HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

between

THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

and

GRASS APPEAL, LLC

This Host Community Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into this 7th day of January, 2019 by and between GRASS APPEALS, LLC., a Massachusetts limited liability company corporation with a principal place of business at 79 River Road, Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569 (the "Operator") and the Town of Uxbridge, a Massachusetts municipal corporation principal place of business at 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569 (the "Town").

WHEREAS, the Operator wishes to locate a marijuana retail sales facility at 79 River Road, in the Town (the "Facility"), in accordance with regulations issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (the "CCC") or other such licensing authorities required by state and local governments (the "Licensing Authorities"), in accordance with 935 CMR 500, ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA; and

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WHEREAS, the Operator has paid a two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) application fee.

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 - XIX. <u>Limitation on Operations</u>: The Operator acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement covers the operation of a Facility only for the retail sales of marijuana at the Facility and no other business enterprise shall be undertaken at the Facility absent express agreement of the Town.

- XX. <u>No Joint Venture</u>: The Parties hereto agree that nothing contained in this Agreement or any other documents executed in connection herewith is intended or shall be construed to establish the Town, or the Town and any other successor, affiliate or corporate entity as joint ventures or partners.
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- Waiver: The obligations and conditions set forth in this Agreement may be waived only in writing signed by the party waiving such obligation or condition. Forbearance or indulgence by a party shall not be construed as a waiver, nor limit the remedies that would otherwise be available to that party under this Agreement or applicable law. No waiver of any breach or default shall constitute or be deemed evidence of a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. The failure of either Party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that Party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this Agreement.
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To the Municipality:
Town of Uxbridge
Steve Sette, Town Manager
21 South Main Street
Uxbridge, MA 01569
ssette@uxbride-ma.gov
508-278-8600 x7

To the Operator:
GRASS APPEAL, LLC
Hao Li, Owner
966 Marshall Creek Road
East Stroudsbourg, PA 18302
info@bvcannabis.com
917-478-2278

The following signatures indicate that the parties herby agree to the terms set forth in this Agreement as per the date set forth on page 1 of this Agreement and updated on December 28, 2020.

For the TOWN OF UXBRIDGE

MASSACHUSETTS

Steven Sette

Its: Town Manager

For GRASS APPEAL, LLC

By:_____

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Updated HCA owner authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen on December 28, 2020.

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relative to the operation of the marijuana establishment; said written policies and procedures, as may be amended from time to time, shall be reviewed and approved by the Town and shall be incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement, the same as if each were fully set forth herein.

- Odor Control: The Operator agrees to contain all marijuana related odors onsite through use of odor control technologies, including but not limited to appropriate ventilation and air handling equipment and odor resistant packaging. Any complaints received by the Town concerning odors leaving the Establishment that are detectable at abutting properties must be addressed thoroughly and expediently by the Operator. Operator shall provide the Town with an odor control plan within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement. Said odor control plan shall be reviewed and approved by an expert selected by the Town at its sole discretion. The cost of said review by the Town's expert shall be borne by the Operator.
- XVIII. Agreement as to Agricultural Exemption: The Operator agrees to comply with all laws, rules, regulations and orders applicable to the facility, such provisions being incorporated herein by reference, and shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses, permits and approvals required for the performance of such work. The Operator agrees not to assert or seek exemption as an agricultural use under the provisions of from the requirements of the Town's Zoning Bylaws pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3.
- XIX. <u>Limitation on Operations</u>: The Operator acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement covers the operation of a Facility only for the cultivation, product manufacturing and transportation of marijuana at the Facility and no other business enterprise shall be undertaken at the Facility absent express agreement of the Town. The retail sales of marijuana to consumers and dispensing of marijuana to qualifying patients at the Facility is expressly prohibited hereunder.
- XX. <u>No Joint Venture</u>: The Parties hereto agree that nothing contained in this Agreement or any other documents executed in connection herewith is intended or shall be construed to establish the Town, or the Town and any other successor, affiliate or corporate entity as joint ventures or partners.
- XXI. Third Parties: Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the Town or the Operator.
- Waiver: The obligations and conditions set forth in this Agreement may be waived only in writing signed by the party waiving such obligation or condition. Forbearance or indulgence by a party shall not be construed as a waiver, nor limit the remedies that would otherwise be available to that party under this Agreement or applicable law. No waiver of any breach or default shall constitute or be deemed evidence of a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. The failure of either Party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that Party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this Agreement.
- XXIII. <u>Compliance:</u> The Operator shall comply with all laws, rules, regulations and orders applicable to the operation of as a Marijuana Cultivator, Product Manufacturer and Transporter, such provisions being incorporated herein by reference, and shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses, permits, and approval required for the

