STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

DETROIT HERBAL CENTER, LLC ENF No.: 23-00555
License No.: AU-R-000897
_____/ CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On August 28, 2023, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the adult use marijuana retail establishment license (AU-R-000897) of Detroit Herbal Center, LLC (Respondent) under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951 *et seq*., and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.18(1), R 420.802(2), R 420.802(3)(a), R 420.802(3)(c), and R 420.803(1).

The executive director reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees the public interest is best served by resolution of the formal complaint. Therefore, the executive director finds that the allegations contained in the formal complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.18(1), R 420.802(2), R 420.802(3)(a), and R 420.803(1).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of six thousand and 00/100 dollars ($6,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 30 days of the effective date of this order by check, money order, or online through Accela Citizen Access (ACA). Instructions on how to make online payments can be found under the Tips for Licensees bulletin section at www.michigan.gov/cra. Check or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number “23-00555” and license number “AU-R-000897” clearly displayed on the check or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and

Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, PO BOX 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this order, Respondent will submit a standard operating procedure (SOP) detailing all operational steps necessary to ensure that material changes are reported to and approved by the CRA before they are implemented. The CRA will review the SOP and issue notice(s) of deficiency (NODs) if necessary. Respondent will correct any deficiencies and resubmit for CRA review within 30 days of receiving an NOD.

3. If Respondent fails to timely comply with the terms of this order, Respondent's license shall be suspended until compliance is demonstrated.

4. Unless otherwise specified in this order, Respondent shall direct any communications to the CRA that are required by the terms of this order to CRA-CSS@michigan.gov.

5. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.

6. If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent shall be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under section7(1)(c) of the MRTMA, MCL 333.27957, and Mich Admin Code, 420.808.

7. Upon timely compliance of the terms of this order by Respondent, the matters set forth in the formal complaint shall be deemed resolved and closed subject to this consent order.

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This order shall be effective 30 days after the date signed by the CRA's executive director or his designee, as set forth below.

CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY

Signed on: 02/14/2024

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Brian Hanna, Executive Director
or his designee
Cannabis Regulatory Agency

STIPULATION

The parties stipulate to the following:

1. The facts alleged in the formal complaint are true and constitute a violation of the administrative rules promulgated under the MRTMA.

2. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation, Respondent is waiving the right under the MRTMA, the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.201 *et seq*., to require the CRA to prove the violations set forth in the formal complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to present a defense to the violations.

3. The parties considered the following in reaching this agreement:
    a. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.

4. The CRA's centralized services director or her designee must approve this proposed agreement before it is forwarded to the CRA's executive director or his designee for review and issuance of the above consent order. The parties reserve the right to proceed to an administrative hearing without prejudice to

either party, should the CRA's centralized services director, executive director, or their designees reject the proposed consent order.

By signing this stipulation, the parties confirm that they have read, understand, and agree with the terms of the consent order.

AGREED TO BY:

Sara Hernandez

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Sara Hernandez, CSD Director
or her designee
Cannabis Regulatory Agency

Dated: 2/13/24

AGREED TO BY:

Fidal Auri, Managing Member
on behalf of Respondent
Detroit Herbal Center, LLC

Dated: 2/1/24

Mohamed A. Ghaith (P84343)
Attorney for Respondent

Dated: 02/01/2024

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_____/

ENF No: 23-00555

FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint against Detroit Herbal Center, LLC ("Respondent") alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) is authorized under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951, *et seq.*, and Executive Reorganization Order No.2019-2, MCL 333.27001, to investigate alleged violations of the MRTMA and the administrative rule promulgated thereunder, take disciplinary action to prevent such violations, and impose fines and other sanctions against applicants and licensees that violate the MRTMA or administrative rules.

2. Section 8(1)(d) of the MRTMA provides that the administrative rules must ensure the health, safety, and security of the public and integrity of the marijuana establishment operations.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND INTENDED ACTION OF THE CRA

3. Respondent holds an active state license under the MRTMA to operate an adult use retailer establishment in the state of Michigan.

