



**BOROUGH OF METUCHEN • MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

**REQUEST FOR CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER BUSINESS APPLICATIONS**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Updated March 23, 2023**

**Question:** Would the Borough consider having more than three retailers if they all score high on your application review and have secured a properly zoned site?

**Answer:** No. At this time, we are not considering allowing more than three cannabis retailers in the Borough.

**Question:** Once a license is secured and a store is operational, can the business be sold and the license transferred to a new owner?

**Answer:** No. As per Borough Code, licenses will not be transferable.

**Question:** Once a license is secured and a store is operational, can the business be moved to another location within the allowable zoning?

**Answer:** Currently, we are focusing our attention on new applications. However, should a licensed business want to move to another acceptable location after their store is operational, this may be allowed pending Planning Board review and approval.

Question: Section 6(H) of the application asks for an Exterior Lighting Plan. Would a conceptual lighting plan be sufficient?

Answer: Yes, for the purposes of the application process, a conceptual lighting plan is sufficient.

Question: The Request for Applications states that, “Once Applicant’s State License is acquired, the Applicant has six (6) months to begin operating in Metuchen. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the Borough license. A one-time additional six (6) month extension may be granted upon written request to the Borough Administrator.” What criteria will be evaluated for the 6-month extension?

Answer: The Borough Administrator will evaluate the request for an additional six (6) month extension based upon “good cause” that must be demonstrated by the Applicant through sufficient written documentation and statements under oath that that the Applicant has proceeded diligently in the process to commence operations within the Borough and that any delay in the ability to commence operations was both unforeseeable and through no fault of the Applicant. The inability to secure the necessary rights to operate the license at the proposed location shall not be grounds for an extension.

Question: The Request for Applications requests a 5-page security plan and requests information outside the scope of the security plan requested by the New Jersey CRC. The CRC provides for a 10-page security plan. Will the Borough increase the page limit for this submission?

Answer: Based upon the request, the Borough will increase the page limitation for Section 5(H) of the Application to up to ten (10) pages for all Applicants.

Question: According to your Ordinance, it looks like there is no required minimum distance for licensed daycares or child-care centers, only for K-12 schools. Is that correct?

Answer: Yes, that’s correct. The two hundred feet minimum distance requirement applies only to Kindergarten through 12th grade schools.