Public Notice

Application for Marijuana Establishment License

License Number: 35983
License Status: Initiated
License Type: Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
Doing Business As: Black Mountain Farms
Business License Number: 2179519
Email Address: patricktconner@gmail.com
Latitude, Longitude: 64.923279, -147.718637
Physical Address: 800 Ridgemont Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99712
UNITED STATES

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Licensee #1

Type: Entity
Alaska Entity Number: 10231330
Alaska Entity Name: Black Mountain Farms, LLC
Phone Number: 907-687-1585
Email Address: patricktconner@gmail.com
Mailing Address: 800 Ridgemont Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99712
UNITED STATES

Entity Official #1

Type: Individual
Name: Patrick Conner
Phone Number: 907-687-1585
Email Address: patricktconner@gmail.com
Mailing Address: 800 Ridgemont Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99712
UNITED STATES

Entity Official #2

Type: Individual
Name: Carl Nelson
Phone Number: 907-978-7712
Email Address: carl_nelson@live.com
Mailing Address: 800 Ridgemont Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99712
UNITED STATES

***Note:** No affiliates entered for this license.*

Interested persons may object to the application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) not later than 30 days after the director has determined the application to be complete and has given written notice to the local government. Once an application is determined to be complete, the objection deadline and application information will be posted on AMCO's website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco. Objections should be sent to AMCO at marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov or to 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501.

POSTING DATE 5/5/2023

Rejection of Marijuana Cultivation Application

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Petition to Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

We, the undersigned, are opposed to the application for Marijuana Establishment License #35983. We call on AMCO to:

1. Reject application for marijuana establishment license #35983
2. Reject future applications for marijuana establishment licenses in the Cranberry Ridge and Crestline Housing Divisions.

The property involved, 800 Ridgemont Drive Fairbanks, AK 99712, is surrounded by residentially used land with many young families. The smell, lights, and traffic will affect local, residentially zoned properties as well as reduce property value.

	Name (First & Last)	Address	Household Size	Signature
1	DAN HOFFMAN	951 Cranberry Ridge DRIVE, FBKS AK 99712	2	
2	TOBIAS ALBRIGTSEN	790 RIDGEMONT DR Fairbanks AK 99712	3	
3	Chris Strawn	1581 Crestline Dr Fairbanks AK 99712	5	
4	Cindy Strawn	1581 Crestline DR Fairbanks, AK 99712	5	
5	Mark Smurda	900 Cranberry Ridge Dr. Fairbanks, AK 99712	5	
6	Mark Smurda	1755 SKYLINE DR. Fairbanks, AK 99712	Rental property	
7	Jeremy Widener	713 Sonneto Dr Fairbanks AK 99712	3	

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	Name (First & Last)	Address	Household Size	Signature
8	Sheldon Klaes	1270 Summit Dr FAIRBANKS AK 99712	4	SK
9	Angela Adams	901 Cranberry Ridge Dr Fairbanks, AK 99712	1	AA
10	Laurence Sanders	754 Manchester Loop Fairbanks AK 99712	4	LS
11	Donna Sanders	754 Manchester Loop Fairbanks AK 99712	4	DS
12	JOHN MAYER	708 HOMESTRETCH ROAD FAIRBANKS, AK 99712	4	[illegible]
13	Ken Wilson	1335 Crestline Drive Fairbanks, AK 99712	3	[illegible]
14	Laurie Wilson	1335 Crestline Drive Fairbanks, AK 99712	3	Laurie Wilson
15	George Davis	1335 Crestline Drive AK 99712	1	[illegible]
16	Ernest C. Carlson	711 Homestretch Rd	2	[illegible]
17	Marianne Carlson	711 Homestretch Rd	2	M. A. Carlson
18	Shauna Christensen	705 Homestretch Rd	2	SC
19	Adelbert Christensen	705 Homestretch Rd	2	AC
20	Dianne Coursey	720 HomesTretch Rd	2	Dianne Coursey
21	Leonard Coursey	720 HomesTretch Rd.	2	Leonard Coursey (DKC)
22	Max Roberts	1350 Skyline Dr	5	[illegible]

