MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board  DATE: January 12, 2022
FROM: Jane P. Sawyer, Regulations Specialist  RE: Regulations Project – Transfer of License to Another Location

At the August 2021 meeting, the board opened a regulations project to address relocation of a license. The draft contemplates the relocation of a license to another local government, not just within the current local government’s jurisdiction, but it can be removed if the board chooses.

This project is 30 some pages long because the amendments affect several sections and provisions of 306.

Options for the board: to be discussed at meeting
3 AAC 306.010 is amended to read:

3 AAC 306.010. License restrictions. (a) The board will not issue a new marijuana establishment license, or approve the transfer of an existing license to another location, if the licensed premises will be located within 500 feet of a school ground, a recreation or youth center, a building in which religious services are regularly conducted, or a correctional facility. The distance specified in this subsection must be measured by the shortest pedestrian route from the public entrance of the building in which the licensed premises would be located to the outer boundaries of the school ground, the outer boundaries of the recreation or youth center, the main public entrance of the building in which religious services are regularly conducted, or the main public entrance of the correctional facility. This section does not prohibit the renewal of an existing marijuana establishment license, a license conversion under 3 AAC 306.047, or the transfer of an existing marijuana establishment license to another person if the licensed premises were in use before the school ground, recreation or youth center, the building in which religious services are regularly conducted, or a correctional facility began use of a site within 500 feet. If an existing marijuana establishment license for premises located within 500 feet of a school ground, a recreation or youth center, a building in which religious services are regularly conducted, or a correctional facility is revoked or expires, the board will not issue another marijuana establishment license for the same premises unless the school ground, the recreation or youth center, the building in
which religious services are regularly conducted, or the correctional facility no longer occupies the site within 500 feet.

(b) The board will not issue a new marijuana establishment license, or approve the transfer of a license to another location, if the licensed premises will be located in a liquor license premises.

(c) The board will not issue a new marijuana establishment license, or approve the transfer of a license to another location, when a local government protests an application under 3 AAC 306.060 on the grounds that the applicant's proposed licensed premises are located in a place within the local government where a local zoning ordinance prohibits the marijuana establishment, unless the local government has approved a variance from the local ordinance.

(d) The board will not issue a marijuana establishment license to a person who

(1) is prohibited under AS 17.38.200(i) from receiving a marijuana establishment license because of a conviction of a felony; if the applicant is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, the board will not issue a license if any person named in 3 AAC 306.020(b)(2) is prohibited under AS 17.38.200(i) from obtaining a license; in this paragraph, "conviction of a felony" includes a suspended imposition of sentence;

(2) has been found guilty of

(A) selling alcohol without a license in violation of AS 04.11.010;

(B) selling alcohol to an individual under 21 years of age in violation of AS 04.16.051 or 04.16.052; or

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(C) a misdemeanor crime involving a controlled substance, violence against a person, use of a weapon, or dishonesty within the preceding five years; or

(3) has, within two years before submitting an application, been convicted of a class A misdemeanor relating to selling, furnishing, or distributing marijuana or operating an establishment where marijuana is consumed contrary to state law. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority:  AS 17.38.010  AS 17.38.150  AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070  AS 17.38.190  AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.015 is repealed and readopted to read:

3 AAC 306.015. License Conditions.  (a) The board will issue each marijuana establishment license to a specific individual, to a partnership, including a limited partnership, to a limited liability company, to a corporation, or to a local government. A person other than a licensee may not have a direct or indirect financial interest in the business for which a marijuana establishment license is issued.

(b) Except as allowed in 3 AAC 306.035(h), the board will not issue, renew, or transfer a marijuana establishment license to

(1) an individual or a sole proprietorship unless the individual or proprietor is a resident of the state;

(2) a partnership unless each partner is a resident of the state;
(3) a limited liability company unless the limited liability company is qualified to do business in the state and each member of the limited liability company is a resident of the state; or

(4) a corporation unless the corporation is incorporated or qualified to do business in the state and each corporate officer, director, and shareholder is a resident of the state.

(c) The board will issue each license for a specific location identified on the application as the licensed premises. A marijuana establishment must have a right to possession of its licensed premises at all times, and may not lease its licensed premises to another person for any reason. If a marijuana establishment wishes to reduce or expand the area of the licensed premises used for a marijuana establishment, the marijuana establishment must submit a new line drawing showing the proposed changes to the premises, and must obtain the board’s written approval. [A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT MAY NOT RELOCATE ITS LICENSED PREMISES TO A DIFFERENT PLACE WITHOUT OBTAINING A LICENSE FOR THE NEW PREMISES AS REQUIRED UNDER 3 AAC 306.050.]

(d) A person may not transfer an existing marijuana establishment license to another location without the applicant applying for and receiving written consent of the board. Subject to any applicable provisions of AS 17.38 and this chapter, the board may approve a transfer of a license to another location in a different local government.

