

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

In the Matter of

Wolverine Real Estate & Development, LLC  
License No.: GR-C-000832

ENF No.: 23-00790

\_\_\_\_\_/ CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On October 10, 2023, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the medical marijuana grower Class C facility license (GR-C-000832) of Wolverine Real Estate & Development, LLC ("Respondent") under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.802(2), R 420.802(3)(a), R 420.802(3)(c), R 420.802(3)(e), 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 all of the allegations contained in the formal complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.802(2), R 420.802(3)(a), R 420.802(3)(c), R 420.802(3)(e), and R 420.803(1).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of four thousand 00/100 dollars (\$4,000.00). 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](http://www.michigan.gov/cra). Check or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number "23-00790" and license number "GR-C-000832" clearly displayed on the check or

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money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, PO BOX 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

2. If Respondent fails to timely comply with the terms of this order, Respondent's license shall be suspended until compliance is demonstrated.
3. 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.
4. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.
5. If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent shall be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under section 407(1) of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27407(1), and Mich Admin Code, R 420.808.
6. 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.

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

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Signed on: 2/14/2024

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### 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 MMFLA.
2. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation, Respondent is waiving the right under the MMFLA, 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. In 2022, Respondent made a payment to A.A., who was subsequently approved by the CRA as an owner.
  - b. Before the associated formal complaint was issued, on August 2, 2023, Respondent received CRA approval for its ownership structure.
  - c. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
  - d. Respondent has been licensed as a grower Class C since 2021 and has no prior discipline against its license.
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.

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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: 02/13/2024

AGREED TO BY:



Brian Farah, Authorized Officer  
on behalf of Respondent  
Wolverine Real Estate & Development,  
LLC

Dated: 02/08/2024



Hassan Ali Zaarour & P83043  
Attorney for Respondent

Dated: 02/09/2024

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (“CRA”) files this formal complaint against Wolverine Real Estate & Development, LLC (“Respondent”) alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The CRA is authorized under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and Executive Reorganization Order No.2019-2, MCL 333.27001, to investigate alleged violations of the MMFLA and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, take disciplinary action to prevent such violations, and impose fines and other sanctions against applicants and licensees that violate the MMFLA or administrative rules.

2. Section 402(12) of the MMFLA provides that the expiration of a license does not terminate the CRA’s authority to impose sanctions on the license.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND INTENDED ACTION OF THE CRA

3. Respondent holds an active state operating license under the MMFLA to operate a medical marijuana class C grower facility in the state of Michigan.

4. Respondent operated at 788 Hubbard Rd., Battle Creek, Michigan 49017, at all times relevant to this complaint.

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



- a. On March 30, 2017, the CRA approved Respondent's operating agreement with the ownership structure as B.F. 50% and N.M. 50% respectively.
- b. On February 27, 2020, the CRA discovered the ownership structure of Respondent had changed to the following: B.F. 25%, N.M. 25%, J.S. 35%, A.A. 5%, F.D.J. 5% and M.S. 5% pursuant to the Respondent's operating agreement. The new ownership structure was not approved by the CRA.
- c. The four new members (J.S., A.A., F.D.J. and M.S.) were not prequalified by the CRA.
- d. On August 2, 2023, the CRA approved Respondent's amended ownership structure as the following: B.F. 15%, N.M. 65%, A.A. 15%, F.D.J. 2.5% and M.S. 2.5%.

### **Count I**

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs b and c 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 II**

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs a, b and c 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 III**

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs a, b and c 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 IV**

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs a, b and c demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.802(3)(e), 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: (e) Any attempted transfer, sale, or other conveyance of an interest in a marihuana license.

#### **Count V**

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs b and c 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.

Under MCL 333.27407(4) and 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 MMFLA 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](mailto: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 at (517) 284-8599 or [CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov](mailto:CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov).

Dated: 10/10/23

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