

Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Max Best, Planning Director 

DATE: January 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Application for a new Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility License. **Applicant:** North Road Buds LLC; **Landowner:** Vernon Smith; **Parcel #:** 01307007; **Property Description:** Lot 11 Wik Lake Subdivision, according to Plat K-1350, Kenai Recording District; **Location:** 50815 Kosta Rd, Nikiski Area.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission reviewed the subject application during their regularly scheduled January 7, 2019 meeting.

A motion to recommend approval of the North Road Buds LLC, a Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility application passed by unanimous consent subject to the following conditions:

1. The marijuana establishment shall conduct their operation consistent with the site plan submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
2. There shall be no parking in borough rights-of-way generated by the marijuana establishment.
3. The marijuana establishment shall remain current in all Kenai Peninsula Borough tax obligations consistent with KPB 7.30.020(A).

Attached are the unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARING

3. State application for a marijuana establishment license; Nikiski Area

Staff Report given by Bruce Wall

PC MEETING: January 7, 2019

Applicant: North Road Buds LLC
Landowner: Vernon Smith
Parcel ID#: 013-070-07
Legal Description: Lot 11, Wik Lake Subdivision, according to Plat K-1350, Kenai Recording District
Location: 50815 Kosta Rd

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On May 21, 2018, the applicant notified the borough that he/she had submitted an application to the state for a Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility license. On June 1, 2018, the applicant supplied the borough with a signed acknowledgement form and a site plan on June 1, 2018 of the proposed Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility on the above described parcel. The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office notified the borough that the application was complete on November 27, 2018. Staff has reviewed the completed license that has been submitted to the state and the site plan submitted to the borough and has found the following concerning the standards contained in KPB 7.30.020:

1. The Borough finance department has been notified of the complete application and they report that the applicant is in compliance with the borough tax regulations.
2. Borough planning department staff has evaluated the application and has determined that the proposed facility will be located greater than 1,000 feet from any school.
3. Borough planning department staff has evaluated the application and has determined that the proposed facility will be located greater than 500 feet from all recreation or youth centers, and all buildings in which religious services are regularly conducted, and all correctional facilities.
4. The proposed facility is not located within a local option zoning district.
5. The proposed facility is located where there is sufficient ingress and egress for traffic to the parcel.
 - The parcel has direct access to a state maintained road and will not be accessing a borough right-of-way.
 - The signed acknowledgement form indicates that there will not be any parking in borough rights-of-way.
 - The site plan indicates a clear route for delivery vehicles, which allows vehicles to turn safely.
 - On-site parking and loading areas are designated at a location that would preclude vehicles from backing out into the roadway.
6. Because this application is for cultivation the hours of operation for a retail store is not applicable.

KPB 7.30.020(E) allows the recommendation of additional conditions on a license to meet the following standards:

- protection against damage to adjacent properties,
- protection against offsite odors,
- protection against noise,
- protection against visual impacts,
- protection against road damage,
- protection against criminal activity, and
- protection of public safety.

The Alaska Marijuana Control Board will impose a condition a local government recommends unless the

board finds the recommended condition is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable (3 ACC 306.060b). If the Planning Commission recommends additional conditions, additional findings must be adopted to support the conditions.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notice of the application was mailed on December 11, 2018 to the 6 landowners of the parcels within 300 feet of the subject parcel. Public notice of the application was published in the December 27, 2018 & January 3, 2019 issues of the Peninsula Clarion.

KPB AGENCY REVIEW: Application information was provided to pertinent KPB staff and other agencies on December 27, 2018.

ATTACHMENTS

- State marijuana establishment application with associated submitted documents
- Site Plan
- Acknowledgement form
- Aerial map
- Area land use map with 500' & 1,000' parcel radius

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the planning commission forward this application to the assembly with the findings contained in this staff report and with the recommendation that the following conditions be placed on the state license pursuant to 3 AAC 306.060(b):

1. The marijuana establishment shall conduct their operation consistent with the site plan submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
2. There shall be no parking in borough rights-of-way generated by the marijuana establishment
3. The marijuana establishment shall remain current in all Kenai Peninsula Borough tax obligations consistent with KPB 7.30.020(A).

END OF STAFF REPORT

Mr. Wall added that this application is on the same parcel as a Limited Cultivation Facility license. This is a unique situation. Kosta Road is a 20 foot wide easement that is maintained by the state. The easement runs through the property. The applicant's house is on one side of the street and the Limited Cultivation Facility is located in the house. They are in the process of building a new facility on the other side of the street for this Standard Cultivation Facility. This license will not supersede the Limited Cultivation license. That license will remain as well as the Standard license once approved.

The Assembly will consider this application at the January 8, 2019 meeting.

Chairman Martin opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak the public hearing was closed and discussion was opened among the commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Ruffner moved, seconded by Commissioner Ecklund to forward to the Assembly recommending approval with staff recommendations and the three conditions.

MOTION PASSED: Seeing and hearing no discussion or objection the motion passed by unanimous consent.