(e) The board will impose other conditions or restrictions on a license or endorsement issued under this chapter when it finds that it is in the interests of the public to do so.

(f) In this section,

(1) "direct or indirect financial interest" means

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(A) a legal or equitable interest in the operation of a business licensed under this chapter;

(B) does not include a person's right to receive

(i) rental charges on a graduated or percentage lease-rent agreement for real estate leased to a licensee; or

(ii) consulting fee from a licensee for services that are allowed under this chapter;

(2) "resident of the state" means a person who is eligible at the time of application for the most recent permanent fund dividend under AS 43.23. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; add'l am 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am 4/11/2019, Register 230; am 10/18/2020, Register 236; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority:  AS 17.38.010  AS 17.38.150  AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070  AS 17.38.190  AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.020(a)(8) is amended to read:

(8) the address of the location [PREMISES] to include global positioning system (GPS) coordinates where the applicant intends to operate a marijuana establishment, and a detailed diagram of the proposed licensed premises; the diagram must show all entrances and boundaries of the premises, restricted access areas, storage areas, and, if applicable, overlapping premises that the board may approve under 3 AAC 306.705(d) and 3 AAC 306.710(d);
3 AAC 306.030(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board will not approve a new license, a [OR] new onsite consumption endorsement or a transfer of a license to another location in an area outside, but within 50 miles of, the boundary of a local government unless the board receives a petition to issue the license or endorsement signed by a majority of the permanent residents residing within one mile of the proposed premises.

3 AAC 306.030(b) is amended to read:

(b) The board will not approve a new license, a [OR] new onsite consumption endorsement or a transfer of a license to another location in an area that is 50 miles or more from the boundary of a local government unless the board receives a petition to issue the license or endorsement containing the signatures of two-thirds of the permanent residents residing within a radius of five miles of the United States post office station nearest to the proposed licensed premises. If there is no United States post office station within a radius of five miles of the proposed licensed premises, the petition must be signed by two-thirds of the permanent residents residing within a five-mile radius of the proposed licensed premises.

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Application for transfer of a license to another person

(a) A person may not receive or transfer a marijuana establishment license or a controlling interest in a marijuana establishment license issued to a partnership, including a limited partnership, a limited liability company, a corporation, or a local government, without applying for and receiving the written consent of the board. Transfer of a license includes a sale of all or part of the interest of an individual owner.

(b) An application for transfer of a marijuana establishment license, or of a controlling interest in a marijuana establishment license issued to a partnership, a limited liability company, a corporation, or a local government, must be filed in writing on a form the board prescribes, in compliance with the application procedure set out in 3 AAC 306.025. The application must name the current holder of the marijuana establishment license and the proposed transferee, including all persons listed in 3 AAC 306.020 if the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, a corporation, or a local government. The application must contain

(1) the same information about each transferee as is required of an applicant for a new license under 3 AAC 306.020;

(2) a statement, under oath, executed by the current holder of the marijuana establishment license, listing all debts of the business, all taxes the business owes, current contact information for each creditor, and an affirmation that the current holder of the marijuana establishment license has submitted a copy of the transfer application to all creditors; and

(3) any other information required by the board for the type of marijuana establishment license sought to be transferred.

(c) When the board receives a complete application for transfer of a license to another person, the director shall immediately send written notice of the proposed transfer to

(1) each listed creditor of the current holder of the marijuana establishment license, along with the amount shown as owed to that creditor;

(2) each local government with jurisdiction over the applicant’s proposed licensed premises;

(3) the community council if the licensed premises are located within the boundary of a community council established by municipal charter or ordinance; and

(4) any nonprofit community organization that has requested notification in writing.

3 AAC 306.045(d) is amended to read:

(d) A current holder of a marijuana establishment license must submit a license renewal application before or at the same time as an application for a transfer of a marijuana
establishment license to another person that is submitted after April 30 and before August 31.

[July 1.]

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 12/28/2017, Register 224; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am ___/___/_____, Register ______)

Authority: AS 17.38.010    AS 17.38.150    AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070    AS 17.38.190    AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306 is adding a new section to read:

3 AAC 306.046. Application for transfer of a license to another location. (a) A person may not transfer to another location a license issued under AS 17.38 and this chapter without applying for and receiving the written consent of the board.

(b) An application for transfer of a license to another location must be filed in writing on a form or forms the board prescribes, in compliance with the applicable application procedures set out in 3 AAC 306.025.

(c) An application for transfer of a license to another location must name the current license holder, the current location of the licensed premises, the current local government, and, if applicable, the new local government, the endorsements applicable to the current location and a statement of whether the license holder intends to transfer the endorsements, the new

Commented [SJP(13] Housekeeping: It makes no sense to say "before July 1" when the grace period to submit a renewal application is August 31, 2021.

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location of the proposed licensed premises including global positioning system coordinates, and contain

(1) the same information about each person as is required of an applicant for a new license under 3 AAC 306.020.

