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Alaska Marijuana Control Board

Cover Sheet for Marijuana Establishment Applications

What is this form?

This cover sheet **must** be completed and submitted any time a document, payment, or other marijuana establishment application item is emailed, mailed, or hand-delivered to AMCO's main office.

Items that are submitted without this page will be returned in the manner in which they were received.

Section 1 – Establishment Information

Enter information for the business seeking to be licensed, as identified on the license application.

Licensee:	Herbal Outfitters, LLC	**License Number:**		10173	
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store				
Doing Business As:	HERBAL OUTFITTERS, LLC				
Physical Address:	165 Fairbanks Drive, Lower Floor				
City:	Valdez	**State:**	AK	**Zip Code:**	99686
Designated Licensee:	Richard Ballow				
Email Address:	info@herbaloutfitters.green				

Section 2 – Attached Items

List all documents, payments, and other items that are being submitted along with this page.

Attached Items:	
1	objection rebuttal letter
2	National dance council of America information
3	letter from Tracy Gilson
4	Aerial map of area surrounding Herbal Outfitters

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Herbal Outfitters, LLC
PO Box 2911
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Valdez, AK 99686

Alcohol Marijuana Control Office
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July 8, 2016

Re: Objection filed on Herbal Outfitters, LLC License #10173

To Whom It May Concern:

I appreciate the opportunity to address the objections that have been presented against Herbal Outfitters. My answers to each specific objection are given in the order of which they were presented in the objection letter.

1. Regarding distance to a Dance Studio

The regulations of the Marijuana Control Board state in definitions, (35) "recreation or youth center" as (B) operated by a public or private organization *licensed* to provide shelter, training , or guidance for *persons under 21 years of age.*

A. I would like to state that the dance industry does not need to be licensed to provide training. The National Dance Council of America encourages instructors to become certified; "Because the dance industry is not licensed regulated." I have included documentation from their web site. It can also be said the State of Alaska recognizes this point as dance instructors are not listed in the drop down menu for professions licensed at the State of Alaska, Professional Licensing, web site.

B. If a drug dealer were to be arrested in front of the Dance Studio the officer would not be able to impose the additional charge of distribution near a youth center. For criminal purposes, the Dance Studio does not qualify as such. This was verified in a meeting with the Valdez Chief of Police on May 18, 2016.

C. The Dance Studio is not exclusive to children. They also provide instruction for ballroom dancing as well as yoga for persons over the age of 21.

D. The author of the objection letter did not contact Mr. Tracy Gilson, owner of the Dance Studio to ask her opinion on the location of my proposed premise. In my meetings with Tracy and her husband they have expressed that they do not have concerns with my location. I have included a letter from Mrs. Gilson in which she states her views.

2. Regarding distance to College Dorms

A. I have included an aerial view of the core business district in Valdez that show the location of my premise in relation to that of the College Dorms. It

shows that when measured by the shortest pedestrian route, the distance is greater than 500'.

3. Regarding the distance to Public Library

   A. A Library is not defined as a recreation or youth center nor is it listed in AAC 306.010 as a facility that must be considered when applying the 500' buffer rule.

4. Regarding the distance to Connecting Ties

   A. The Connecting Ties business office is not a facility that must be considered when applying the 550' buffer rule.

5. Regarding the distance to Valdez Jail

   A. In accordance with AAC 306.010 and measured by the shortest pedestrian route from the public entrance of my proposed premises and the main public entrance of the correctional facility, I am over 500'.
   B. In a meeting with the Valdez Chief of Police on May 18, 2016, we discussed and agreed upon the path of the shortest pedestrian route, between the location of my public entrance and the location of the main public entrance to the Valdez City Jail.

In closing, I would like to assure the AMCO board that we have the support of the majority of the citizens of Valdez. In 2014, Ballot measure 2 passed in Valdez by over 61 percent. At the two meetings held by Planning and Zoning to discuss where marijuana businesses would be located, board members made favorable public comments for the addition of a marijuana retail store in the Core Business district. They voted unanimously to pass the new zoning ordinance, sending it on to City Council who also voted to accept recommendations of the Planning and Zoning committee. Nearly every day that I am out in the community, someone will come up to me and say they are looking forward the opening of my store.

I have faithfully researched all the regulations set forth by the board and submitted all forms and information requested to obtain a license. Therefore I respectfully request approval for a Marijuana Retail License to Herbal Outfitters, LLC.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Richard C. Ballow
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National Dance Council of America

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Provo, UT 84602

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Professional Certification

With the explosion of dance, it is more important than ever to establish high teaching and ethical standards and to distinguish qualified teachers based on training, certification and experience.

Why Become Certified

Perhaps you have a few years experience as a dance teacher, and a following of students, and are wondering why you need to participate in a certification program. Today, there are more dance teachers than ever. It is sometimes hard for potential students to recognize the difference between you and other teachers. To remain competitive, you need as many ways as possible to set yourself up as a better, more recognized and respected teacher.

Knowledge is power. Because the dance industry is not license regulated, we professionals must take on the task of self-regulation and demand the highest standards for ourselves and the public. Employers will change and demand higher standards from their teachers when the public does; and the public will demand the change as they learn of the value of certification.

How To Become Certified

Certification is available through the Member Organizations of the National Dance Council. Below is a list of certifying organizations. Check the Directory section of our web site for the Member Organizations and learn more.

Certifying Organizations of the National Dance Council

- Arthur Murray International (AMI)
- Dance Teachers Club of Boston (DTCB)
- Dance Vision International Dancers Assoc. (DVIDA)

The Valdez Dance Company LLC
Tracy Gilson
PO Box 588
Valdez, AK 99686

Date: May 29, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I have read the objection written by Mr. Douglas Davies toward the application of Herbal Outfitters at 165 Fairbanks Drive Valdez, Alaska. Item 1 of his complaint involves my Dance Studio located at 131 Fairbanks Drive Apt C.

I would like to state that I did not give permission or approval for the use of my Dance Studio to be named in regards to the objections sent to the Marijuana Control Board. Furthermore it has been my desire to remain neutral on the subject leaving the decisions to where shops can be located up to regulations and local authorities.

Thank-you

Tracy Gilson

College Dorm
City Jail
City Hall
Valdez Dance Company
Herbal Outfitters
Library
Connecting Ties
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