

## Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Marijuana Control Board DATE: July 9, 2019

FROM: Erika McConnell, Director RE: AlaskaSense LLC,

#10254, Retail Store

In December of 2019, the board upheld the Municipality of Anchorage's protest of this new license application with a 120-day abeyance, which expired on April 23, 2019.

Due to the expected timeline on the Special Land Use Permit, the licensee is concerned that they will not meet the abeyance deadline. They are requesting an extension of the abeyance period to September 1, 2019.



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Erika McConnell, Director *Via email* 

Re: AlaskaSense, LLC - License 10254 request to appear on May 1-3 MCB Agenda for Abeyance Period Extension

Dear Director McConnell and Honorable Marijuana Control Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of AlaskaSense, LLC license number 10254 to request an extension of the abeyance period from the deadline of April 23, 2019 to September 1, 2019 for the Municipality of Anchorage to lift its protest.

The applicant, Smadi Warden, has not yet received from the assembly an approved Special Land Use Permit yet as this retail store location is located within the Downtown Community Council. The Downtown Community Council has a more extensive process unlike the other municipal community councils; DTCC requires that applicants go before the Alcohol and Marijuana Subcommittee of the Downtown Community Council prior to presenting at the regular scheduled DTCC meetings. AlaskaSense must go through the same public notice process as we would a regular CC meeting, requiring the licensee to notify all businesses and residences within 500ft of the facility via mail 21 days in advance. AlaskaSense is currently actively working on completing the Special Land Use Permit and just met with the DTCC Alcohol and Marijuana subcommittee last night, April 17. AlaskaSense now must work with the subcommittee and present at the next regular DTCC meeting which is not scheduled until May 15, 2019. Once AlaskaSense has presented at the upcoming DTCC meeting, she can move forward with her Special Land Use Permit application. The final step needed in order to complete her SLUP application is the CC engagement - which will not be completed until the May 15 meeting. We request the date of September 1, 2019 in order to ensure we meet the deadline of the extended abeyance period as once the SLUP application is submitted to the muni as it is then a 75-day period until the application is in front of the Anchorage Assembly.

We would like to request an extension date to September 1, 2019 in order to receive approval from the Anchorage Assembly and lift the Municipality of Anchorage protest. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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