(2) only if the transfer of a license to another location is concurrent with a transfer of a license to another person, a statement, under oath, executed by the current holder of the marijuana establishment license, listing all debts of the business, all taxes the business owes, current contact information for each creditor, and an affirmation that the current holder of the marijuana establishment license has submitted a copy of the application of the transfer of location to all creditors;

(3) an operating plan and proposed licensed premises as described under 3 AAC 306.020(b)(8), 3 AAC 306.020(c), 3 AAC 306.315(2), 3 AAC 306.420, 3 AAC 306.520(2) and (3), 3 AAC 306.615, and if applicable, 3 AAC 306.705(d) and 3 AAC 306.710(d);

(4) an affidavit showing where and when the applicant posted notice of the application; when the applicant notified each local government with jurisdiction over the

Commented [SJP(17)]: I understand listing all the people again when the ownership is not changing is repetitive, but the transfer to a new location is the same concept of letting the public know of a new marijuana establishment as with a new application.

Commented [SJP(18)]: 306.020 is requirements for a new license to be provided on the application.

Commented [SJP(19)]: Is this whole provision necessary in an application to transfer the location of the license IF the ownership and ownership structure is the exact same one? This provision has the potential to hold up the transfer of location. See: denial of license.

Commented [JMW20R19]: I don't believe so.

Commented [SJP(21R19)]: What do you think of the underlined/bolded change instead of removing altogether? This provision would not be required if the transfer of location is strictly that (same ownership structure).

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Commented [SJP(23)]: We/AMCO would request approval from Revenue to transfer the location even if the applicant didn’t list Revenue as an entity owed taxes to on MJ-19. This is a regular procedure with transfer of license to another person/entity.
proposed licensed premises; and, if applicable, the community council, and proof of advertising.

All in compliance with 3 AAC 306.025(b);

(5) the title, lease, or other documentation showing the applicant’s sole right to possession of the proposed licensed premises;

(6) the application fee under 3 AAC 306.100; and

(7) any other information required by the board for the type of marijuana establishment license sought to be transferred.

(d) When the board receives a complete application for transfer of a license to another location, the director shall send notice of the proposed transfer to

(1) the local government with jurisdiction over the current location and, if different, the local government with jurisdiction over the applicant’s proposed new location;

(2) the community council with jurisdiction over the current location and, if different, the community council with jurisdiction over the proposed new location if the new location is located within the boundary of a community council established by municipal charter or ordinance;

(3) any nonprofit community organization that has requested the notice in writing; and

(4) any other state or local government entity whose approval is necessary to transfer location, as the board deems necessary.

(e) If the transfer of a license to another location is concurrent with the transfer of the license to another person as described under 3 AAC 306.045, the application must be filed in writing on a form or forms the board prescribes, in compliance with this section, the applicable
application procedures set out in 3 AAC 306.025, and 3 AAC 306.045, and submit the person’s fingerprints and fees as required under 3 AAC 306.055(a).

(f) A current holder of a marijuana establishment license shall submit a license renewal application before or at the same time as an application for a transfer of a license to another location that is submitted after April 30 and before August 31. (Eff. __/_/___, Register ___.)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.047 is amended to read:

3 AAC 306.047. License conversion.  (a) An application to convert an existing limited marijuana cultivation facility license to a standard marijuana cultivation facility license, an existing standard marijuana cultivation facility license to a limited marijuana cultivation facility license, an existing marijuana concentrate manufacturing facility license to a marijuana product manufacturing facility license, or an existing marijuana product manufacturing facility license to a marijuana concentrate manufacturing facility license must be filed in writing on a form the board prescribes, in compliance with the applicable application procedure set out in 3 AAC 306.025.

(b) To qualify for a license conversion under this section, neither the licensee nor the license location may change.

(c) The license conversion application must contain

Commented [SJP(29]: This provision is currently under transfer of license to another person. I’m assuming is to make sure that there is an existing license TO transfer. I copied the provision to this section.

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an affidavit showing where and when the applicant posted notice of the application; when the applicant notified each local government with jurisdiction over the licensed premises; proof of advertising; and, if applicable, the community council. All in compliance with 3 AAC 306.025(b); {AN AFFIDAVIT SHOWING WHERE AND WHEN THE APPLICANT POSTED NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION, AND PROOF OF ADVERTISING AS REQUIRED IN 3 AAC 306.025(b);} 

(2) any changes proposed to the approved operating plan; 

(3) a detailed diagram of the proposed licensed premises; the diagram must show all entrances and boundaries of the premises, restricted access areas, storage areas, and, if applicable, overlapping premises that the board may approve under 3 AAC 306.705(d) and 3 AAC 306.710(d); 

(4) if applicable, the title, lease, or other documentation showing the licensee’s sole right to possession of the proposed licensed premises; {IF THE PROPOSED LICENSED PREMISES FOR THE CONVERTED LICENSE DIFFER FROM THE EXISTING LICENSED PREMISES;} 

(5) the balance of the license fee, if the post-conversion license fee is greater than the pre-conversion license fee; 

(6) the application fee under 3 AAC 306.100; and 

(7) any other information required by the board. (Eff. 2/21/2019, Register 229; am 12/10/2020, Register 236; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 17.38.900

Commented [SJP(31]: Housekeeping amendment to make the removed language (CAPS) clear.