operation of as a Marijuana Cultivator, Product Manufacturer and Transporter.

Operator shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Town harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions, causes of actions, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of the Operator's breach of this Agreement or the gross negligence or misconduct of the Operator, or the Operator's agents or employees.

- XXIV. Term and Termination: This Agreement shall have a term of five (5) years, provided however Sections 2 and 3 regarding payment shall survive until the twentieth quarterly impact payment has been paid in full in accordance with said sections. Notwithstanding the foregoing this Agreement shall terminate if the Operator ceases to operate a Facility in the Town. Upon termination, this agreement shall have no further force and effect and neither of the parties shall have any further rights, obligations or liabilities to the other party. The Operator shall be required to cease operations at the termination of this Agreement.
- XXV. Retention of Regulatory Authority: By entering into this Agreement, the Town does not waive any enforcement rights or regulatory authority it currently holds over any business in the Town.
- XXVI. Severability: If any term or condition of this Agreement or any application thereof shall to any extent be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable by the court of competent jurisdiction, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed affected thereby unless one or both parties would be substantially or materially prejudiced.
- XXVII. <u>Governing Law:</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the submits to the jurisdiction of any of its appropriate courts for the adjudication of disputes arising out of this Agreement.
- XXVIII. Entire Agreement: This Agreement, including all documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the entire integrated agreement between the parties with respect to the matters described. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations and representations, either written or oral, and it shall not be modified or amended except by a written document executed by the parties hereto.
 - XXIX. Confidentiality: Operator may provide to the Town, certain financial information, investment materials, products, plans, documents, details of company history, know-how, trade secrets, and other nonpublic information related to Operator, its affiliates and operations (collectively, the "Confidential Information"). Town (inclusive of its employees, agents, representatives or any other of its affiliated persons) shall not, at any time during the term of this Agreement or at any time thereafter, disclose to any person or entity, any Confidential Information, except as may be required by order of the Supervisor of Records or law. Operator shall mark each plan, page, or transmission with the word "Confidential."
 - XXX. <u>Modifications:</u> Modifications to this Agreement may only be effective if made in writing and signed by both Parties.

- XXXI. <u>Headlines:</u> The article, section, and paragraph headings in this Agreement are for convenience only, are no part of the Agreement and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- XXXII. <u>Counterparts:</u> This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any party hereto may execute this Agreement by signing one or more counterparts.
- XXXIII. <u>Notices.</u> Any and all notices, or other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be addressed as follows:

To the Municipality:
Town of Uxbridge
Steve Sette, Town Manager
21 South Main Street
Uxbridge, MA 01569
ssette@uxbride-ma.gov
508-278-8600 x7

To the Operator:
GRASS APPEAL, LLC
Hao Li, Owner
966 Marshall Creek Road
East Stroudsbourg, PA 18302
info@bvcannabis.com
917-478-2278

The following signatures indicate that the parties herby agree to the terms set forth in this Agreement as per the date set forth on page 1 of this Agreement and updated on December 28, 2020.

For the TOWN OF UXBRIDGE

MASSACHUSETTS

Steven Sette

Its: Town Manager

For GRASS APPEAL, LLC

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By:___ Hao Li

Its: Owner

Updated HCA owner authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen on December 28, 2020.

