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Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair and Members of the Board

DATE: August 20, 2026

FROM: Regina Cruz

RE: 2026-2027 Renewal Application with a Notice of Violation #31690 dba North Coast Cultivation

This is a 2026-2027 Renewal Application with a Notice of Violation received for North Coast Cultivation, LLC #31690 dba North Coast Cultivation.

Queue Date:	5/14/2026
Incomplete Notice Sent:	7/22/2026
Deemed Complete:	7/28/2026

Attached:
Complete Renewal Application
Notice of Violation
Response to Notice of Violation

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

License Number: 31690
License Status: Active-Operating
License Type: Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
Doing Business As: North Coast Cultivation
Business License Number: 2144531
Designated Licensee: Karen Gorton
Email Address: karengorton@hotmail.com
Local Government: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Local Government 2:
Community Council: Meadow Lakes
Latitude, Longitude: 61.648160, -149.512560
Physical Address: 5846 N Solitude Street
Wasilla, AK 99623
UNITED STATES

Licensee #1

Type: Entity
Alaska Entity Number: 10180116
Alaska Entity Name: North Coast Cultivation, LLC
Phone Number: 907-707-9127
Email Address: karengorton@hotmail.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 873578
Wasilla, AK 99687
UNITED STATES

Entity Official #1

Type: Individual
Name: Karen Gorton
[redacted]
Phone Number: 562-896-3427
Email Address: karengorton@hotmail.com
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Note: *No affiliates entered for this license.*

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Alaska Marijuana Control Board

Form MJ-20: 2026-2027 Renewal Application Certifications

What is this form?

This renewal application certifications form is required for all marijuana establishment license renewal applications. Each person signing an application for a marijuana establishment license must declare that he/she has read and is familiar with AS 17.38 and 3 AAC 306. A person other than a licensee may not have direct or indirect financial interest (as defined in 3 AAC 306.015(e)(1)) in the business for which a marijuana establishment license is issued, per 3 AAC 306.015(a).

This form must be completed and submitted to AMCO's main office by each licensee (as defined in 3 AAC 306.020(b)(2)) before any license renewal application will be considered complete.

Section 1 – Establishment Information

Enter information for the licensed establishment, as identified on the license application.

Licensee:	North Coast Cultivation, LLC	**License Number:**	31690		
License Type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility				
Doing Business As:	North Coast Cultivation				
Premises Address:	5846 N Solitude Street				
City:	Wasilla	**State:**	Alaska	**ZIP:**	99623

Section 2 – Individual Information

Enter information for the individual licensee who is completing this form.

Name:	Karen Gorton
Title:	Manager/Member

Section 3 – Violations & Charges

Read each line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of any applicable statements:	Initials
I certify that I have **not** been convicted of any criminal charge in the previous two calendar years.	Initial: K.H
I certify that I have **not** committed any civil violation of AS 04, AS 17.38, or 3 AAC 306 in the previous two calendar years.	Initial: K.H
I certify that a notice of violation has **not** been issued for this license between July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.	N/A

Sign your initials to the following statement only if you are unable to certify one or more of the above statements:	Initials
I have attached a written explanation for why I cannot certify one or more of the above statements, which includes the type of violation or offense, as required under 3 AAC 306.035(b).	Initial: K.H

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Form MJ-20: Renewal Application Certifications

Section 4 – Certifications

Read each line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of each statement: Initials

I certify that no person other than a licensee listed on my marijuana establishment license renewal application has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined in 3 AAC 306.015(e)(1), in the business for which the marijuana establishment license has been issued. Initial KH

I certify that I meet the residency requirement under AS 43.23 or I have submitted a residency exception affidavit (MJ-20a) along with this application. Initial KH

I certify that this establishment complies with any applicable health, fire, safety, or tax statute, ordinance, regulation, or other law in the state. Initial KH

I certify that the license is operated in accordance with the operating plan currently approved by the Marijuana Control Board. Initial KH

I certify that I am operating in compliance with the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's laws and requirements pertaining to employees. Initial KH

I certify that I have not violated any restrictions pertaining to this particular license type, and that this license has not been operated in violation of a condition or restriction imposed by the Marijuana Control Board. Initial KH

I certify that I understand that providing a false statement on this form, the online application, or any other form provided by or to AMCO is grounds for rejection or denial of this application or revocation of any license issued. Initial KH

As an applicant for a marijuana establishment license renewal, I declare under penalty of unsworn falsification that I have read and am familiar with AS 17.38 and 3 AAC 306, and that this application, including all accompanying schedules and statements, is true, correct, and complete. I agree to provide all information required by the Marijuana Control Board in support of this application and understand that failure to do so by any deadline given to me by AMCO staff may result in additional fees or expiration of this license.