Commented [SJP(32]: Rewording: “Applicable” because we may not always need an updated lease. Some licensees already have possession to the area where the license conversion would be happening. (Proposed) removed (CAPS) language, not sure what it means.

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3 AAC 306.050 is repealed

3 AAC 306.050. Relocation of licensed premises not allowed. Repealed. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; repealed __/__/_____, Register _____)

Authority:  AS 17.38.010  AS 17.38.150  AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070  AS 17.38.190  AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

Language being repealed above 3 AAC 306.050. Relocation of licensed premises not allowed. A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE MAY NOT BE RELOCATED TO ANY OTHER PREMISES. A HOLDER OF A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE THAT WISHES TO OPERATE A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION MUST SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION FOR ANY NEW PREMISES, AND MUST SURRENDER AN EXISTING LICENSE FOR ANY PREMISES WHERE THE MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATION.]

3 AAC 306.055(a) is amended to read:

(a) When filing an application for a new marijuana establishment license, transfer of a license to another person, transfer of a license, or ownership change, the applicant, including each individual listed in 3 AAC 306.020(b)(2), must submit the person's fingerprints and the fees required by the Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information. An individual who has submitted fingerprints and fees under this section is not required to submit a new set of fingerprints and fees for a second or subsequent application for a
new license, transfer of a license to another person, or ownership change, if the second or subsequent application is submitted not later than 12 calendar months after the date criminal justice information is received in response to the initial submission of fingerprints and fees.

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 5/9/2019, Register 230; am __/__/____., Register _____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200
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AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.060 is amended to read:

3 AAC 306.060. Protest by local government. (a) Not later than 60 days after the director sends notice of an application for a new marijuana establishment license, a new onsite consumption endorsement, renewal of a marijuana establishment license, renewal of an onsite consumption endorsement, license conversion, endorsement, or transfer of a marijuana establishment license to another person, or transfer of a license to another location, a local government with jurisdiction over the location requested in the application may protest the application by sending the director and the applicant a written protest and the reasons for the protest. If the transfer of a license is to a new location within the jurisdiction of another local government, the local government in the transfer location may raise as grounds of protest the concerns of the current local government. The director may not accept a protest received after the 60-day period. If the protest is a conditional protest, the board will require the applicant to show to the board’s satisfaction that the requirements of the local government have

Commented [SJP(35]: I don’t think this needs anything extra to accommodate transfer of location to another LG. I think that if the board wants to allow the old/current local government to protest based on taxes owed, then I would need to add a separate provision here.

Allowing a protest period for the old/current LG due to taxes owed (at the time the licensee wants to move to another LG) might get complicated. The local government could also lodge an objection instead, not so much having the right to protest.

Thoughts from the board...

Commented [JMW36R35]: I think if there are real concerns of the prior local government the new local government should be able to raise this history as pertinent to its protest. The old local government does not get to protest, but the new one can somewhat step in their shoes by advancing concerns that might be applicable to their new location as well.

Commented [SJP(37R35]: Okay... just a question for discussion with the board. How would the new local government know of any issues? And, would the new local government need to enact local laws to be able to protest the application based on issues raised by the old/current local government?
been met before the director may issue the license. If the protest is not a conditional protest, the board will deny the application unless the board finds that the protest is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable.

(b) A local government may recommend that the board approve an application for a new license, a new onsite consumption endorsement, renewal of a license, renewal of an onsite consumption endorsement, license conversion, [OR] transfer of a license to another person, [OR] transfer of a license to another location subject to a condition. If the application is to transfer a license to a location under the jurisdiction of a new local government, the new local government may raise as conditions concerns raised by the current local government that are still relevant to the new location. The board will impose a condition a local government recommends unless the board finds the recommended condition is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable. If the board imposes a condition a local government recommends, the local government shall assume responsibility for monitoring compliance with the condition unless the board provides otherwise.

(c) If the [A] local government with jurisdiction over the location of the licensed premises determines that a marijuana establishment has violated a provision of AS 17.38, this chapter, or a condition the board has imposed on the licensee, the local government may notify the board. Unless the director finds that the local government’s notice is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable, the director shall prepare the determination as an accusation against the
licensee under AS 44.62.360 and conduct proceedings to resolve the matter as provided under 3 AAC 306.820.

(d) In this section,

(1) “local government” means each local government with jurisdiction over the licensed premises. In the case of a transfer of location to another local government, the local government is the new location’s local government.

(2) “conditional protest” means a protest by a local government based on the local government’s requirements that the applicant must meet before licensure, and that the applicant has not yet met but that the local government expects the applicant will be able to meet within a reasonable period of time.

