

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
JOHN O. PASTORE CENTER, BLDGS. 68-69
1511 PONTIAC AVENUE
CRANSTON, RI 02920**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**GREENLEAF COMPASSIONATE
CARE CENTER, INC.,**

RESPONDENT.

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DBR No. 17MM005

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) and GREENLEAF COMPASSIONATE CARE CENTER, INC., a Rhode Island non-profit corporation (“Respondent”), hereby consent and agree that:

1. Respondent is licensed as a compassion center to acquire, possess, cultivate, manufacture, deliver, transfer, transport, supply or dispense marijuana and/or related supplies and educational materials to patient cardholders and/or their registered caregiver cardholders or authorized purchasers pursuant to The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-1 *et seq.* (the “Act”) and the *Rules and Regulations related to the Medical Marijuana Program Administered by the Department of Business Regulation. 230-RICR-800-05-1* (formerly known as 161-RICR-300-35-1) (the “Regulations”).
2. On Friday February 24th, 2017, during an inspection of the Respondent’s compassion center retail premises located at 1637 W Main Road, Portsmouth, Rhode Island (the “Premises”), the Department’s Principal Economic and Policy Analyst (the “Principal”) observed a gift bag on a countertop at the Premises. The Principal inquired of Respondent’s employees as to the contents of

the gift bag and was informed that the bag contained marijuana “samples” that had been delivered to a compassion center employee cardholder by a person who is not a compassion center cardholder or a licensed cultivator cardholder.

3. On Friday, February 24, 2017, the Principal met with the President of Respondent, who advised that the President and other officers and directors of Respondent were unaware that the above-described receipt of marijuana “samples” had occurred until it was observed by the Principal.

4. Having received marijuana from a third party who is not a licensed cultivator, Respondent has violated R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 21-28.6-4(c) and (i), §21-28.6-16(e) and Sections 1.4(B)(1) and (3) of the Regulations.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Department has reason to believe that Respondent violated the Regulations as described previously herein. Accordingly, the Department has sufficient cause to take enforcement action against Respondent pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-12(d)(5) and Section 1.4(K)(4) of the Regulations.

In an effort to effect a timely and amicable resolution of the issues raised in this Consent Agreement without administrative hearing and to allow Respondent to maintain its license in good-standing, Respondent represents and agrees as follows:

- a. Respondent represents and warrants to the Department that Respondent shall hereafter comply in all respects with the marijuana supply and source restrictions under the Act and the Regulations.
- b. Upon execution of this Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Rhode Island General Treasurer, on account of the violation cited in paragraph 4 herein. The total amount of the penalty shall be paid upon the execution of this Agreement.


By agreeing to resolve this matter through the execution of this Consent Agreement Respondent voluntarily waives its right to the administrative hearing process, voluntarily waives its right to appeal any finding therefrom to the superior court, and agrees to take all necessary action as delineated in this Consent Agreement to maintain its license in good standing.

Respondent hereby acknowledges and agrees that failure to abide by any of the requirements of this Consent Agreement shall be grounds for the Department to initiate further administrative proceedings to impose penalties against Respondent including, but not limited to: (i) revocation and/or suspension, and (ii) such additional administrative penalties that the Department deems appropriate.

THE DEPARTMENT AND RESPONDENT HEREBY CONSENT AND AGREE TO THE FOREGOING AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

Department:


DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
REGULATION

By: 
Norman Birenbaum
Principal Economic and Policy Analyst

DATE: 4-27-17

Respondent:

GREENLEAF COMPASSIONATE
CARE CENTER, INC.

By: 
Seth Harrison Bock
Its duly authorized President

DATE: 4.27.17