Signed by: Karen Gorton
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Signature of licensee

Karen Gorton
Printed name of licensee

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Alaska Marijuana Control Board – AMCO Enforcement

Notice of Violation (3 AAC 306.806(e))

This form, all information provided and responses are public documents per Alaska Public Records ACT AS 40.25

Licensee:	Karen Gorton	**Date:**	10/24/25
Doing Business As:	North Coast Cultivation	**License #:**	31690
License Type:	Limited Cultivation Facility	**AMCO Case #:**	AM 25-1578
Mailing Address:	PO Box 873578 Wasilla, AK 99687		

	Date	Violation of	Fine	Date	Violation of	Fine
Violation(s) of Statute/Regulation:	10/9/25	3AAC306.705(a)(c)	$100.00			

	Date	Violation of	Fine	Date	Violation of	Fine
Prior Violation(s)						

This is a notice to you as a licensee that you are being issued a notice of violation for the purposes described in 3 AAC 306.806(e). A description of the violation is as follows,
NOTE: This is not an accusation or criminal complaint.

On 10/09/2025 AMCO Investigators Linger and Hamilton conducted a routine inspection at your facility, North Coast Cultivation #31690. During the inspection it was discovered that you had moved all your finished product to a location in the facility that was not part of the licensed premises. This location was part of a separate inspection (change of diagram) that was to take place after the routine inspection. This area is a 280 sq foot section that has not yet been approved and has been in use since at least January of 2025 by your own admission. Additionally, this new added space failed inspection due to issues with camera placement, and when Investigator Hamilton went into the room the cameras (motion activated) never detected his presence. It should also be noted that you had already changed the footprint of the facility by shortening tables and adding two more (there should be 3 tables in each room that measure 1'x60' for a total of 6 table, you have 4 tables in each room measuring approximately 1'x45'). You were also not using the area on the original diagram for your Mother/clones, this was the area noted below that took you over the 500 sq. feet allowed by your current license. This is in violation of 3AAC 306.705 Licensed premises; alteration (a)(c).

3 AAC 306.705. Licensed premises; alteration.
(a) A marijuana establishment license will be issued for specific licensed premises. Unlicensed areas may not separate portions of licensed premises, except that the board may approve adjacent portions of the licensed premises that are not restricted access area as permitted under 3 AAC 306.710. Specific licensed premises must constitute a place clearly designated in a license application and described by a line drawing submitted with the license application. The licensed premises must
(1) have adequate space for its approved operations, including growing, manufacturing, processing, packaging, or storing marijuana or marijuana products; and
(2) be located and constructed to facilitate cleaning, maintenance, and proper operation.
(c) A holder of a marijuana establishment license may not alter the functional floor plan or reduce or expand the area of the licensed premises without first obtaining the director's written approval. A marijuana establishment license holder seeking to change or modify the licensed premises must submit a request for approval of the change on a form prescribed by the board, along with
(1) the fee prescribed in 3 AAC 306.100;
(2) a drawing showing the proposed change;
(3) evidence that the proposed change conforms to any local restrictions; and
(4) evidence that the licensee has obtained any applicable local building permit

Additional violations written warning include:
3AAC 306.410 Limited marijuana cultivation facility: privileges and prohibited acts.
You were using 524 sq. feet total (measured by investigators) for the cultivation and have a limited license which only

North Coast Cultivation, LLC
License No. 31690
AMCO Case No. AM 25-1578

RE: Response to Notice of Violation dated October 24, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this correspondence as North Coast Cultivation's response to the Notice of Violation issued in AMCO Case No—AM 25-1578 regarding the October 9, 2025, inspection.

I take compliance obligations seriously and appreciate the opportunity to address the concerns identified during the inspection. The circumstances surrounding the alleged violations were not intentional attempts to circumvent regulatory requirements, and corrective measures were undertaken immediately.

First, regarding the additional area referenced during the inspection, I had already initiated the process to obtain approval for the diagram modification. I submitted the MJ-14 application immediately upon counsel's direction, before the inspection. I believed the requested modification was being appropriately addressed through the pending application process and did not intend to operate outside of AMCO requirements.