(e) Notwithstanding (d) of this section, not later than 60 days after the director sends notice of an application for a transfer of a license to another location where the local government is different, the current local government may protest the application only for the basis of taxes owed by the licensee to the current local government by sending the director and the applicant a written protest and the reasons for the protest. The director may not accept and the board will not consider a protest received under this provision after the 60-day period. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 12/28/2017, Register 224; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am 4/11/2019, Register 230; am 5/9/2019, Register 230; am __/__/___.

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

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3 AAC 306.065 is amended to read:

3 AAC 306.065. Public participation. A person may object to an application for a new license, renewal of a license, including reinstatement of a license, endorsement, license conversion, [OR] transfer of a license to another person, or transfer of a license to another location by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to the board and the applicant not later than 30 days after the director has determined that the application is complete and has given written notice to the local government in accordance with 3 AAC 306.025. The objection must be sent to the applicant at the mailing address or electronic mail address provided in the notice of application and also to the board. If the board determines to conduct a public hearing under this section, an interested person may give oral testimony at the public hearing. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 12/28/2017, Register 224; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

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3 AAC 306.075(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board will decide whether to grant or deny an application for a license not later than 90 days after receiving the complete application. However, the board will not grant or deny
the application before the time allowed for a protest under 3 AAC 306.060, unless the local government waives its right to protest.

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 12/28/2017, Register 224; am 2/21/2019, Register 229, am ___/__/_____. Register _____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

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3 AAC 306.080(a)(7) is amended to read:

(7) a protest by the local government [LOCAL GOVERNING BODY] is not arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable.

3 AAC 306.080(b)(4) is amended to read:

(4) that a protest by the local government [LOCAL GOVERNING BODY] is not arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable; or

3 AAC 306.080(d)(5) is amended to read:

(d) After review of the application and all relevant information, the board will deny an application for transfer of license to another person if the board finds

(1) any cause listed in (a) of this section;
(2) that the transferor has not paid all debts or taxes arising from the operation of the business licensed under this chapter unless the transferor gives security for the payment of the debts or taxes satisfactory to the creditor or taxing authority;

(3) that transfer of the license to another person would result in violation of the provisions of this chapter relating to identity of licensees and financing of licensees;

(4) that the prospective transferee does not have the qualifications of an original applicant required under this chapter; or

(5) that a protest by the local government [LOCAL GOVERNING BODY] is not arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable.

3 AAC 306.080(e) is amended to read:

(e) If the board denies an application for a new license, renewal of a license, reinstatement of license, license conversion, [OR] transfer of a license to another person, or transfer of a license to another location, the board will, not later than 15 days after the board meeting at which the application was denied, furnish a written statement of issues to the applicant, explaining the reason for the denial in clear and concise language, and identifying any statute or regulation on which the denial is based. In the notice of denial the board will inform the applicant of the right to an informal conference under 3 AAC 306.085 and to a formal hearing under 3 AAC 306.090.

3 AAC 306.080(f)(5) is amended to read:

Commented [SJP(49)]: This is current language on the regs. This triggers us to notify Revenue. A lack of approval from Revenue would hold up the transfer to another person. Should the transfer of location have the same requirement?? I don’t know. The License Conversion application does not have this requirement but the license conversion also does not allow for license transfer to another person or to another location concurrently.

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Commented [SJP(52)]: Denial of a license application
(5) a protest by the local government [LOCAL GOVERNING BODY] is not arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable;

3 AAC 306.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) After review of the application and all relevant information, the board will deny an application for a transfer of a license to another location if the board finds that

(1) the application contains any false statement of material fact;

(2) the application is not complete as required under the applicable provisions of 3 AAC 306.020 – 3 AAC 306.055;

(3) the license or endorsement would violate any restriction in 3 AAC 306.010 or 3 AAC 306.015;

(4) the license or endorsement would violate any restriction applicable to the particular license type authorized under this chapter;

(5) the license or endorsement is prohibited under this chapter as a result of an ordinance or election conducted under AS 17.38.210 and 3 AAC 306.200 - 3 AAC 306.250;

(6) the applicant’s actions or the operating plan does not adequately demonstrate that the applicant will comply with applicable provision of AS 17.38 and this chapter;

(7) the license or endorsement would not be in the best interest of the public; or

(8) a protest by the local government is not arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable;
(9) A protest by the current local government in the case of a transfer of location of the license to a different local government is based on taxes owed to the current local government; and

(10) that the licensee has not paid all debts or taxes arising from the operation of the business licensed under this chapter unless the transferor gives security for the payment of the debts or taxes satisfactory to the creditor or taxing authority.

