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TO: Sheri Pierce, City Clerk

FROM: Bart Hinkle, Chief of Police

RE: DKW Farms LLC Commercial Marijuana Application

DATE: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, I received the Commercial Marijuana Application submitted to the Alaska Marijuana Control Board and the City of Valdez by Dwain Dunning, who is doing business as DKW Farms LLC.

After reviewing the application, I contacted Mr. Dwain Dunning (who had identified himself as the primary point of contact and person with the largest percentage of ownership) and arranged for a site visit.

At 1030 hours on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Valdez Fire Chief Raynor and I arrived at DKW Farms LLC and spoke with Mr. Dunning. Mr. Dunning walked us through the premise and explained the concept of his business, which matched what I had reviewed in the application. In addition, Mr. Dunning was able to answer questions posed to him by me and the Fire Chief.

I specifically asked Mr. Dunning whether he thought his existing abatement issues (a large number of junk cars on the property) would prohibit him from securing his marijuana cultivation license and/or restrict his ability to operate DKW Farms LLC. Dunning informed me that he currently met all setback requirements for the lease and that he had prepped and moved a number of cars to be crushed. Dunning also articulated how he would move and store snow to ensure appropriate access for first responders.

While it is important to note that the building DKW Farms LLC plans to operate out of is still in its construction phase, and will require a handful of inspections prior to becoming a licensed commercial marijuana cultivation facility, I have no reasonable grounds at this point to contest or deny the application – as the concept and stated business plan meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Mr. Dunning has provided me with a rough time line as to his expected date of completion. At that point, he and I will coordinate another inspection – the results of which I will report to you.