. Their investments include repairs and improvements to infrastructure, along with cosmetic improvements to their properties.

As of today, the City Clerk’s Office has reviewed 408 applications, conditionally approved 171 applications, and licensed 8 medical marijuana provisioning centers, 7 medical marijuana grow facilities, 1 medical marijuana processor and 5 secure transport operations. To see the list and current status on all received applications, criteria and instructions to apply, visit lansingmi.gov/marijuana.

The current 30-day window acceptance period, which ends on February 26, is accepting applications for both Medical and Adult Use Processor, Transport, and Safety Compliance Licenses, along with Microbusiness applications for facilities located in the [Second and Fourth Wards](#).

The updated City Ordinance requires these Recreational Retail, Microbusiness, Consumption Establishment and other operations applications to be reviewed and judged on a 100 point scoring system with emphasis placed on applicants who provide the largest economic benefit in terms of jobs and investment to the City and minimizes negative impacts like odor, safety, and traffic. The Ordinance, criteria and instructions to submit applications online is available at lansingmi.gov/marijuana.

“We have learned a lot in streamlining our processes so that Police, Treasury, Zoning and my Office can do a thorough, but more efficient review” said Clerk Swope. “With the reduced time line for the appeal process in the updated Ordinance, I am empowered to make a decision once we have done our due diligence which will allow these entrepreneurs to start or continue to hire and build in the City.”

Any conditionally approved applicant will still need to have approval from the State of Michigan and a valid certificate of occupancy before receiving a license to operate in the City. Licenses must be renewed annually. No time line has been set when this current phase’s review process will be complete.

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