Additionally, the plants referenced in the inspection were not permanently relocated outside of the designated mother/clone area. Due to the limited and cramped nature of the existing space, plants were temporarily moved to allow for workflow and operational access and were subsequently returned to their appropriate areas. The temporary movement was operational in nature and not intended to expand production beyond the authorized limits.

Regarding the surveillance concerns, the facility had previously been approved. It had operated for years using the existing camera system without prior issues regarding camera placement or motion-activation. Upon learning of the investigators' concerns during the inspection, I acted immediately and in good faith to remedy the issue by ordering and installing upgrades to the surveillance system, spending in excess of $10,000 updating the camera system to ensure enhanced coverage and continued compliance in the future.

I also addressed the METRC concerns identified during the inspection. The discrepancy resulted from plant status updates not being immediately changed from batch status to individual plant status after tagging. However, the plants themselves were accounted for, and there was no diversion or unaccounted inventory.

Therefore, as the Licensee of North Coast Cultivation, I respectfully request that AMCO consider the prompt corrective actions, the Licensee's long operational history, cooperation during the inspection process, the lack of intent to violate regulations, and the substantial financial investment made to remedy the concerns identified immediately.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen Gorton
Designated Licensee
North Coast Cultivation, LLC

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July 29, 2026

Licensee: North Coast Cultivation, LLC
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VIA email: karengorton@hotmail.com
Local Government: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Via Email: alex.strawn@matsugov.us; license.reviews@matsugov.us
Community Council: Meadow Lakes
Via Email: sledwards4959@gmail.com

BCC: amco.admin@alaska.gov

Re: Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Combined Renewal Notice

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Licensee:	North Coast Cultivation, LLC
Doing Business As:	North Coast Cultivation
Physical Address:	5846 N Solitude Street Wasilla, AK 99623 UNITED STATES
Designated Licensee:	Karen Gorton
Phone Number:	907-707-9127
Email Address:	karengorton@hotmail.com

☒ **License Renewal Application** ☐ **Endorsement Renewal Application**

Dear Licensee:

After reviewing your renewal documents, AMCO staff has deemed the application complete for the purposes of 3 AAC 306.035(c).

Your application will now be sent electronically, in its entirety, to your local government, your community council (if your proposed premises is in Anchorage or certain locations in the Mat-Su Borough), and to any non-profit agencies who have requested notification of applications. The local government has 60 days to protest your application per 3 AAC 306.060.

At the May 15, 2017 Marijuana Control Board meeting, the board delegated to AMCO Director the authority to approve renewal applications. However, the board is required to consider this application

independently if you have been issued any notices of violation for this license, if your local government protests this application, or if a public objection to this application is received within 30 days of this notice under 3 AAC 306.065.

If AMCO staff determines that your application requires independent board consideration for any reason, you will be sent an email notification regarding your mandatory board appearance. Upon final approval, your 2026/2027 license will be provided to you during your annual inspection. If our office determines that an inspection is not necessary, the license will be mailed to you at the mailing address on file for your establishment.

Please feel free to contact us through the marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov email address if you have any questions.

Dear Local Government:

AMCO has received a complete renewal application and/or endorsement renewal application for a marijuana establishment within your jurisdiction. This notice is required under 3 AAC 306.035(c)(2). Application documents will be sent to you separately via ZendTo.

To protest the approval of this application pursuant to 3 AAC 306.060, you must furnish the director **and** the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of reasons for the protest within 60 days of the date of this notice, and provide AMCO proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.

3 AAC 306.060 states that the board will uphold a local government protest and deny an application for a marijuana establishment license unless the board finds that a protest by a local government is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable. If the protest is a "conditional protest" as defined in 3 AAC 306.060(d)(2) and the application otherwise meets all the criteria set forth by the regulations, the Marijuana Control Board may approve the license renewal, but require the applicant to show to the board's satisfaction that the requirements of the local government have been met before the director issues the license.

At the May 15, 2017, Marijuana Control Board meeting, the board delegated to AMCO Director the authority to approve renewal applications with no protests, objections, or notices of violation. However, if a timely protest or objection is filed for this application, or if any notices of violation have been issued for this license, the board will consider the application. In those situations, a temporary license will be issued pending board consideration.

If you have any questions, please email amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Richard, Director
907-269-0350