OBJECTIONS

From:	Carmen Russo
To:	nizinaessentials@gmail.com; Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored); Carmen Russo
Subject:	letter of objection for marijuana store and distribution
Date:	Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:56:41 PM
Attachments:	McCarthy Marijuana.docx

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This is my official letter of objection.

September 13, 2022

License Number: 30822
License Type: Retail Marijuana Store
Doing Business As: Copper Nugget
Business License #: 2138622

To: AMCO

I am writing in opposition of having and selling marijuana in McCarthy, Alaska for the following reasons. I have a home in McCarthy for about 35 years and a B&B.

1. McCarthy does not have any law enforcement. The nearest State Troopers are located in Glennallen, about 100 miles and 4 hours away.
2. We do not have a local government, nor a borough or council.
3. The legal age is 21 for purchasing and having this product, but if it's for sale in McCarthy then people younger than 21 would be supplied by others who purchase it and or share it with them.
4. People that live in McCarthy already have their own marijuana available, so it seems likely that the majority of the sales would be for tourists and under age people.
5. This is not the image that we want to have in McCarthy. It already has 2 bars in a very, very small town. In the winter there's about 20 to 30 people who live there. The next city is Chitna, 60 miles away.
6. As McCarthy is so far removed, 350 miles from Anchorage, it's hard to imagine that a store of this nature would be held accountable to the same standards and laws as other stores are in larger locations because they will not be monitored as strictly if at all.

Respectfully,
Carmen Russo
Carmen Russo

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From: Hannah Rowland <hannahroserowland@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 1:05 PM
To: nizinaessentials@gmail.com
Cc: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: Fwd: License Number 30822 in McCarthy Alaska Objection

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AMCO,

I am a year round resident of McCarthy with my family of soon to be 4. My family would like to see the community of McCarthy become more open to families with Children and to have an environment that would encourage them to make positive choices in their life.

I believe if there were a local marijuana store it would bring the drug industry in McCarthy fully out to where even a little child would observe its sale and use. This may lead to some children and adults accepting and using the drug who would, in today's current situations, not even consider using it. The size of our community is very small, so it would be very hard to have a marijuana business that is not noticed.

I also believe that this would negatively affect the working ability of people in the community. It has been my observation that those who use drugs are both affected physically and mentally to where it affects how they work, they may in turn be laid off from their job because of increased usage of the drug.

I also believe it would affect the safety of our community, there are many of those out here who drive home despite how much they drink and smoke whatever they want wherever they please, whether on their own private property or in a public area. There have also been multiple reports of physical abuse because of the influence of Alcohol and drugs. I believe that a marijuanna license would increase these incidents.

Finally, I believe it will also negatively affect our tourism commerce in the summer, which is the main source of income for the community. I believe that a marijuana business would be unattractive to visitors and deter some people from visiting the area.

Thank you for considering my objection.

-Hannah Rowland

From: klrowland@sweethomealaska.net
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored); nizinaessentials@gmail.com
Subject: Marijuana License, Statement in Opposition
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 7:53:11 PM

To Whom it May Concern:
Please let the record state that we are **opposed** to Jenny Rosenbaum receiving permission to dispense marijuana in McCarthy.
Marijuana is an addictive mind-altering drug. Up until very recently, it has always been an illegal substance in Alaska. It is currently a federally illegal substance.
Marijuana has been called a gateway drug, meaning it can lead to the use and abuse of stronger, even more damaging drugs. McCarthy is a remote community with no law enforcement or medical services. We believe marijuana use and its associated ills are a danger to our community.
We disapprove of the proposed location for sales, just at the entrance to McCarthy. This seems "in your face" to all travelers visiting McCarthy. We do not want the first thing people see when they visit our beautiful wilderness community to be a "Pot Shop".
We believe that the presence of a marijuana dispensary in our community will increase the likelihood that our grandchildren (and other under-age people) will be increasingly exposed to and pressured to use this damaging drug—with or without the consent of their parents.
We are also concerned that the requirement that marijuana only be used in private homes will be disrespected. As stated before, there is no mechanism for law enforcement here in McCarthy or for many miles distant.
Please do NOT grant permission for a marijuana dispensary in McCarthy!
Please note that we request a listing of petition signers for the purpose of verifying the five-mile radius and permanent residence requirement.

Disappointed,
Keith & Laurie Rowland
McCarthy permanent residents, 21 years
(907)554-4498

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David Rowland

Mile 60 McCarthy Rd.

