

The Office of Marijuana Ventures and
Entrepreneurship

Limited License Application Process

for Adult-Use Retailers,
Microbusinesses, Designated
Consumption Lounges

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Round Two General Information

Application Period:

Opens: August 1, 2023 - 9:00 am

Closes: August 31, 2023 - 5:00 pm

Where to apply:









[Apply for a Limited License](#)

Licenses offered:

License Type	Number Available
Equity Retailer	15
Equity Microbusiness	5
Equity Consumption Lounge	5
Non-Equity Retailer	15
Non-Equity Microbusiness	5
Non-Equity Consumption Lounge	5

Applicant Resources – www.homegrowndetroit.org

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 <p>APPLY FOR A LICENSE Quick Steps to Obtain Adult-Use or Medical Marijuana Licenses</p>	 <p>LIMITED LICENSES ROUND TWO Information on Limited Licenses Round Two</p>	 <p>LICENSED BUSINESSES IN DETROIT Listing of Licensed Businesses</p>	 <p>INFORMATION, LAWS & RESOURCES Ordinances, State Webpage, State Laws & Regulations</p>
			

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| Limited Licenses Round Two

Info Session Dates:

July 14th 1-3pm

July 19th 6-8pm

July 27th 3-5pm

Access Sessions Here

**MARIJUANA
LIMITED LICENSE**

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ROUND 2 TIPS & ADVICE

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to Apply
- Application Overview
- Understanding the Ordinance
- Proper Documentation & Requirements
- Live Q&A

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Review the Frequently Asked Questions (click the link to read the full document!)

ROUND TWO LIMITED LICENSING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Questions:

1. What types of limited licenses are available?

Limited licenses include two types, Equity and Non-Equity. There are Equity and Non-Equity Licenses offered for the Retailer, Microbusiness, and Designated Consumption license categories.

2. Can an applicant using the same business name as another applicant both get a license if the license owners are different?

Section 20-6-38(a)(3) provides the following:

"A license may not be awarded to an applicant if such applicant or any direct or indirect owner of such applicant is also a direct or indirect owner of (i) any other applicant applying for a license of the same type under this section, or (ii) any licensee that is the holder of a license of the same type under this section."

Neither the applicant (the entity licensee), nor any individual owners of an interest in the applicant may have an interest in any other limited license of the same type. Each entity and individual can own all or part of ONE each adult use retailer, micro, and consumption. Two or more applicants that are separate legal entities but are using the same dba name would be discouraged.

3. Can an applicant for an adult use retailer license on an existing medical provisioning center location under a separately formed entity, so that it is a co-located facility?

The zoning ordinance allows co-location of multiple types of marijuana uses, including both medical or adult use, although some spacing restrictions may apply to one or all the uses co-located. Marijuana zoning is interchangeable (i.e. adult use retailer and medical marijuana provisioning center are considered the same for zoning purposes.). There is no restriction on different licensees co-locating in the same building in the licensing ordinance.

4. What is the difference between a building permit, a certificate of occupancy, and a certificate of compliance, and which one should an applicant submit with a limited license application?

An applicant should submit the most recent unexpired approval, permit or certificate required for its property. After an applicant has received a Conditional Land Use

Approval through the zoning process, it may apply for a Building Permit. When construction is complete, the applicant will get a Certificate of Occupancy for the approved use (e.g. retailer, grower, etc). These procedures are described in more detail [here](#). After the final Certificate of Occupancy is achieved, the property is subject to the City's commercial property maintenance requirements, requiring an inspection every two years and resulting in a Certificate of Compliance, go [here](#) for more information. An applicant should submit the very latest unexpired approval document it has received. If the property has had a Certificate of Occupancy for more than a year, it is time to schedule an inspection to get the Certificate of Compliance.

5. Can an applicant apply for an Unlimited and Limited license for different businesses?

Yes. An individual may own an interest each of the limited licenses (retailer, microbusiness, and consumption lounge), and may own an unlimited number of the remaining license types available.

6. How will the lottery work? For example, in the Equity retail category if 5 applicants score 127 and another 15 applicants score 117, and 3 others score 112, do they all go in a lottery?

No. There are 15 non-equity adult use retail licenses and 15 equity adult use retail licenses available in Round Two. Licenses will first be awarded to the highest scoring applicants. In the example above, first 5 Equity retail licenses would be awarded to the 5 applicants who scored 127 points, which would leave 10 Equity licenses available. Next, since 15 applicants scored 117 points, only those applicants only would participate in the lottery to receive the remaining 10 licenses. Any applicants with lower scores would not participate in the lottery because there would not be licenses available after the higher-scoring applicants received licenses.

7. Can an applicant add documents to its limited license application after it is submitted, as long as the supplemental information is provided prior to the closing date of the applications?

Applications cannot be supplemented, however, an applicant may cancel the submission and re-submit. In that case, the applicant should use the same DivDat payment ID it received with the first submission and will not have to pay another application fee. To complete the cancellation, the applicant must email homegrown@detroitmi.gov with the request to cancel, and include the reference number provided to the applicant with the first submission, as well as the address. The applicant will receive a confirmation email that the submission was canceled.

Review the Limited License Application Checklist (click the link to read the full document!)

Version dated [6-29-23](#)

Adult-Use Marijuana Limited License Application Checklist Retailer, Microbusiness, Designated Consumption Round Two Opening August 1, 2023!

