

## **News Release**

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## **Commission Approves Stipulated Settlements**

## Receives updates on Portland's Cannabis Equity program, Voter-approved ballot measures

**PORTLAND, OR.** – At its **regular monthly meeting on November 19, 2020,** the Oregon Liquor Control Commission approved eight recreational marijuana license stipulated settlements. Additionally, the City of Portland's Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT) provided the Commission with an update on the Portland Cannabis Program.

CPOT reviewed its efforts to make equity the center of all decision-making efforts related to cannabis regulation, including ensuring that patients should have access to cannabis for medicinal purposes. CPOT is also reworking its cannabis grant program to focus on distributed funding to BIPOC recipients.

OLCC staff provided assessments of how two ballot measures approved by Oregon voters earlier this month could impact the agency.

Measure 109, which establishes a program for the therapeutic use of psilocybin mushrooms, directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to enter into an agreement with the OLCC to use the state's Cannabis Tracking System (CTS) to prevent psilocybin diversion from the therapy program. OLCC has initiated conversations with its CTS vendor but has deferred further action, until OHA (which is currently busy responding to the COVID pandemic) can begin implementing the program.

Measure 110 reclassifies some drug convictions, which will impact the evaluation process of OLCC licensee and permitee applicants. Currently, the OLCC rarely makes denial of a license or permit decision based solely on drug convictions However, there are differences between the OLCC's alcohol and recreational marijuana licensing and permitting criteria that will now be reconciled; this might require the OLCC to enter into rulemaking.

The Commission also ratified the following violation fines and suspensions based on stipulated settlements (*detailed information on specific cases can be found <u>here</u> on the <u>OLCC website</u>):* 

**LA MOTA (#28CC)** in **Portland** will serve an 18-day recreational marijuana retailer license suspension **OR** pay a fine of \$2,970 fine for two violations.

Licensee is: La Mota, LLC, Co-Licensee; Aaron Mitchell, Member; Rosa Cazares, Co-Licensee.

VIBRANT HIGHS will surrender its marijuana processor license suspension for one violation.

Licensees are: OGX, LLC; Paul Luttrell, Member; Jonathan Showker, Member; Kathy Cook, Member.

LA MOTA FRONT AVE in Portland will serve a nine-day recreational marijuana retailer license suspension OR pay a fine of \$1,485 fine for one violation.

Licensees are: La Mota Front Ave, LLC, Co-Licensee; Aaron Mitchell, Member; Rosa Cazares, Co-Licensee.

**EVIO LABS MEDFORD in Medford** <u>will surrender its recreational marijuana laboratory license</u>, effective on the date the transfer of ownership of the business is completed or at 12:00 PM (noon) on January 31, 2021, <u>for four violations</u>.

Licensees are: Smith Scientific Industries, Inc.; Anthony Smith, President/Director/Stockholder; William Waldrop, Secretary/Director; EVIO, Inc., Stockholder; Lori Glauser, Director/Stockholder; William Waldrop, Director/Stockholder.

MR NICE GUY RETAIL in Corvallis will serve a 10-day recreational marijuana retailer license suspension OR pay a fine of \$3,630 fine for two violations.

Licensees are: MNG Holdings, LLC; Michael NG, Member; Patrick Martin, Member.

**MR NICE GUY RETAIL** in **Salem** will pay a fine of \$280 for <u>one recreational marijuana retailer license</u> violation.

Licensees are: MNG Holdings, LLC; Michael NG, Member; Patrick Martin, Member.

**NECTAR** in **Salem** <u>will serve a seven-day recreational marijuana retailer license suspension</u> **OR** <u>pay a fine</u> <u>of \$1,155 fine</u> for <u>two violations</u>.

Licensees are: Nectar Markets, LLC; Nectar Holdings, Inc., Member; Jeremy Pratt, President/Director/Stockholder; Jeffrey Johnson, Vice-President; Michael Olson, Secretary/Treasurer.

ALBION FARMS will serve an 18-day recreational marijuana producer license suspension OR pay a fine of \$2,970 fine for two violations.

Licensees are: MediRec, LLC; Vandaly Industries, Inc., Member; Eric Buckner, President.

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\*The locations of OLCC marijuana producer, processor and wholesale licensees are exempt from public disclosure under Oregon law.

A copy of the Stipulated Settlement Agreements for Marijuana Violation Cases can be found on the <u>OLCC website</u>, on the Laws & Rules page under the <u>Final Orders</u> section.