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From: Marvel, Nellie

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 10:10 AM

To: John Tucker <jotucker@my.wgu.edu>

Subject: RE: Following Up: State of VT Cannabis, Need New Location Info

Hi John,

I've attached the requested information to this email.

I have withheld personal telephone numbers of contact persons associated with each business. Due to the rise of telephone spoofing scams that exploit licensee contact telephone numbers found in public records, it is consequently my judgment that the agency should invoke 1 V.S.A. 317(c)(5)(d) ("a public agency shall not reveal information that could be used to facilitate the commission of a crime . . . unless withholding the identity or information would conceal government wrongdoing.") to enforce a general policy of withholding licensee telephone numbers.

Because I have denied an element of your request, the law requires that I affirm that I am the person responsible for the decision, that my title is as it appears below, and that you are entitled to appeal this withholding to CCB Executive Director Brynn Hare, Esq. (brynn.hare@vermont.gov), which you may do by emailing Ms. Hare directly or by asking that I forward this correspondence for her review.

Take Care,

Nellie

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Nellie Marvel

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From: John Tucker <jotucker@my.wgu.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:02 AM

To: Marvel, Nellie <Nellie.Marvel@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Following Up: State of VT Cannabis, Need New Location Info

Got it, thanks Nellie and yes I fully understand.

For the full licensees, yes, if you could provide contact information you might have available that'll be great.

That includes the owner name, address, phone, and email if available.

Thanks again.

On Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 8:32 AM Marvel, Nellie <Nellie.Marvel@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi John,

Under Vermont law, most of the information in an application for a cannabis establishment is confidential and exempt from public inspection under the Vermont Public Records Act. See [7 V.S.A. § 901\(h\)\(1\)\(A\)](#) and [7 V.S.A. § 881\(a\)\(1\)\(B\)](#). This includes anything that might reveal the identity of controlling owners or principals, or that might compromise public safety, security, trade secrets, or information relating to operating plans – so names and contact information for applicants are not requestable.

For full licensees, names of principals/owners and some contact information would be requestable. Please let me know if you would like this information – I can work on getting it for you.

Take Care,
Nellie

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From: John Tucker <jotucker@my.wgu.edu>

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 8:33 PM

To: Marvel, Nellie <Nellie.Marvel@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Following Up: State of VT Cannabis, Need New Location Info

Hi Nellie,

One more very quick question. Do you guys have the contact information of these listings?

Such as the owner's name, address, phone, and email?

Let me know, thanks.

On Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 8:26 PM John Tucker <jotucker@my.wgu.edu> wrote:

Got it, thanks so much Nellie!

On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 1:00 PM Marvel, Nellie <Nellie.Marvel@vermont.gov> wrote:

No worries, John.

I've included a few things here in this response:

- Excel Spreadsheet: "PRA_9.18_Tucker_PQList"
 - This is a list of all of the applicants that were approved for pre-qualification through that process. Again, some of these folks may not have ultimately submitted a full application.
- Excel Spreadsheet: "PRA_9.18_Tucker_FAList"
 - This is a list of all businesses that have a currently submitted application with us. None of these applicants have been approved for the operating license listed with their particular application.
- CCB Website: [Licensed Cannabis Products and Establishments](#)
 - All currently issued cannabis establishment licenses – current as of 9/27/23
 - These licensees are approved to begin operations, but we do not have official records at this time documenting which ones actually *are* operational.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Take Care,

Nellie





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From: John Tucker <jotucker@my.wgu.edu>

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 9:00 AM

To: Marvel, Nellie <Nellie.Marvel@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Following Up: State of VT Cannabis, Need New Location Info

Hi Nellie,

Sorry for the delay! Yes, if you could provide that list that would be great.

I can then do additional research/sorting on my end.

Thanks!

On Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 9:19 AM Marvel, Nellie <Nellie.Marvel@vermont.gov> wrote:

No problem.

I can work on pulling you a list of businesses that were pre-approved through the pre-qualification process, but again, they will not be broken down by operational status, as at this point, we do not specifically track whether a business has opened or not.

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From: John Tucker <jotucker@my.wgu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2023 5:12 AM
To: Marvel, Nellie <Nellie.Marvel@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Following Up: State of VT Cannabis, Need New Location Info

Hi Nellie,

Got it and thanks so much for the breakdown!

Yes, is there a way you could provide a list of the pre-approved licenses of Cannabis businesses that aren't open yet?

Thanks for your time and attention to this matter.

On Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 2:57 PM Marvel, Nellie <Nellie.Marvel@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi John,

I'm following up on your message from earlier this week sent to our info and applications accounts.

The Cannabis Control Board does not maintain records regarding business operational status once their license has been issued. Once we license them, it is an internal business decision to decide when to open.

We do maintain a list of currently licensed cannabis businesses on our website:

<https://ccb.vermont.gov/licenses>

You mentioned pre-approval in your email. We did go through a process of pre-qualification in 2022 where applicants could get pre-qualified for a cannabis license. Pre-qualification was not a license to operate, but instead an administrative step for some applicants who either needed an official paper from the State of Vermont stating they intended to apply for a cannabis business license to assist them in securing financing or business space, or for applicants who were concerned that something from their past (a criminal conviction, for instance) might bar them from participation in the market. Pre-qualified applicants still were required to apply for their full license – an operating license was not granted as a matter of course.

Not everyone who sought pre-qualification ultimately sought a full license, though many did.

If you would like a list of pre-qualified applicants, I can provide that for you, but I wanted to ask if that was what you were referring to before I pulled those records.

Thank you,



Nellie

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Nellie Marvel

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Outreach and Education Manager

From: John Tucker <jotucker@my.wgu.edu>

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 1:41 PM

To: CCB - Med <CCB.MED@vermont.gov>; CCB - Info <CCB.Info@vermont.gov>; CCB - Applications <CCB.Applications@vermont.gov>

Subject: State of VT Cannabis, Need New Location Info

Hi Vermont Cannabis Team,

I'm looking to see if there is a way to get a list of pre-approved licenses of Cannabis businesses that aren't open yet?

In addition, could I get a list of active Cannabis businesses that are already open?

This is for general research purposes.

Let me know, thanks!

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REGARDS,

JOHN TUCKER