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 2/21/19, Register 229; am 8/21/2019, Register 231; am Eff. ___/___/____, Register ____; am ___/___/_____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

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AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.085(a) is amended to read:

(a) If an applicant for a new license, endorsement, renewal of a license, license reinstatement, license conversion, [OR] transfer of a license to another person, or transfer of a license to another location is aggrieved by an action of the board denying the application, the applicant may, not later than 15 days after the date of the written notice of denial, request an informal conference with the director or the board. An informal conference requested under this section must be held at a time and place convenient to the applicant and the board, but not later than the next scheduled meeting of the board. An informal conference may be conducted telephonically.
(a) If an applicant for a new license, endorsement, renewal of a license, license reinstatement, license conversion, or transfer of license to another location is aggrieved by an action of the board denying the application, the applicant may request a formal hearing by filing a notice of defense in compliance with AS 44.62.390 not later than 15 days after the date of the written notice of the denial, or as provided in 3 AAC 306.085(b) if the applicant requested and participated in an informal conference. Failure to file a notice of defense as provided in this section constitutes a waiver of the right to a formal hearing. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am __/__/____; Register ___/___/_____, Register ____)

3 AAC 306.090(a) is amended to read:

(a) If an applicant for a new license, endorsement, renewal of a license, license reinstatement, license conversion, or transfer of license to another location is aggrieved by an action of the board denying the application, the applicant may request a formal hearing by filing a notice of defense in compliance with AS 44.62.390 not later than 15 days after the date of the written notice of the denial, or as provided in 3 AAC 306.085(b) if the applicant requested and participated in an informal conference. Failure to file a notice of defense as provided in this section constitutes a waiver of the right to a formal hearing. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am __/__/____, Register ____)

3 AAC 306.095 is amended to read:

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(a) An aggrieved applicant or marijuana establishment license holder may appeal to the board regarding any action of the director, or an employee or agent of the board regarding an application for a new license, a license renewal, license reinstatement, a license conversion, [OR] a transfer of license to another person, or a transfer of license to another location.

(b) An applicant or marijuana establishment license holder aggrieved by a final decision of the board regarding an application for a new license, a license renewal, license reinstatement, a license conversion, [OR] a transfer of license to another person, or a transfer to license to another location may appeal to the superior court under AS 44.62.560. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am __/____/______, Register ____; am __/___/_____.

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.100(a) is amended to read:

(a) The non-refundable application fee for a new marijuana establishment license, an application for license conversion, [OR] an application to transfer a license to another person, or an application to transfer a license to another location is $1,000. The non-refundable application fee for a new onsite consumption endorsement is $1,000.

3 AAC 306.100(c) is amended to read:

(c) The non-refundable fee to request board approval of a change in a licensed marijuana establishment's business name, ownership, licensed premises diagram, operating plan, or

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proposed new marijuana product is $250. A change fee does not apply to an application for transfer of a license or a transfer of controlling interest to another person, or an application to transfer a license to another location.

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 7/19/2017, Register 223; am 8/11/2018, Register 227; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am 4/11/2019, Register 230; am 5/1/2019, Register 230; am 5/9/2019, Register 230; am 3/25/2020, Register 233; am ___/___/_____, Register ____; am ___/___/_____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010  AS 17.38.150  AS 17.38.200
AS 17.38.070  AS 17.38.190  AS 17.38.900
AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) Subject to the applicable provisions of this chapter, an endorsement may only be transferred to another location if the license for which the endorsement was issued is also transferred to that location. An endorsement does not stand alone and it is not transferable to a new endorsement. (Eff. 4/11/2019, Register 230; am ___/___/_____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010  AS 17.38.150  AS 17.38.200
AS 17.38.070  AS 17.38.190  AS 17.38.900
AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.250 is amended to read:

3 AAC 306.250. Effect on licenses of restriction on sale. If a majority of the voters...
vote under 3 AAC 306.200(a) to prohibit sale of marijuana and marijuana products or the operation of marijuana establishments, or if the assembly or city council passes an ordinance to the same effect, the board will not issue, renew, including 
reinstate a license, or transfer to another person or location a license for a marijuana establishment, or issue or renew an endorsement, with premises located within the boundary of the local government. A license for a marijuana establishment or endorsement within the boundary of the local government is void 90 days after the results of the election are certified, or after the effective date of an ordinance to the same effect if the local government opted out by ordinance. A license or endorsement that expires during the 90 days after the certification of a local option election, or during the period of time between passage of an ordinance to the same effect and the effective date of that ordinance, may be extended until it is void under this section, by payment of a prorated portion of the annual license or endorsement fee. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 7/27/2017, Register 223; am 4/11/2019, Register 230; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority:
AS 17.38.020  AS 17.38.200  AS 17.38.900
AS 17.38.190  AS 17.38.210

3 AAC 306.300(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as permitted under AS 17.38.020, a person may not sell, give, distribute, deliver, or offer to sell, give, distribute, or deliver marijuana or any marijuana product to a consumer unless the person has obtained a retail marijuana store license from the board in compliance with this chapter, or is an employee or agent acting for a licensed retail marijuana
store operating in compliance with this chapter. [A PERSON SEEKING A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE MUST

(1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE ON A FORM THE BOARD PRESCRIBES, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION SET OUT UNDER 3 AAC 306.020 AND 3 AAC 306.315; AND

(2) DEMONSTRATE, TO THE BOARD'S SATISFACTION, THAT THE APPLICANT WILL OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH

(A) EACH APPLICABLE PROVISION OF 3 AAC 306.300 - 3 AAC 306.370 AND 3 AAC 306.700 - 3 AAC 306.770; AND

(B) EACH APPLICABLE PUBLIC HEALTH, FIRE, SAFETY, AND TAX CODE AND ORDINANCE OF THE STATE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSED LICENSED PREMISES ARE LOCATED.]

