

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

In the Matter of

Utopia Farms, LLC
License No.: AU-G-C-000962

ENF No.: 24-00622

_____/ CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On July 26, 2024, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the adult-use marijuana grow establishment license (AU-G-C-000962) of Utopia Farms, 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 three hundred thirty-three and 34/100 dollars (\$333.34). 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. Check or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number "24-00622" and license number "AU-G-C-000962" clearly displayed on the check

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or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, PO BOX 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

2. If Respondent fails to timely comply with the terms of this order, Respondent's license shall be suspended until compliance is demonstrated.
3. 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-CSS@michigan.gov.
4. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.
5. If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent shall be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under under section 7(1)(c) of the MRTMA, MCL 333.27957, and Mich Admin Codes, R 420.808.
6. 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: 11/18/2024

By: Brian Hanna

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Brian Hanna, Executive Director
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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 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 submitted its Annual Financial Statement (AFS) on time, however its CPA was not registered in peer review at the time of the initial submission.
 - b. Respondent submitted its AFS on August 1, 2024.
 - c. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
 - d. Respondent has been licensed as a class C grower since 2022 and has no prior discipline against its license.
4. The CRA's centralized services director or her 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 centralized services 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:

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Sara Hernandez, CSD Director
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Cannabis Regulatory Agency

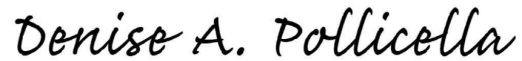
Dated: 11/07/2024

AGREED TO BY:

 Stuart Carter
Stuart Carter (Oct 30, 2024 11:07 EDT)

Stuart Carter, Authorized Officer
on behalf of Respondent
Utopia Farms, LLC

Dated: 10-25-2024



Denise A. Pollicella, P55629
Attorney for Respondent

Dated: 10-25-2024

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) files this formal complaint against Utopia Farms LLC (Respondent) alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) is authorized under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951 *et seq.* 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. Pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 420.20, Respondent is required to transmit to the CRA a financial statement of the licensee's total operations by 30 days after the due date provided by the CRA.

3. Respondent's annual financial statement for fiscal year 2024 was on or before June 30, 2024.

4. As of the date of this formal complaint, Respondent has failed to file its annual financial statement for FY 2024.

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

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THEREFORE, based on the above, the CRA 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 CRA 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 CRA 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 CRA 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 CRA 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
Cannabis Regulatory Agency
P.O. Box 30205
Lansing, Michigan 48909

In Person: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
Cannabis Regulatory Agency
2407 North Grand River
Lansing, Michigan 48906

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By Email: CRA-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 Cannabis Regulatory Agency at (517) 284-8599 or CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.

Dated: 7/26/24

By: Alyssa A. Grissom Digitally signed by Alyssa A. Grissom
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Alyssa A. Grissom
Legal Section Manager
Cannabis Regulatory Agency

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