McCarthy, Alaska 99588

907-259-5649

March 15, 2022

AMCO

Marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov

550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1600

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: License Number 30822, initiated, Retail Management Store, Copper Nugget.

Business license number 2138622.

Physical Address: Lot 3 Block 1, Laurence Barret, addition to Townsite of McCarthy.

McCarthy, Alaska 99588.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the licensing and establishment of a marijuana retail store in McCarthy, Alaska; requested by Jennifer Rosenbaum of the Copper Nugget.

I moved to McCarthy as a young Child in 2001 with my Family and have helped to build the infrastructure of our community. I am now a business owner in McCarthy Alaska and have wife and 2 lovely daughters. Marijuana is both a threat to our business and family if it to be sold at a store in McCarthy.

This proposed store is to be placed to the entrance to the main street in McCarthy. There is no legal road access the children's playground, ball field, and other neighbors in McCarthy without going by the proposed location of the store. This location is also right next to the McCarthy Museum and a family restaurant where families commonly go to eat and the children play. There is no local law enforcement for the community in McCarthy and the customers of the store will most likely use the marijuana on site of the store and in the main streets of McCarthy, causing there to be no place for visitors and members of the community to enjoy going through town without the presence of the drug in the air.

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Secondhand smoking is a very big threat to many lives, and Marijuana secondhand smoking is also harmful for those who choose to not smoke it but are exposed to it because others choose to smoke. As a person I do not want my health or the health of my family and friends to be threatened from the danger of being exposed to secondhand smoking in McCarthy.

Furthermore, it is not legal to use marijuana on Federal land. McCarthy is surrounded by a Federally owned National Park and is visited by thousands of visitors each year. The visitors that come do not come may trespass on private property in McCarthy to use the marijuana they purchase in the store. As a property owner in McCarthy, I object to McCarthy visitors and seasonal workers using our) or Others') private property to consume the marijuana.

As a business owner I am concerned about safety for my employees and those around the job. There is a limited source of workers to hire in the area, and we will not be able to hire those who are consuming Marijuana.

It is also not safe for those who are visiting and who will be participating in a remote hike or water rafting trip. There have been a few deaths in the park due to failed river crossings and water rafting in dangerous water. The use of Marijuana could increase the number of deaths due to poor judgement on the many outdoor activities that hundreds of visitors participate in each year.

My 2 daughters, as well as the other young children in McCarthy will be influenced by the high use and normalization of the use of Marijuana in the community. This is a threat to their healthy future, as minors commonly find ways to get a hold of the drug even if it is not legal for them to purchase it.

I hope you carefully consider my strong objection as you review the licensing request.

Sincerely,

David Rowland

South of McCarthy Creek:

- In Community Medical Cache building. [illegible] into the subdivision off of the Nizina Road.

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Public Notice

Application for Marijuana Establishment License

License Number: 30822
License Status: Initiated
License Type: Retail Marijuana Store
Doing Business As: Copper Nugget
Business License Number: 2138622
Email Address: nizinaessentials@gmail.com
Latitude, Longitude: 61.434412, -142.921166
Physical Address: Lot 3 Block 1, Laurence Barrett, Addition to Townsite of McCarthy
McCarthy, AK 99588
UNITED STATES

Licensee #1

Type: Entity
Alaska Entity Number: 10172197
Alaska Entity Name: Copper Nugget, LLC
Phone Number: 907-987-4211
Email Address: nizinaessentials@gmail.com
Mailing Address: PO Box MXY
Glenn Allen, AK 99588
UNITED STATES

Entity Official #1

Type: Individual
Name: Jennifer Rosenbaum
Phone Number: 907-987-4211
Email Address: nizinaessentials@gmail.com
Mailing Address: PO Box MXY
Glenn Allen, AK 99588
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 a copy of the application 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.

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From: drowland@cvalaska.net
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Cc: nizinaessentials@gmail.com
Subject: Letter of Objection related to license 30822, Copper Nugget
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:26:08 AM
Attachments: Letter of objection.pdf

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Please see the attached letter of objection regarding a local application for marijuana establishment license. This letter is in response to the attached public notice. Please take our letter into consideration.

Thank you,
David Rowland

From: Keenan Herrmann
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Cc: mccarthyareacouncil.secretary@gmail.com; nizinaessentials@gmail.com
Subject: Statement of opposition to application for marijuana establishment license #30822
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 8:37:55 AM

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May 12, 2022

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my STRONG objection to any license that would allow the sale and distribution of marijuana in McCarthy, Alaska. Specifically, I am referring to Jenny Rosenbaum's application for marijuana establishment license, #30822, doing business as "Copper Nugget, LLC".