Recommended steps to take prior to applying:

- Apply for treasury clearances for all individual owners and applicant entity here: [Treasury Clearance Applications](#);
- Obtain a blight clearance for the property where the business is to be located within 60 days of submitting application: [Blight Clearance Application](#);
- Secure a MRTMA prequalification for the applicant entity that encompasses CRA approval for all current owners of the applicant [entity](#);
- Make sure the property where the business is to operate has Special Land Use approval for the specific use you want to get a license for, and a Certificate of Occupancy; and **ALSO** a Certificate of Compliance if the Certificate of Occupancy is more than 2 years old: see [Zoning and Permitting and Certificate of Compliance](#);
- Determine which Good Neighbor Plan the applicant will commit to in accordance with Sec 20-6-36(a)(14) of the [License Ordinance](#);
- Determine how many jobs will be available at the licensed business and where they will be [advertised](#);
- If an Equity Applicant, compile documentation to establish your primary [residence](#);
- If a Non-Equity Applicant, compile documentation of a social equity transaction in accordance with Sec. 20-6-38 of the [License Ordinance](#).

Suggested documents to be uploaded to the online application:

NOTE: The burden for satisfying every element of the scoring metric is on the applicant. Please provide enough information for the review committee to determine all criteria has been met.

- If the applicant is an organized legal entity: the name, home address, telephone number and email of all direct and indirect owners, directors, members, managers, officers, partners, shareholders, and the registered agent, as well as the entity's bylaws, operating agreement, or other organizational documents indicating the percentage of ownership held by each natural [person](#);
- A government issued I.D. for all natural persons who are indirectly or directly part of the ownership structure of the applicant [entity](#);
- Proof of site control: deed, lease, or other documentation evidencing the applicant's legal

Scoring

Non-Equity License Application		Equity License Application	
Eligibility			
Anyone		Equity Applicants	
General Scoring Criteria (100 points)			
Business Plan			
Operations	5	Operations	
Waste Management	5	Waste Management	
Safety and Nuisance Mitigation	5	Safety and Nuisance Mitigation	
Training	5	Training	
Security Plan	5	Security Plan	
Site Control			
Unexpired conditional land use approval	5	Unexpired conditional land use approval	
Obtained all building permits	5	Obtained all building permits	
Obtained Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance for permitted use	15	Obtained Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance for permitted use	
Due Diligence			
MRTMA Entity Prequalification	5	MRTMA Entity Prequalification	
Income Tax Clearance	5	Income Tax Clearance	
Property tax Clearance	5	Property Tax Clearance	
Blight Clearance	5	Blight Clearance	
No history of illegal operation or existing violations	5	No history of illegal operation or existing violations	
Community Investment			
Complete a "Good Neighbor Plan"	10	Complete a "Good Neighbor Plan"	
Leadership roles in duly established and licensed (if applicable) Detroit-based businesses, nonprofits, religious organizations, educational institutions, philanthropic organizations, community block clubs or neighborhood association during the previous five (5) years	15	Leadership roles in duly established and licensed (if applicable) Detroit-based businesses, nonprofits, religious organizations, educational institutions, philanthropic organizations, community block clubs or neighborhood association during the previous five (5) years	

Social Equity Scoring Criteria (27 points Maximum)			
Sell real property that is properly zoned and licensable for an adult-use marijuana establishment to an equity applicant within 2 years prior to applying for licensure for less than 50% of the real property's appraised fair market value;	OR, form a joint venture with an equity applicant where the equity applicant owns and controls 41-50% applicant equity	25	According to the 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates published by the United States Census Bureau, Equity applicant's primary residence is in a disproportionately impacted community where at least 35% of the population lives below the federal poverty level
Lease licensable, habitable space to an equity applicant at a properly zoned property (does not have to be the same property for which the non-equity applicant is seeking licensure) for at least 20 years and at a rate not exceeding 50% of the average market rent for similar commercial or industrial properties in Detroit;	OR, form a joint venture with an equity applicant where the equity applicant owns and controls 31-40% applicant equity	15	According to the 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates published by the United States Census Bureau, Equity applicant's primary residence is in a disproportionately impacted community where at least 30% of the population lives below the federal poverty level
Lease licensable, habitable space to an equity applicant at a properly zoned property (does not have to be the same property for which the non-equity applicant is seeking licensure) for at least 10 years and at a rate not exceeding 60% of the average market rent for similar commercial or industrial properties in Detroit;	OR, form a joint venture with an equity applicant where the equity applicant owns and controls 20-30% applicant equity	5	According to the 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates published by the United States Census Bureau, Equity applicant's primary residence is in a disproportionately impacted community where at least 20% of the population lives below the federal poverty level
Joined the Michigan Joint Ventures Pathway Program		1	Joined the Michigan Joint Ventures Pathway Program
Commit to publishing applicant's Social Equity Plan on State's website		1	Commit to publishing applicant's Social Equity Plan on State's website
<p>Qualified Applicant Lottery: Licenses shall be granted in order of applicant scores, with tiebreaker lotteries used for applicants who (1) have received the same score and (2) have earned a minimum of 100 points of the General Scoring Criteria and a minimum of 5 points of the Social Equity Scoring Criteria.</p>			

Questions about your limited license application?

- OMVE is holding special limited license office hours until Round Two opens. [Click this link to schedule an appointment.](#)

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