MUNICIPAL APPROVAL

ASSIGNMENT OF HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, this agreement (hereinafter "Assignment Approval") is entered on this 6th day of April , 2021, by and among the Town of Uxbridge (the "Town"), Baked Bean, LLC ("Assignor") and Grass Appeal, LLC ("Assignee").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Assignor is a party to a host community agreement dated June 25, 2018 with the Town for a Marijuana Product Manufacturer and Marijuana Transporter establishment (the "HCA");

WHEREAS, the HCA is attached hereto as <u>Appendix A</u> requires the Assignor to pay certain Community Impact Payments to the Town for the unique impacts which draw on community resources and obligates the Assignor to certain conditions relative to its operations;

WHEREAS, the HCA requires that the Assignor obtain prior approval before agreeing to assign its rights and obligations under the HCA;

WHEREAS, the Assignor requested approval of such assignment by letter dated March 17, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Town agrees to such Assignment.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

- 1. **Host Community Agreement**. The HCA for Marijuana Product Manufacturer and Marijuana Transporter establishment dated June 25, 2018, between the Town and the Assignor is attached hereto as <u>Appendix A</u>.
- 2. **Approval of Assignment**. The Town hereby approves the assignment of the HCA effective as of the date first written above.
- 3. **Assignment**. Upon the execution of this Assignment Approval, Assignor agrees to assign all of its rights, duties and obligations under the HCA to Assignee and the Assignee hereby accepts and all rights, obligations and duties under the betterment Agreement, providing proof of the same to the Town.

- 4. **Consideration**. The Parties acknowledge this Assignment Approval is for good and valuable consideration in connection with the continued obligation to remit Community Impact payments.
- 5. **Future Assignment**. Assignee does not have any further authorization to assign the HCA without the express written consent of Town.

6. Miscellaneous.

- a. Successors and Assigns. This Assignment shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Assignor and Assignee and their respective affiliates, successors, assigns, heir and devisees and legal representatives, as may be permitted hereunder.
- b. **Governing Law**. This Assignment shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- c. **Interpretation**. The parties acknowledge that each party and its counsel have reviewed this Agreement and that the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Assignment or any Appendices hereto.
- d. Amendments. No modification or amendment of this Assignment shall be effective unless made in writing and executed by both Assignor, Assignee and the Town. In the event any approval or consent is required pursuant to any provision of this Agreement, such approval or consent shall be deemed given only if it is in writing, executed by the party whose approval or consent is required.
- e. **Further Documents**. Both parties shall execute such documents hereafter from time to time as may be required to carry out the respective obligations of the parties hereunder.
- f. Severability. It is the intention of the parties that in the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any provision or portion of this Assignment is unenforceable for any reason, the balance and remainder of this Assignment shall remain effective and enforceable to the extent possible under the circumstances then existing.
- g. **Entire Agreement**. This Assignment supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and discussions of the parties hereto regarding the subject matter hereof and the contract(s) assigned hereby and, as written, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have signed this Agreement as an instrument under seal.

ASSIGNOR

Baked Bean, LLC

4/6/2021

Hao Li, Sole Member

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(Date)

TOWN OF UXBRIDGE

By its Town Manager

4/6/2021 Steven Sette, Town Manager (Date) **ASSIGNEE**

Grass Appeal, LLC

4/6/2021

Name

(Date)

HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

between

The TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, Massachusetts and BAKED BEAN, LLC

This Host Community Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into this 25 day of June 2018 by and between BAKED BEAN, LLC., a Massachusetts limited liability company with a principal address of 79 River Road, Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569 ("Operator" or "establishment") and the Town of Uxbridge, a Massachusetts municipal corporation with a principal address of 21 S. Main Street Uxbridge, MA O1569 ("Town").

