



Town of Lee, Massachusetts
Cannabis Social Equity Policies

On August 11, 2022, Governor Charlie Baker signed S. 3096, *An Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry*, into law. The new law requires host municipalities to establish initial policies to promote equity in the cannabis industry. The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Committee (CCC) encourages cities and towns in Massachusetts to consider incentives for increased participation by social equity applicants.

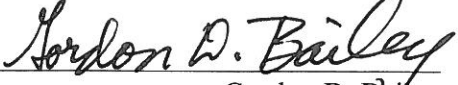
The Town of Lee seeks to promote social equity for applicants seeking to establish businesses in Lee through the following policies:


1. To encourage greater participation by social equity applicants, when a Host Community Agreement (HCA) becomes available for new businesses, there will be an exclusive period of six months limiting the availability of the HCA to qualifying social equity and economic empowerment applicants.
2. Lee will offer additional resources for outreach to potential social equity applicants by promoting available HCAs on the Town's website.
3. Lee will provide permit application assistance for social equity and economic empowerment applicants applying for cannabis permits. The Select Board web page will include additional online resources for applications.
4. Lee will continue to work with establishments to create mutually agreed upon HCAs that are fair and equitable to all parties.
5. When and if possible, Lee will assist in reducing financial barriers to expedite the permitting for social equity and economic empowerment applicants.

Adopted: August 15, 2023

(Abstained from vote)

Bob Jones, *Chair*


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