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

In the Matter of

Davidson-Putman, LLC ERG No.: 000878 License No.: GR-A-000026 ENF No.: 22-00035 CMP No. 21-001697

CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

#### CONSENT ORDER

On February 1, 2022, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the medical marijuana license (no. GR-A-000026) of Davidson Putman, LLC (Respondent) under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated MCL 333.27701 and Mich Admin Code, R 420.20.

The executive director or designee reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees the public interest is best served by resolution of the complaint. Therefore, the executive director or designee finds that the allegations contained in the complaint are true and that Respondent violated MCL 333.27701 and Mich Admin Code, R 420.20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Marijuana Regulatory Agency was renamed the Cannabis Regulatory Agency under Executive Reorganization Order No. 2022-1, effective April 13, 2022. MCL 333.27002(1)(a).

## Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 60 days of the effective date of this order by check or money order made payable to the State of Michigan with "ENF No.22-00035" clearly displayed on the check or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine payment to: Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, P.O. 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 CRA regarding the terms of this order to <u>CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov</u>.
- 4. If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent may be subject to additional fines and/or other sanctions.

This order shall be effective 30 days after the date signed by the CRA's

executive director or designee, as set forth below.

## CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY

Signed on: <u>1/4/23</u>

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Brian Hanna Executive Director Cannabis 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 MMFLA and administrative rules promulgated thereunder.

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 charges set forth in the 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 submitted the Annual Financial Statement on or about October 21, 2022.
  - b) Respondent represents that the incident stemmed from its own misunderstandings, rather than an intentional disregard of applicable rules.
  - c) Respondent acknowledges that it is responsible for familiarizing itself with, understanding, and complying with all statutory requirements and rules applicable to its business.
  - d) Respondent avers that it completed a thorough review of the applicable statutes and administrative rules in light of this matter and states that it has taken additional steps to avoid future recurrences.
  - e) Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
- 4. The CRA's operations director or designee must approve this proposed

agreement before it is forwarded to the CRA's executive director or 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 operations director, acting executive director, or 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:

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Desmond Mitchell Operations Director Cannabis Regulatory Agency Dated: <u>1/4/23</u>

/s/ Sarah E. Huyser

Sarah E. Huyser (P70500) Assistant Attorney General Attorney for Cannabis Regulatory Agency Dated: <u>12/28/2022</u> AGREED TO BY:

Patrick Putman, Authorized Officer On behalf of Respondent Davidson Putman, LLC Dated:

Paul J. Puricelli

Attorney for Respondent Dated: 12/22/22

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

Davidson-Putman, LLC ERG No.: 000878 License No.: GR-A-000026 CMP No.: 21-001697 ENF No.: 22-00035

FORMAL COMPLAINT

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The Marijuana Regulatory Agency ("Complainant") files this formal complaint against Davidson-Putman, 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. Respondent, under section 701 of the MMFLA (MCL 333.27701) is required to transmit to the MRA a financial statement of the licensee's total operations by 30 days after the end of each state fiscal year.

3. Respondent's annual financial statement for fiscal year 2021 was due on or before October 31, 2021.

4. As of the date of this formal complaint, Respondent has failed to file its annual financial statement for FY 2021.

5. Respondent's failure to timely file the required Annual Financial Statement is in violation of Section 701 of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27701.

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.

A licensee 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. See MCL 333.27407(4); Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(3) and R 420.808(2)(b). A request for a hearing must be submitted to the MRA in writing within 21 days after service of this complaint. Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(2) and R 420.808(3). Notice served by certified mail is considered complete on the business day following the date of the mailing. MCL 333.27407(4).

Respondent also may be given an opportunity to meet with the MRA to negotiate a settlement or demonstrate compliance with the MMFLA and administrative rules prior to a contested case hearing. Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(1) and R 420.808(2)(a). A request for a compliance conference must be submitted to the MRA in writing within 21 days after service of this complaint. Mich Admin Code, R 420.808(3).

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. Mich Admin Code, R 420.808(3).

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

Dated: 2/1/22

# MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Claire Patterson Scientific and Legal Section Manager Enforcement Division