



## **MINUTES**

**COMMERCE CITY MARIJUANA LICENSING AUTHORITY  
7887 E. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 2108  
Commerce City, CO 80022  
Friday, December 18, 2015, 1:00 p.m.**

### New Application

Starbuds MIPS, LLC  
9670 Dallas St, Unit E  
Commerce City, CO 80640

An application hearing was called to order by Hearing Officer Teresa Ablao.

Brian Ruden, Managing Member of Starbuds MIPS, LLC, appeared on behalf of the applicant, and was sworn in. He testified that the licensee will produce marijuana-infused products for both medical and recreational wholesale. The building permit has been approved and he expects to be operational the first week of February 2016. The hours of operation are anticipated to be six days per week from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, but could change based on demand. The marijuana will come from his licensed grow facilities in Boulder and Denver and other licensed grow operations throughout the state. Mr. Ruden testified that he has been in the marijuana industry since 2010. Two main processes will be used: cooking and hydrocarbon extraction.

Raymond Barker, Jr, manager, was sworn in to provide additional testimony. Mr. Barker testified that the applicant has over 10 years of experience with the extraction equipment, and all employees are trained on the equipment by both the manufacturer and licensee. In accordance with statute, all employees undergo a background investigation before being employed by the applicant.

The applicant submitted a petition containing three signatures of business owners or managers located within the same building as the applicant.

Mr. Ruden testified that he had an assurance of voluntary compliance in 2014 after new rules went into effect for recreational sales. He did not mark his application correctly about this incident, because he didn't consider this event a disciplinary action. Hearing Officer Ablao had Mr. Ruden change his answer to the question on the application.

No one came forward to provide further testimony and the public hearing was closed.

Based on the application and evidence presented at the hearing, Hearing Officer Ablao approved the license on the following conditions:

- Satisfactory inspection by the police department to determine compliance with the diagram submitted with the application
- Satisfactory inspection by the building and fire departments to determine that the building and facility complies with their prospective codes
- Compliance with state marijuana code, rules and regulations, and city ordinances