

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



TO: Sheri Pierce, City Clerk

FROM: Bart Hinkle, Chief of Police

RE: Herbal Outfitters Commercial Marijuana Renewal Application

DATE: July 11, 2019

On July 9^{th,} 2019, I received notice that the Commercial Marijuana License Renewal for Herbal Outfitters, LLC was on the agenda for the July 16th meeting. As has become customary, I contacted Derek Morris (General Manager) and asked his availability for a walk-through.

At about 0830 on July 10th, 2019, I met Mr. Ballow and Mr. Morris at Herbal Outfitters, LLC. As in my previous inspections, I observed the security measures and protocols to meet or exceed industry requirements. I also observed the storefront to be in good condition and an inviting retail space and environment.

I found that each aspect of operations we discussed (inventory tracking, storage of product, video security systems and protocols, etc.) met or exceeded industry requirements.

We also discussed the relationship between Herbal Outfitters, LLC and the Valdez Police Department. There have been a few occasions over the years in which one organization has requested assistance from the other. I have always found that Herbal Outfitters, LLC has been a responsible entity and willing to cooperate and assist when they are able to. Mr. Morris also confirmed that VPD has responded to their needs appropriately, when called for service.

Lastly, I was provided with literature that Herbal Outfitters has devised with the intent of informing cruise ship passengers of the laws and regulations surrounding purchase, and consumption, of cannabis infused items. This is in addition to the literature they provide upon purchase, which I have discussed in previous reports to Council.

By my estimation, Herbal Outfitters continues to be a responsible member of the Valdez community, operating well within the regulations of their Commercial Marijuana License. I have no reasonable grounds to contest or deny the submitted renewal application.