### STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS<sup>1</sup> MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

JL Durk, LLC ERG No.: 001382 License No.: GR-A-000075 ENF No.: 21-00093 CMP No.: 21-000195

CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

#### CONSENT ORDER

On June 16, 2021, the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) issued a formal complaint against the medical marijuana class A grower facility license (GR-A-000075) of JL Durk, LLC ("Respondent") under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Sec. 501(8)(a) of the MMFLA (333.27501) and Mich Admin Code, 420.602(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 Sec. 501(8)(a) of the MMFLA (333.27501) and Mich Admin Code, 420.602(1).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

 Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of two thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 30 days of the effective date of this order by check or money order made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Executive Reorganization Order 2019-2 created the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) as a Type I agency within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). MCL 333.27001(1)(a)(d). The MRA exercises its statutory powers, duties, and functions independent of LARA's direction. MCL 16.103.

number "21-00093" clearly displayed on the check or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Marijuana Regulatory Agency, PO BOX 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

- 2. If Respondent fails to timely pay the fine, Respondent's license shall be suspended until payment is received.
- 3. Unless otherwise specified in this order, Respondent shall direct any communications to the MRA that are required by the terms of this order to <u>MRA-</u> LegalHearings@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 will be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under section 407(1) of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27407(1), and Mich Admin Code, R 333.219/420.806.
- 6. Upon timely payment of the fine 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 on the date signed by the MRA's executive director or his designee, as set forth below.

By:

Signed on: 11/15/21

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Andrew Brisbo, Executive Director Marijuana Regulatory Agency

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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 MRA to prove the charges set forth in the formal complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to present a defense to the charges.
- 3. The parties considered the following in reaching this agreement:
  - a. Respondent indicated that the background checks that were not maintained on site and could not be provided to the MRA during the inspection in question, were in possession of the Police Department where the facility is located, per their instructions.
  - b. Respondent indicated that it had never been asked to produce the background checks before this inspection.
  - c. Respondent has submitted all required background checks.
  - d. Respondent indicated, and provided documentation, that the individual who was on staff with the requisite caregiver experience was terminated for what Respondent believed was good cause.
  - e. Respondent indicated and provided documentation that it began looking for a new caregiver, and that the process was held up due to the time it took the caregiver to withdraw her registration with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Program.
  - f. Respondent admitted that it continued to operate and harvest marijuana without having a caregiver on staff who had the required experience after being advised of the statutory requirements.
  - g. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.

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4. The MRA's enforcement division director or her designee must approve this proposed agreement before it is forwarded to the MRA's executive director or his designee for review and issuance of the above consent order. The parties

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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:

	Digitally signed by: Julie Kluytman DN: CN = Julie Kluytman email = Kluytmanj@michigan.gov C = US O = Marijuana Regulatory Agency Date: 2021.11.15 09:25:52 -05:00
Julie Kluytman, Director Enforcement Division	

Marijuana Regulatory Agency

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

AGREED TO BY:

Janice L. Durk Authorized Officer On behalf of Respondent JL Durk, LLC Dated: 11/12/2021

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## FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Marijuana Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint against J L Durk, LLC ("Respondent") alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) 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 MRA's authority to impose sanctions on the license.

3. Section 206(c) of the MMFLA provides that the administrative rules must ensure the health, safety, and security of the public and integrity of the marihuana facility operations.

4. Respondent's conduct as described below is a risk to public health and safety and/or the integrity of marihuana facility operations.

# FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND INTENDED ACTION OF THE MRA

5. Respondent holds an active state operating license under the MMFLA to operate a class A medical marihuana grow facility in the state of Michigan.

6. Respondent operated at 6591 S. Tripp Road, Osseo, Michigan 49266, at all times relevant to this complaint.

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

- a. During a semi-annual inspection on January 28, 2021, Respondent did not have an active employee on staff with a minimum of 2 years' experience as a registered primary caregiver as required by Sec. 501(8)(a) of the MMFLA (333.27501).
- b. During that same semi-annual inspection Respondent did not have the results of the criminal history background checks for all employees onsite and available for inspection upon request by the MRA in violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.602(1).

THEREFORE, based on the above, the MRA 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 MRA 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 MRA 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 MRA 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 Marijuana Regulatory Agency P.O. Box 30205 Lansing, Michigan 48909
In Person:	Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Marijuana Regulatory Agency 2407 North Grand River Lansing, Michigan 48906
By Email:	MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov

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

Questions about this complaint should be directed to the Marijuana Regulatory Agency at (517) 284-8599 or <u>MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.</u>

6/15/21 Dated:

By: MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY Digitally signed by Claire Patterson Date: 2021.06.15 16:49:35 -04'00'

Claire Patterson, Scientific and Legal Section Manager