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 10/17/2018, Register 228; am 9/1/2021, Register 239; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority:  AS 17.38.010      AS 17.38.150      AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070      AS 17.38.190      AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.315 is amended to read:

3 AAC 306.315. Application for retail marijuana store license. A person seeking a
new retail marijuana store license must submit an application on a form the board prescribes, including the information required under 3 AAC 306.020 and

(1) a copy of an active application for a required food safety permit under 18 AAC 31.020(a) from the Department of Environmental Conservation or a municipality with authority delegated under AS 17.20.072 and 18 AAC 31.945; [AND]

(2) in the operating plan required under 3 AAC 306.020(c), a description of the way marijuana and marijuana products at the retail marijuana store will be displayed and sold; [AND]

(3) demonstrate, to the board’s satisfaction, that the applicant will operate in compliance with

(A) each applicable provision of 3 AAC 306.300 – 3 AAC 306.370 and 3 AAC 306.700 – 3 AAC 306.770; and

(B) each applicable health, fire, safety, and tax code and ordinance of the state and the local government in which the applicant’s proposed licensed premises is located. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 7/27/2017, Register 223; am ____/____/_____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.330(a) is amended to read:

(a) A retail marijuana store shall use a marijuana inventory tracking system as provided in 3 AAC 306.730 to ensure all marijuana and marijuana product in the retail marijuana store's
possession is identified and tracked from the time the retail marijuana store receives any batch of marijuana or lot of marijuana product through the sale, transfer to another licensed marijuana establishment, including the relocation of marijuana or marijuana product to the new licensed premises in the case of a transfer of license to another location approved by the board, or disposal of the batch of marijuana or lot of marijuana product.

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

**Authority:**
- AS 17.38.010
- AS 17.38.150
- AS 17.38.200
- AS 17.38.070
- AS 17.38.190
- AS 17.38.900
- AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.435(a) is amended to read:

(a) A marijuana cultivation facility shall use a marijuana inventory tracking system in compliance with 3 AAC 306.730 to ensure all marijuana propagated, grown, or cultivated on the marijuana cultivation facility's premises is identified and tracked from the time the marijuana is propagated through transfer to another licensed marijuana establishment, including when marijuana or marijuana product is relocated to the new licensed premises in the case of a transfer of license to another location approved by the board, or destruction. The marijuana cultivation facility shall assign a tracking number to each plant over eight inches tall and each package of marijuana to be transferred to another facility. A package of marijuana may not exceed 10 pounds. The marijuana cultivation facility shall also assign a plant batch name or number to each batch of clones or cuttings. A batch may not consist of more than 50 clones or cuttings.

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 03/13/2020, Register 233; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)
3 AAC 306.500(b) is repealed:

(b) Repealed __/__/______. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am __/__/_____, Register)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

Repealed language. [(b) A PERSON SEEKING ANY TYPE OF MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURING FACILITY LICENSE MUST

(1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURING FACILITY LICENSE ON A FORM THE BOARD PRESCRIBES, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION SET OUT UNDER 3 AAC 306.020 AND 3 AAC 306.520; AND

(2) DEMONSTRATE TO THE BOARD'S SATISFACTION THAT THE APPLICANT WILL OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH

(A) EACH APPLICABLE PROVISION OF 3 AAC 306.500 - 3 AAC 306.570 AND 3 AAC 306.700 - 3 AAC 306.770; AND

(B) EACH APPLICABLE PUBLIC HEALTH, FIRE, SAFETY, AND TAX CODE AND ORDINANCE OF THE STATE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSED LICENSED PREMISES ARE LOCATED.]