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	Name (First & Last)	Address	Household Size	Signature
23	Courtney Roberts	1350 Skyline Dr. Fbks AK 99712	5	
24	TODD CAPISTRANT	682 Cranberry Ridge Dr FAIRBANKS AK 99712	4	TC
25	April Smurda	900 Cranberry Ridge fairbanks AK 99712	5	
26	April Smurda	1455 Skyline Dr Fairbanks AK 99712	residential rental	
27	Jeff Spencer	762 Ridgemont Fairbanks AK 99712	HOME OWNER	
28	Nancy Hummel	725 Manchester Loop	2	
29	Marc A. Hummel Marc A Hummel	725 Manchester Loop	2	Marc A. Hummel
30	Roger Horracc	1390 Skyline drive FAIRBANKS AK 99712	4	
31	Eliska Albrigtsen	790 Ridgemont Dr Fairbanks AK 99712	3	
32	Kody Sharp	820 Ridgemont Dr	2	
33	Marisa Rios	8 Ridgemont DR Fairbanks, AK, 99712	2	
34	HeavenlyRomanowski	781 Ridgemont DR Fairbanks AK, 99712	8	
35	Jesse Wilkins	1365 Crestline Dr	1	
36	BRIAN BROWN	1530 Crestline DR Fairbanks AK 99712	4	BB
37	IRINA BROWN	1530 Crestline Dr FAIRBANKS AK 99712	4	IB

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	Name (First & Last)	Address	Household Size	Signature
38	Theresa Albert	1410 Crestline Dr FAIRBANKS AK 99712	4	TA
39	LANCE ALBERT	1410 Crestline Dr Fairbanks AK 99712	4	LA
40	KRIS FARMEN	793 Pinehurst Court Fairbanks, AK 99712	3	KF
41	Peggy Haas	1151 Gull Rd Fairbanks AK 99712	5	PH
42	John Haas	1151 Gull Rd Fairbanks AK 99712	5	JH
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From: Tobias Albrigtsen
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: Rejection to License # 25983
Date: Sunday, June 4, 2023 5:24:38 PM

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To whom it may concern,

In regards to:
License # 35983
Business License # 2179519
Alaska Entity # 10231330

I live at 790 Ridgemont Dr. with my wife, Eliska Albrigtsen, Head Coach of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Mens and Womens XC Skiing and Running Teams, and our 2.5 year old child. We hope to see careful thought put into this license to protect the residential use of the area surrounding the 800 Ridgemont Drive property. We would like the license to make it mandatory to use carbon filters and to replace them regularly, about every 4 months. We also would like the license to include a traffic plan and construction plan that keeps dust, noise, and road use down to a minimum. We would like the license to call for motion sensor lights as a solution to reduce light pollution.

Per the Marijuana Control Board Regulations 3 AAC 306.025 application procedure (specifically b1A&B), I have found that after the public notice form was posted on the property with a pushpin against a tree on May 5th, 2023, the notice blew off a few days later and was gone by May 8th, 2023. It was never replaced on to the proposed licensed premises since May 8th, 2023 thereby violating the regulation set by AMCO.

Tobias Albrigtsen
Cell: 303-928-0571

From: Tobias Albrigtsen
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: Petition to Reject License # 25983
Date: Sunday, June 4, 2023 5:33:11 PM

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To whom it may concern,

In regards to:
License # 35983
Business License # 2179519
Alaska Entity # 10231330

Attached is the petition to reject marijuana cultivation license #25983 which holds over 40 signatures from the local residents. The hard copy was sent to you in the mail Friday 6/2/23.

