

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

In the Matter of

The Releaf Center of Niles, LLC  
License No.: AU-R-000152

ENF No.: 21-00508

/ CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On December 7, 2021, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the adult-use marijuana retailer establishment license (AU-R-000152) of The Releaf Center of Niles, LLC ("Respondent") under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRMTA), MCL 333.27951 *et seq.*, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.20.

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 420.20.

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 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 "21-00508" and license number "AU-R-000152" 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. Respondent must submit a completed Annual Financial Statement via Accela within 30 days of the effective date of this order.
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-LegalHearings@michigan.gov](mailto:CRA-LegalHearings@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 will be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under under section 7(1)(c) of the MRTMA, MCL 333.27957, and Mich Admin Code, R 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.

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: 6/30/2023

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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 administrative rules promulgated under the MRTMA.
2. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation, Respondent is waiving the right under the MRTMA, 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 operations director or his 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 operations 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:

**Desmond  
Mitchell**

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Desmond Mitchell, Operations Director  
or his designee  
Cannabis Regulatory Agency

Dated: 6/28/2023

AGREED TO BY:

*Michael E. Gelatka*

Michael Gelatka, Authorized Officer  
on behalf of Respondent  
The Releaf Center of Niles, LLC

Dated: 6-21-2023

*Kristina Munsters*

Kristina Munsters, P74507  
Attorney for Respondent

Dated: 6/27/2023



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In the Matter of

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AU-ER No.: 000158  
License No(s): AU-R-000152  
CMP No.: 21-001493  
ENF No.: 21-00508

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (“Complainant”) files this formal complaint against The Releaf Center of Niles, LLC (“Respondent”) alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) 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 rules 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. Respondent, under Mich Admin Code, R 420.20, 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 June 30, 2021.
4. As of the date of this formal complaint, Respondent has failed to file its annual

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financial statement for FY 2021.

5. Respondent's failure to timely file the required Annual Financial Statement(s) is in violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.20.

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 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.

Respondent may also be given an opportunity to meet with the MRA to negotiate a settlement or demonstrate compliance with the MRTMA 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 request 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  
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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 [MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov](mailto:MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov).

Dated: 12/7/21 \_\_\_\_\_

**MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY**

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Claire Patterson  
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