



Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance Preference Period Expands to all

Priority A Applicants as of 9/23/21

The following categories of Priority A Applicants will be allowed to proceed with applying for a Cannabis Business Permit but require the following back-up documentation as part of the application. The preference period will run until September 23, 2022. The City of Cambridge reserves the right to request any additional back-up documentation as it determines is necessary to confirm Priority A Applicant status.

Priority A

1. Economic Empowerment Applicant
 - a. Official MA CCC letter informing applicant of confirmed Economic Empowerment status.

2. Social Equity Applicant who is a Cambridge resident (and has been for at least the previous three years)
 - a. Official MA CCC letter informing applicant of confirmed Social Equity status;
AND
 - b. *One of the following:*
 - i. First two pages of taxes filed for the past three years; OR
 - ii. Copy of residential lease for the past three years; OR
 - iii. Proof of enrollment in the Cambridge residential tax exemption program for the past three years; OR
 - iv. Two mortgage statements dated six months apart from each of the past three years; OR
 - v. Two gas or electric utility bills dated six months apart from each of the past three years.

3. Women or Minority Owned Business (as certified by the Commonwealth and/or by the City)
 - a. City of Cambridge attestation form as to Women or Minority Owned Business status; AND
 - b. *One of the following:*
 - i. Confirmation that the Cannabis Control Commission has determined that the business is a Women or Minority Owned Business for purposes of qualifying as an Expedited Applicant pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000. This

confirmation can be provided after applying for and receiving a Cannabis Business Permit, but shall be provided before opening a Cannabis Business, or the Cannabis Business Permit is subject to revocation; OR

- ii. Certification as a Women or Minority Owned Business from the Commonwealth Supplier Diversity Office.
4. Cambridge resident for at least the previous three years prior to application earning less than fifty percent (50%) of Area Median Income (AMI) in the three previous tax years prior to application.
- a. Personal tax forms filed for previous three years, showing gross income. Personal tax forms can be used to demonstrate Cambridge residency as well.

All Priority A applicants are required to complete a Beneficial Interest section of the Cannabis Business Permit application to demonstrate that they meet the ownership percentage threshold (51% or higher) for their applicant category. Please have full name, address, social security number/tax ID number, ownership percentage, ownership type (e.g. Manager), criminal record (if applicable), and residency status of all person or entities ready in order to complete the Beneficial Interest section in the Cannabis Business Permit application.