

# Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Marijuana Control Board

DATE: June 14, 2021

FROM: Carrie Craig, Records and Licensing Supervisor

RE:

Licensing Report

# **Staff Changes**

On April 29, 2021 Randi Baker submitted her resignation as an Occupational Licensing Examiner. She had accepted a promotion in a different department with the state of Alaska. Her last day was May 12<sup>th</sup> and we miss her dedication and sense of humor.

Olivia Frank and Nate Hall will begin transitioning to processing marijuana applications by training with Jacqlene Drulis, our new Local Government Specialist and our seasoned marijuana licensing examiner.

We have recruited and interviewed for the two vacant examiner positions and are currently waiting for the necessary approvals from the state.

Jennifer Dufresne continues to be our AMCO's backbone on our front lines. We simply would not be able to do what we do without her.

I want to thank Kristina Serezhenkov for her willingness to take on new duties by caring of the front desk, reviewing and issuing permits and handling the phones/walk-ins during Jennifer's absence earlier this month.

# **Applications Statistics**

Since January 1, 2021, AMCO has received and placed approximately 130 various marijuana applications in the queue and 39 of those have been deemed complete to date.

During the same timeframe in 2020 there were a total of 113 marijuana applications that were submitted and placed in the queue.

# **Current Applications**

At this time, the "to be reviewed" queue has approximately 90 various marijuana applications waiting for processing by an Examiner, all of which were received from early February to present.

# Marijuana License Renewal Applications

The formal renewal notification was emailed to all Active-Operating licensees on April 20, 2021. During this renewal cycle there are 436 licenses to be renewed. To date, we have received 80 applications.

Any application that is submitted after June 30, 2021 is delinquent and will be assessed an additional non-refundable \$1,000 late renewal application fee under 3 AAC 306.100(b).

Any marijuana establishment that fails to submit a complete license renewal application on or before August 31, 2021, for any reason, including failure to pay any required fees or submit accurate and complete copies of any required supplemental documents, will have its corresponding license expire at 12:00 midnight on August 31, 2021.

#### Reminders

AMCO staff continues to work diligently to keep wait times as short as possible, but please keep in mind that applicants may experience a longer waiting period due to the current backlog.

Licensing questions/concerns/applications may be submitted via email to <a href="marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov">marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov</a>, except for fingerprints and payments, or you may call 907-269-0350 and follow the necessary prompts.