-Tobias Albrigtsen

From:	Chris
To:	Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Cc:	krista.major@fnsb.gov; jim.williams@fnsb.gov; jill.dolan@fnsb.gov
Subject:	Opposition to permit application 35983
Date:	Monday, May 15, 2023 3:01:36 PM

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Hi,

I oppose the application for the marijuana establishment license 35983 submitted by Black Mountain Farms business license 2179519. Located at 800 Ridgemont Drive, Fairbanks Alaska, 99712.

The neighborhood they are proposing to construct this facility is our nice residential neighborhood with families and lots of children. We do not want a marijuana cultivation facility anywhere in the vicinity of our neighborhood. We do not want the crime nor riff raff marijuana brings. We do not want the offensive odors this facility will produce and do not want our children exposed to this.

From: Casey Woster
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: Objection to Marijuana Establishment License 35983
Date: Friday, May 12, 2023 1:13:05 PM

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Hello,

My name is Casey Woster (legal name Cassandra Woster) and I am writing to express my objections to a marijuana cultivation facility that has been proposed for my neighborhood.

I was made aware of the licensing application for this facility (License Number 35983) to be located at 800 Ridgemont Drive in Fairbanks, Alaska. I live just uphill from this address, at 890 Noel Drive, in a home that I am proud to say I purchased for myself in September of 2019. This is a small neighborhood, full of good, hard working people who watch out for one another and come together in times of crisis. This is the kind of neighborhood where so-called "free-range parenting" is normal and accepted, where kids can run and play both on the street and in the woods that surround all of our properties. It is the kind of neighborhood where dogs are recognized before people and instead of calling animal control on a loose dog, we call the owners or just walk the dog home. I worked hard to be able to afford a home in this neighborhood and I hope to live here for the rest of my life (which, considering that I am 39 years old, is likely to be a long time).

My objections to a commercial marijuana cultivation facility in this neighborhood are rooted in my love of this community. As a marijuana user myself, I am familiar with the plant's benefits especially in regards to tempering my anxiety disorder. However, I do not want a cultivation facility in what is essentially my front yard. Aside from the risks to the free-ranging children and animals in this neighborhood, marijuana cultivation facilities smell horrible (the facility on Davis Road in Fairbanks is a particularly pungent example) and would likely be detrimental to the property values in this area. Prospective home buyers generally do not want to be close to marijuana grow operations, and as this neighborhood is in what is acknowledged to be the best school area in Fairbanks, it is likely that more families will be interested in this neighborhood as it continues to develop. Having a marijuana cultivation facility in the neighborhood will certainly deter such prospective families.

I understand that the decriminalization of marijuana means most legally operated facilities are not frequented by disreputable people, and I am not overly concerned that such a facility will lead to an increase in traffic or crime. What I am concerned with is the safety of the people and animals in the neighborhood, the potential stunting of neighborhood growth, and the potential for property values to plummet. With my current desire to remain in this house for the next 50 years, I am nearly positive that I will be here long after such a grow operation closes down. However, it is not something I want in my neighborhood or my backyard.

Thanks for your time. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or follow ups you may have.

Casey Woster
crwoster@gmail.com
(307) 431-8297

From: Justin Marshall
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: Marijuana Cultivation Facility License #35983 Objection
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2023 8:33:26 PM

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Good Evening,

Upon further review of the location and proximity to my own residence, I feel it is not in my family or this established residential neighborhood's best interest to have a new marijuana cultivation facility established at 800 Ridgemont Drive, Fairbanks, AK.

Without a proper building and adequate ventilation, the odor created would drastically effect quality of life for those surrounding it. Almost all, if not all, homes in this area do not have air conditioning, resulting in open windows throughout the majority of the summer. If odors are not properly controlled and ventilated during the growing process, the "skunk-like" smell would be highly noxious and irritating to people within their own homes. An issue we currently do not have in this neighborhood. One could argue that even in the winter, this could be an issue do to inversion and the common use of air-exchange systems in many homes.

