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No. 2025-029
April 24, 2025

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CERTAIN PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND ADVANTAGE REQUESTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 4 of the Cannabis Law, the Cannabis Control Board (Board) is charged with the responsibility of overseeing activities related to adult-use cannabis;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 64(1)(g)(x) of the Cannabis Law, the Board is charged with developing regulations which establish factors for determining if granting an applicant’s adult-use cannabis license would promote public convenience and advantage;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 119.4(b) of Title 9 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (9 NYCRR), the Board may determine that granting a license would promote public convenience and advantage as described in paragraphs [9 NYCRR 119.4(a)(1) and 119.4(a)(2)] by considering the following factors, which include: (1) the number, classes, and character of other licenses in proximity to the premises and in the particular municipality or subdivision thereof; (2) evidence that all necessary licenses and permits have been obtained from the state and all other governing bodies; (3) whether there is a demonstrated need for such license, (4) effect of the grant of the license on pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and parking, in proximity to the premises; (5) the existing noise level at the premises and any increase in noise level that would be generated by the proposed premises; (6) the history of cannabis violations and reported criminal activity at the proposed premises; and (7) any other factors specified by law or regulation that are relevant to determine granting a license would promote public convenience and advantage of the community;

WHEREAS, at the Board’s February 14, 2025 meeting, via Resolution No. 2025-09, the Board directed the Office of Cannabis Management (Office) to file with the New York State Department of State to issue for public comment proposed adult-use regulation amendments to 9 NYCRR 119.4(b) (proposed regulations) in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act;

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations are different than the current version of 9 NYCRR 119.4(b);

WHEREAS, applicants identified in Attachment A (applicants) submitted a request to the Office that it’s proposed conditional adult-use retail dispensary location be approved as it would promote public convenience and advantage under the current factors enumerated in 9 NYCRR 119.4(b);

WHEREAS, the Office has prepared the information related to this public convenience and advantage request for the Board’s consideration;



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RESOLVED, that the Board has taken action to either approve or deny the public convenience and advantage requests identified in Attachment A based on the voting at the April 24, 2025 Board meeting.

Attachment A

Application or License Number	Business Name	Address
OCMRETL-2023-001096	Blaze NY LLC	519 Columbia Street, Hudson, NY 12534
OCMRETL-2023-001586	Soho Dispensary	107-29 A 71 st Avenue, Forest Hills, NY 11375