

Township of Ocean

Cannabis License Application

Non-Refundable Application Fee - \$2,500

The Township of Ocean will begin reviewing applications promptly once filed with and deemed complete by the Township Clerk. The deadline for receipt of applications shall be close of business,

Applications are to be delivered to the Township of Ocean at the Clerk's office located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, New Jersey 08758.

Applicants shall submit an original and one paper copy of the application as well as a digital copy on a flash drive. The application shall be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked on the outside with the words "Ocean Cannabis License Application," the name and address of the applicant, and the date of submission. Applicants shall not use plastic cover sheets for their applications. Binders are also discouraged.

Applicants shall include a check made payable to the Township of Ocean for the appropriate application fee amount listed in Part V of the application form.

Applicants shall assume full responsibility for the delivery of their application to the Township Clerk.

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN CANNABIS LICENSE APPLICATION

1. The license application is subject to the provisions and exception set forth in the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and as such, the application is considered public information.¹
2. A license application shall be deemed incomplete, and shall not be processed, until all documents and application fees are submitted. Once the Township of Ocean Clerk's office has determined the application is complete, it will notify the applicant.
3. The Township of Ocean Council may approve or deny an application for a municipal cannabis license at its sole discretion, consistent with all governing state and local laws, based upon an evaluation of the benefits to the Township of Ocean and a determination as to which application(s) are in the best interests of the Township, all factors considered.

¹ Applicants shall inform the Township Clerk if any individual applying for a cannabis license is entitled to the protections afforded under Daniel's Law (P.L. 2020, c.125)
https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2020/AL20/125_.HTM.

Part I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Municipal Cannabis License Requested:

- Class I/ Category F Cultivator
- Class II/ Category E Manufacturer
- Class III/ Category C Wholesaler
- Class IV/ Category D Distributor
- Class V/Category Cannabis Retailer
- Medical Dispensary

Has the Applicant secured a State of New Jersey cannabis license as of the date of this application?*

- Yes – If yes, provide a copy of the State of New Jersey cannabis license.
- No – If no, what is the status of the applicant’s State of New Jersey cannabis license application?

**(No operator shall be permitted to operate a cannabis license until it receives a New Jersey State and municipal cannabis license. A notification of award and conditional municipal license shall entitle the recipient applicant to pursue a state license for up to 12 months, which may be extended by the Township Council for an additional six months for good cause).*

Applicant Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Business Name:

Street Address (must be in Township of Ocean):

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Primary Contact Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Applicant Business Structure:

Attach proof of business structure such as articles of incorporation, by-laws, partnership agreements, and other documentation that supports the structure.

- Corporation
- Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Limited Liability Company
- Individual/Sole Proprietor
- Other (Describe)

Business Ownership:

Provide a complete list of every person or entity in the proposed cannabis business, including the full name, title within the entity, date owner acquired interest in entity, the percentage of ownership interest, and financial interest in any other cannabis business. If any person or entity has an interest in another cannabis establishment, provide further information concerning that cannabis establishment.

PART II: APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The applicant must submit the following documents or information:

- A. Lawful Possession of Premises: Applicant must provide proof that it has or will have lawful possession of the proposed premises with a deed, lease, real estate contract contingent on successful licensing, or a binding letter of intent from the owner of the premises contingent on successful licensing. If property is leased, provide name, address, email address and phone number for property owner or owner’s agent.

- B. Affirmative Action, Anti-Discrimination and Fair Employment: Applicant must provide an affidavit and documentary proof that the applicant is in compliance with all state and local laws regarding affirmative action, anti-discrimination, and fair employment practices. Applicant must provide a certified statement under oath that it will not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, gender identity, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.
- C. Zoning: Applicant must demonstrate its compliance with all applicable municipal zoning laws as outlined in the Township of Ocean Municipal Code.
- D. Financial Capability: Applicant must submit proof of financial capability to open and operate a cannabis establishment and the sources of funds to do so. Standards for proof of financial capability shall be demonstrated by applicant's current bank statements, loan documents, promissory notes, convertible instruments, financial and/or commitment letters.
- E. Revocation of Past permits or Licenses: Applicant must confirm whether or not any person proposed to have an ownership interest in the license has had any cannabis license or permit revoked for a violation affecting public safety in the State of New Jersey or a subdivision thereof within the preceding five years.
- F. Business Plan: Applicant is required to complete a full business plan of their business. The full business plan will be submitted with this application.

PART III: ESTABLISHMENT REQUIREMENTS

Provide documentation regarding how the applicant will satisfy the requirements set forth in the Township of Ocean Municipal Code regarding:

Structure of building

Access to building

Odor control

Security plan

Hours of operation

Maintenance of records

Signage

Identification plan (to ensure patrons are 21 or older)

PART IV: ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following are to be answered in paragraph form on an attached document, using the letter that corresponds to each criterion. Responses are to be typed in 12-point font, double spaces and limited to 500 words.

- A. Qualifications and Experience: Describe applicant's, owner's or principal's qualifications and experience operating in highly regulated industries, including cannabis, health care, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and retail pharmacies.
- B. Public Safety and Security: Provide applicant's qualifications and experience related to public safety and security, including any of applicant's, owner's, or principal's experience in law enforcement and drug enforcement and a summary of applicant's plans for storage of products and currency, physical security, video surveillance, security personnel, and visitor management.
- C. Environmental Impact of Sustainability Plan: Provide summary of applicant's environmental impact and sustainability plan. Responses should include whether applicant entity or its parent company has any recognitions from or registrations with federal or New Jersey State environmental regulators for innovation in sustainability and whether the applicant entity or its parent company holds any certification under international standards demonstrating the applicant has an effective environmental management system or has a designated sustainability officer to conduct internal audits to assess the effective implementation of an environmental management system.
- D. Community Benefits: Describe applicant's commitment to provide social equities and community benefits.

PART V: APPLICATION FEES

Applicant has attached an application fee as described below:

License	Registration	First Fee	Annual Reg Fee
Class 1 (Cannabis Cultivator)		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Class 2 (Cannabis Manufacturer)		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Class 3 (Cannabis Wholesaler)		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Class 4 (Cannabis Cultivator)		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Class 5 (Cannabis Retailer)		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Medical Dispensary		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

PART VI: ACKNOWLEDGMENT

TO BE SIGNED BY EACH OWNER

The undersigned, on behalf of the cannabis license applicant, _____, declares under penalty of perjury that I have read and understand the provisions of the Township of Ocean Ordinance _____, and that the operation of this cannabis establishment must adhere to all the requirements of the Township of Ocean’s Municipal Code and all other applicable state and local laws, and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

I understand that I am the responsible party for any violation(s) that may arise as a result or in connection with the operation of the cannabis establishment.

I understand and acknowledge that a license issued based on false or misleading statements provided in this application will be deemed invalid and subject to revocation.

I understand that the Township of Ocean Council may approve or deny an application for a municipal cannabis license at its sole discretion, consistent with all governing state and local laws, based on an evaluation of the benefits to the Township of Ocean.

I hereby certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Jersey that the foregoing statements are true and correct, and that if any statement is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signature

Print Name

Title

Date

Phone

Email