Please give thoughtful consideration to my reasons for objection as follows:

1) Marijuana is a mind-altering and physically harmful drug, leading users to engage in unpredictable, unreasonable, dangerous, and wholly undesirable behaviors. I believe these effects have great consequence, and will negatively impact the community at large. As a mother of three young, innocent, and impressionable children, I will untiringly seek to reduce or eliminate their exposure to this sort of substance and to individuals under its influence. It is primarily for this reason that I STRONGLY object to this license being granted.

2) It is my understanding that while it is legal to buy and sell marijuana, it is illegal to use or consume it on public and federal lands. McCarthy and historic Kennicott are located in a huge and stunning National Park, attracting thousands of American and international tourists each year who purpose to recreate in this beautiful public expansive wilderness. This begs the question—if tourists, visitors, and seasonal workers have easy access to marijuana, how will they LEGALLY consume the drug, considering that the majority do not have property or permanent residence in the area? This leads me to my next objection:

3) McCarthy is a very small community, and does not have any local law enforcement or medical services. I am concerned that the conspicuous lack of law enforcement will encourage the illegal use of the marijuana being sold, as well as the increase in crime that will likely follow. The lack of medical services means that any overdoses or physical harm done as a direct result of using the drug will not be addressed in a timely manner, further complicating the consequences of making this drug readily available. I would be interested to know what plan is in place to address this glaring issue?

4) As the proposed location will be very visible to all locals and visitors alike, it will offer an inaccurate representation of the overall culture and values of the community. I do not wish for a mind-altering drug store to be central in our community, providing obvious and easy access for anyone, including minors. I believe that such easy access will increase its

ILLEGAL use by minors, including use on public state or federal lands. Further, I am concerned that it will encourage an atmosphere of drug acceptance, influencing some to use or try the drug that would not otherwise. It will also increase exposure to all people, including young children, to dangerous second-hand smoke.

I am writing these objections as a 3rd-generation McCarthy resident. I am a young adult who lived in McCarthy full-time from the age of 5 to 18. I have now returned to McCarthy permanently after a few years' absence, now with my husband and three young children. We are currently living easily within 5 miles of the proposed location, and do intend to purchase property for our permanent residence. We are honest, hardworking, honorable people who value marriage, family, innocence and freedom from vices. The distribution and sale of mind-altering drugs such as marijuana goes directly against these values, giving us great concern over this proposition.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our objections listed above, and sincerely ask that this license be denied.

Finally, we request that a listing of "in favor" petition signers be provided for the purpose of verifying the five-mile radius and permanent residence requirement.

Respectfully,
Hannah Herrmann
(907) 259-3261

From:	Kelly Pendley
To:	Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored); mccarthyareacouncil.secretary@gmail.com; nizinaessentials@gmail.com
Subject:	McCarthy Marijuana Dispensary Application
Date:	Monday, September 27, 2021 3:54:35 PM

To Whom it May Concern;

I was disappointed to learn that an application had been submitted to open a marijuana dispensary in downtown McCarthy, AK. We own property in the area, and try to visit as often as possible with our family.

One of the more concerning things about a dispensary opening in McCarthy is that there is a lack of local law enforcement. When troopers are hours away, customers that buy marijuana at this dispensary will likely feel free to smoke it wherever they want. Leaving clouds of smelly, dangerous secondhand smoke for others, even children, to be exposed to. By state law, marijuana is only allowed to be consumed on private property with permission of the owner. What is the plan of the dispensary owner? Will the owners take responsibility if their customers start smoking all around town, at the swimming hole, near children? What is the plan in regards to the danger of an increase in impaired driving (any motorized vehicle)? Troopers, again, are hours away. Increased marijuana use will inevitably increase EMS calls, and increase trooper calls for service in McCarthy. All of which increase the burden on a small, remote community.

It seems a bit like McCarthy would be a convenient place to open a marijuana dispensary exactly because law enforcement is so far away. I want to be clear that I do not believe that is the aim of a person that undoubtedly loves their community, but unless there is an enforcement plan, visitors will have no qualms about exploiting the lack of local law enforcement, because they do not love McCarthy as locals do.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, I look forward to hearing enforcement plans.

Sincerely,
Matt & Kelly Pendley