3 AAC 306.520 is amended to read:

3 AAC 306.520. Application for marijuana product manufacturing facility license.

An applicant for a marijuana product manufacturing facility license, including a marijuana
concentrate manufacturing facility license, must file an application on a form the board
presents, and provide the information required under 3 AAC 306.020 and

(1) a copy of an active application for a required food safety permit under 18
AAC 31.020 from the Department of Environmental Conservation or a municipality with
authority delegated under AS 17.20.072 and 18 AAC 31.945;

(2) a diagram of the proposed licensed premises required in 3 AAC 306.020(b),
identifying the area where

(A) in-house testing, if any, will occur; and

(B) marijuana and any marijuana product, including marijuana
concentrate, will be stored;

(3) in the applicant's operating plan required under 3 AAC 306.020(c), a
description of

(A) the equipment and solvents, gases, chemicals, and other compounds
used to create concentrates and the processes to be used;

(B) each marijuana product the applicant intends to process at this
location; the product description must include the color, shape, texture, ingredients and
standard production procedure to be used and the additional information required for
product approval in 3 AAC 306.525;

(C) the packaging to be used for each type of product;

(D) sample labels showing how the labeling information required in 3
AAC 306.570 will be set out; and

(E) the applicant's plan for disposal of waste; and
demonstrate to the board’s satisfaction that the applicant will operate in compliance with

(A) each applicable provision of 3 AAC 306.500 – 3 AAC 306.570 and
3 AAC 306.700 – 3 AAC 306.770; and

(B) each applicable public health, fire, safety, and tax code and ordinance of the state and the local government in which the applicant’s proposed licensed premises are located. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 7/27/2017, Register 223; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority:

AS 17.38.010    AS 17.38.150    AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070    AS 17.38.190    AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.540(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(4) relocation of marijuana or marijuana product to the new licensed premises in the case of a transfer of a license to another location approved by the board. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority:

AS 17.38.010    AS 17.38.150    AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070    AS 17.38.190    AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.605(b) is repealed:
Repealed language.

(b) A PERSON SEEKING A MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY LICENSE MUST

(1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY LICENSE ON A FORM THE BOARD PRESCRIBES, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION SET OUT UNDER 3 AAC 306.020 AND 3 AAC 306.615; AND

(2) DEMONSTRATE TO THE BOARD'S SATISFACTION THAT THE APPLICANT

(A) WILL OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH EACH APPLICABLE PROVISION OF 3 AAC 306.600 - 3 AAC 306.675 AND 3 AAC 306.700 - 3 AAC 06.770;

(B) WILL OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH EACH APPLICABLE PUBLIC HEALTH, FIRE, SAFETY, AND TAX CODE AND ORDINANCE OF THE STATE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSED LICENSED PREMISES ARE LOCATED;

(C) DOES NOT HOLD A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE IN THIS STATE OTHER THAN A MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY LICENSE, OR HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN COMMON WITH A PERSON WHO IS A LICENSEE OF A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS STATE OTHER THAN A MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY LICENSE; AND

(D) MEETS THE BOARD'S STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL AS SET OUT IN 3 AAC 306.620 - 3 AAC 306.625.

3 AAC 306.615 is amended to read:

3 AAC 306.615. Application for marijuana testing facility license. An applicant for a
new marijuana testing facility license must file an application on a form the board prescribes, including

(1) the information required under 3 AAC 306.020; [AND]

(2) the proposed marijuana testing facility's operating plan, including, in addition to the information required under 3 AAC 306.020(c),

(A) each test the marijuana testing facility will offer;
(B) the marijuana testing facility's standard operating procedure for each test the marijuana testing facility will offer; and
(C) the acceptable range of results for each test the marijuana testing facility will offer; and

(3) demonstrate to the board’s satisfaction that the applicant

(A) will operate in compliance with each applicable provision of 3
AAC 306.600 – 3 AAC 306.675 and 3 AAC 306.700 – 3 AAC 306.770;
(B) will operate in compliance with each applicable public health, fire, safety, and tax code and ordinance of the state and the local government in which the applicant’s proposed licensed premises are located;
(C) does not hold a marijuana establishment license in this state other than a marijuana testing facility license, or have a financial interest in common with a person who is a licensee of marijuana establishment in this state other than a marijuana testing facility license; and
3 AAC 306.620 – 3 AAC 306.625. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am ___/___/_____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010  AS 17.38.150  AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070  AS 17.38.190  AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.655 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) a marijuana testing facility shall use its marijuana inventory tracking system, as required under this section, to track all marijuana transported to the new licensed premises in the case of a transfer of license to another location approved by the board. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am ___/___/_____, Reg)

Authority: AS 17.38.010  AS 17.38.150  AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070  AS 17.38.190  AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.750 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(i) A marijuana establishment shall keep records of all marijuana or marijuana products relocated to the new licensed premises in the case of transfer of a license to another location approved by the board. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 10/11/2017, Register 224; am 8/11/2018, Register 227; am ___/___/_____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010  AS 17.38.150  AS 17.38.200
3 AAC 306.755(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(10) transportation records for marijuana or marijuana product being relocated in the case of a transfer of a license to another location approved by the board.

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 12/10/2020, Register 236; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

3 AAC 306.930(c) is amended to read:

(c) The director shall have available to the public forms for application for new licenses, transfers, [AND] renewals, [AND] endorsements, petitions, and other necessary documents as approved by the board.

(Eff. 12/28/2016, Register 220; am ___/___/_____. Register _____)

Authority: AS 17.38.140 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.190