



MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board DATE: January 12, 2022
FROM: Carrie Craig, RLS RE: Licenses in "Pending Inspection" Status

Licenses issued by the board are expected to be operated. The board, the staff, and the industry recognize that there are steps that licensees need to take between board approval and becoming operational, and that these steps can take some time. However, an approval that does not lead to an operating establishment within a reasonable period of time should not stand indefinitely for the following reasons:

- A license approval from the board indicates that the board has determined the application to be compliant with the regulations that exist at the time of review, and particularly that the location of the proposed facility is compliant with regards to appropriate separation from protected land uses (3 AAC 306.010) at that time.
- There could be changes to the surrounding land uses over time leading to a possible conflict with protected land uses, and there can be changes to regulations.
- Licensees who are approved but are not operational for an extended period of time may not be staying familiar with the regulations and keeping up to date on regulatory changes.

What is "a reasonable period of time" can definitely vary depending on each licensee's situation.

The licenses listed in this section of the agenda have completed any requirements of board delegation, have been approved by their local government and any required review agency, and have been moved to "active-pending inspection" status, meaning their license has been issued by the licensing examiner and is ready to be given to the licensee after passing inspection. Each licensee in this section has been in "active-pending inspection" status for over six months without notifying AMCO that they are ready for an inspection.

At the MCB Board's request, staff has notified the licensees in this section by certified mail and email that they will be required to attend the January 19-21, 2022 meeting either in person or on Zoom to update the board members.

The board should determine on a case-by-case basis whether any board action is necessary or appropriate.



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December 29, 2021

Dear Marijuana License Applicant:

You are receiving this notice because you have a marijuana license that has been in “active-pending inspection” status for six months or longer. This means that in six months or more after AMCO printed your license you have not scheduled your inspection with AMCO's Enforcement Unit.

Reconsideration of your application has been scheduled for the **January 19-21, 2022 meeting of the MCB in Juneau**. You are required to be available in person or via Zoom meeting application to provide the board with information and documentation relating to your pending inspection license status.

You must either *R.s.v.p.* that you will be attending or provide a written valid reason why you are unable to attend by emailing marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov. If you do not respond to this notice or provide a valid reason why you cannot attend the meeting, the MCB may act against your license.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carrie Craig".

By: Carrie Craig,
Records and Licensing Supervisor

From: [Marijuana Licensing \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Cc: [Marijuana Licensing \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Required Attendance at the Jan. 19-21, 2022 MCB Meeting
Date: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 2:58:54 PM
Attachments: [Required Attendance Active-Pending Inspection 6 months or more.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter regarding your marijuana license that has been in “active-pending inspection” status for six months or more. The MCB Board has requested your presence at the January 19-21, 2022 board meeting in Juneau either in person or via the Zoom meeting app. The Zoom log in information will be posted within the next few weeks on our website here: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/>. A hard copy of this letter is being mailed certified, return receipt on December 30, 2021.

If you have questions/concerns please email marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov. Thank you and have a safe New Years.

Respectfully,

Carrie Craig

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