4. Respondent operated at 14325 Wyoming Street, Detroit, Michigan 48238, at all times relevant to this complaint.

5. Following an investigation, the CRA determined that Respondent violated the MRTMA and/or administrative rules promulgated thereunder as set forth below:

a. On September 1, 2022, the CRA approved a complex amendment changing ownership to Fidal Auri at 100% ownership.
b. On September 28, 2022, an Operating Agreement of Detroit Herbal Life, LLC was made and entered into by Fidal Auri and Billy Obeng indicating Billy Obeng as a new Member at unit ownership of 51%.
c. Respondent entered into the September 28, 2022 Operating Agreement prior to authorization by the CRA.
d. Subsequently, on June 23, 2023, Respondent submitted an Amendment Application to the CRA, to transfer 51% ownership to Billy Obeng.

Count I

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs a, b, c, and d demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code R 420.18(1) which states any change or modification to the marihuana business after licensure is governed by the standards and procedures set forth in these rules and any regulations adopted pursuant to the acts. Any material change or modification to the marihuana business must be approved by the agency before the change or modification is made.

Count II

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs a, b, c, and d demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code R 420.802(2) which states licensees shall report to the agency any changes to the marihuana business operations that are required in the acts and these rules, as applicable.

Count III

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs a, b, c, and d demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code R 420.802(3)(a) which states licensees shall report to the agency any proposed material changes to the marihuana business before making a material change. A proposed material change is any action that would result in alterations or changes being made to the

marihuana business to effectuate the desired outcome of a material change. Material changes, include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) Change in owners, officers, members, or managers.

Count IV

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs a, b, c, and d demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code R 420.802(3)(c) which states licensees shall report to the agency any proposed material changes to the marihuana business before making a material change. A proposed material change is any action that would result in alterations or changes being made to the marihuana business to effectuate the desired outcome of a material change. Material changes, include, but are not limited to, the following: (c) The addition or removal of a person named in the application or disclosed.

Count V

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs a, b, c, and d demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code R 420.803(1) which states any change or modification to the marihuana business after licensure is governed by the standards and procedures set forth in these rules and any regulations adopted pursuant to the acts. Any material change or modification to the marihuana business must be approved by the agency before the change or modification is made.

THEREFORE, based on the above, the CRA gives notice of its intent to impose fines and/or other sanctions against Respondent's license, which may include the suspension, revocation, restriction, and/or refusal to renew Respondent's license.

Pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(2), any party aggrieved by an action of the CRA suspending, revoking, restricting, or refusing to renew a license, or imposing a fine, shall be given a hearing upon request. A request for a hearing must be submitted to the CRA in writing within 21 days after service of this complaint. Notice served by

certified mail is considered complete on the business day following the date of the mailing.

Respondent also has the right to request a compliance conference under Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(1). A compliance conference is an informal meeting at which Respondent has the opportunity to discuss the allegations in this complaint and demonstrate compliance under the MRTMA and/or the administrative rules. A compliance conference request must be submitted to the CRA in writing.

Hearing and compliance conference requests must be submitted in writing by one of the following methods:

By Mail: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
Cannabis Regulatory Agency
P.O. Box 30205
Lansing, Michigan 48909

In Person: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
Cannabis Regulatory Agency
2407 North Grand River
Lansing, Michigan 48906

By Email: CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov

If Respondent fails to timely respond to this formal complaint, a contested case hearing will be scheduled to resolve this matter.

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Questions about this complaint should be directed to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency's legal section at (517) 284-8599 or CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.

Dated: 8/28/2023

By: Alyssa A. Grissom Digitally signed by Alyssa A. Grissom Date: 2023.08.28 09:30:19 -04'00'

Alyssa A. Grissom
Legal Section Manager
Cannabis Regulatory Agency