Due to the limited information provided in the public notice, I cannot assume proper measures will be taken to avoid this issue. I am also not fully aware of regulations surrounding the facility application process and whether or not inspections are made by the state to ensure neither the land nor the local inhabitants are effected adversely by this facility. My only experience with these types of facilities is when I drive from the Richardson ramp to the Mitchell Expressway and pass the large warehouse facilities on the left. I find that the odor carries and stays with me for miles. If this facility in our neighborhood is anything like that operation, I think it would be a mistake to approve this application based of the proximity to so many established residents.

As I said, I have limited experience and knowledge of how these establishments are regulated, inspected, or run. My objection is based solely on the worry that I will be assaulted daily by the pungent and overwhelming smell that comes with the growing of this particular crop. Please feel free to email back any additional information or follow up questions related to this objection. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Justin Marshall

From: Morgan Liddell
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored); krista.major@fnsb.gov; jim.williams@fnsb.gov; jill.dolan@fnsb.gov
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:14:39 AM

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Hello- I wished to add my name to the list of individuals Opposed to Black Mountain Farms building a warehouse to grow marijuana in our neighborhood.
Thank you,
Morgan Liddell

1001 MIA Street
Fairbanks, AK 99712

From: Kerry Pippin
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: Black Mountain Farms, LLC, marijuana cultivation facility license application
Date: Monday, May 29, 2023 9:40:01 AM

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Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office/Board
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501

To Whom It May Concern,

My wife and I object to the marijuana cultivation facility planned by Black Mountain Farms, business license number 35983. Our concerns are the strong odor in a residential area where we are now able to enjoy fresh air outside summer and winter with our children and grandchildren; an increase in traffic and therefore more erosion of our roads that we all have to endure; ground water pollution with fertilizers and pesticides; and water consumption in an area of limited water supply.

Thank you for considering our objections and request to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Greg Pippin
Kerry Pippin
665 Cranberry Ridge Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99712

From: Colin Craven
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: Black Mountain Farms license application number 35983
Date: Monday, May 29, 2023 10:52:39 PM

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AMCO,

I write regarding the application for a limited marijuana cultivation facility doing business as Black Mountain Farms.

I object to this application and AMCO's process for the following reasons:

1. AMCO states that the application will be posted online, but the specified URL does not provide the application. Please provide the application.

2. AMCO's regulations require the applicant to provide public notice of the application with vague expectations. This is a conflict of interest, as applicants do not benefit from widespread notification of such license applications and are incentivized to minimize notice. Notice in the neighborhood appears to have consisted of taping a paper to select mailboxes, which could miss many individuals affected by this proposed license. This is inadequate public notice. Many other State of Alaska public notice requirements for actions require the department authorizing an action to send notice, not the applicants, and specify things such as direct mailings to individuals within the vicinity.

3. AMCO's public notice flyer is vague in what constitutes providing objection to an application because it states it should be sent to "their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office". The Fairbanks North Star Borough has many elements to it, so it is unclear who to send comments to. Furthermore, the FNSB does not directly deal with marijuana licensing. AMCO is the entity that could provide authorization for this license and therefore is the responsible entity for handling comments and objections, and for providing a clear comment process. Also, it is unreasonable to suggest that the applicant must be sent objections directly, as they are not the decision making authority for licensing. Providing personal contact information to an applicant in this context is not a reasonable requirement or vague suggestion.

4. The public notice flyer does not clarify who can appeal decisions on the issuance of marijuana licenses and provide an understanding of when the comment deadline is. Therefore a commenter's standing is left vague.

5. This license location is not in the best interests of the public since it is located in the middle of a residential area. Every marijuana establishment I pass within the City of Fairbanks has a noticeable marijuana odor far beyond the property boundaries. If there are odor control requirements for such licensed operations, they clearly are ineffective. This is not an appropriate type of business to have within a dense residential area.

6. The applicants have a history of using public land outside of their private property for storing personal equipment, such as multiple vehicles left within Ridgemont Drive for long periods of time (i.e. all winter). This does not convey to their neighbors that they have the mindset of running an operation that respects license conditions and local ordinances.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Thank you,

Colin Craven

804 Cranberry Ridge Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99712