WHEREAS, Operator wishes to locate a Marijuana Product Manufacturer and Marijuana Transporter Establishment in the Town, in accordance with regulations issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (the "CCC"), in accordance with 935 CMR 500, ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA; and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health (the "DPH") implemented regulatory framework for the regulation of the use of marijuana for Registered Medical Marijuana establishment for MEDICAL USE through l05 CMR 725 and

WHEREAS, Operator will be licensed to cultivate and manufacture cannabis and marijuana product; and sell or otherwise transfer cannabis and marijuana product to Marijuana Establishments in municipalities throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Operator is seeking a license from the CCC and DPH to operate a Marijuana Product Manufacturer and Marijuana Transporter for the processing and transporting of marijuana for adult use and marijuana for medical use establishment in the Town; and

WHEREAS, Operator will satisfy the purpose and intent of the voters and the Act, by operating a Marijuana Establishment that provides marijuana for adult use or medical use, educational materials, and related products, to citizens of the Town and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Operator has paid a two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) application fee.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above, the Operator offers and the Town accepts this Host Community Agreement as follows:

- <u>Community Impact Fee</u>: The Town anticipates that, as a result of the Operator's operation of the Marijuana Product Manufacturing and Marijuana Transportation Establishment, the Town will incur additional expenses and impacts upon its road system, law enforcement, inspectional services, permitting services, administrative services, public health services and education in addition to potential additional unforeseen impacts upon the Town. Accordingly, in order to mitigate the direct and indirect financial impact upon the Town and use of Town resources, the Operator agrees to annually pay a community impact fee to the Town, in the amounts and under the terms provided herein (The "Annual Payments")
- Payment: In the event that the Operator obtains a Final License, or such other license and/or approval as may be required, for the Marijuana Product Manufacturing and Marijuana Transportation Establishment in the Town by the CCC, DPH or such other state licensing or monitoring authority, and receive of gross sales of marijuana and marijuana infused products to consumers from the establishment, provided that if the Legislature raises the current three percent maximum amount of community impact payments that a marijuana retailer may pay to a municipality, Operator shall pay a community impact payment based on the highest percentage rate as allowed by the Legislature.
 - Operator shall make Annual Payments in an amount equal to_Qne and three quarter HOSTCOMMUNITY AGREEMENT/ BAKED BEAN, LLC.-TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, MA

percent (1.75%) of the gross revenue from the Marijuana Product Manufacturing and Marijuana Transportation Establishments annual cannabis or marijuana product sales, as long as the fee is reasonably related to the costs imposed upon the town by the operation of the marijuana establishment.

- Annual Payments shall be made quarterly each calendar year on the 1st Tuesday of January,
 April, July and October, beginning on the first of such dates after the establishment has been permitted, occupy and operate said establishment.
- Operator shall submit financial records to the Town within 30 days after payment of the Annual Payment with a certification of sales with respect to each such payment. Operator shall maintain its books, financial records, and other compilations of data pertaining to the requirements of this Agreement in accordance with standard accounting practices and any applicable regulations or guidelines of the CCC and DPH
- In the event Operator executes a Host Community Agreement with any other municipality that pays to said municipality a community impact fee greater than the community impact fee provided in Section 2 of this HCA, Operator shall pay to the Town the same community impact fee provided to said other municipality.
- Should TOWN enter into an agreement with any other Marijuana Establishment for siting in TOWN at material terms more favorable to that Marijuana Establishment than the terms of this Agreement are to OPERATOR, this Agreement shall be modified to reflect those terms.
- Local Taxes. At all times during the Term of this Agreement, property, both real and personal, owned or operated by Operator shall be treated as taxable, and all applicable real estate and personal property taxes for that property shall be paid either directly by Company or by its landlord, and neither Company nor its landlord shall object or otherwise challenge the taxability of such property and shall not seek a non-profit exemption from paying such taxes.
- Applicability of Host Agreement: The provisions of this Host Agreement apply only to the Operator's
 use of the facility to operate a Marijuana Product Manufacturing and Marijuana Transportation
 Establishment in accordance with 935 CAR 500 and 105 CMR 725
- Security: Operator shall maintain security at the Facility at least in accordance with a security plan presented to the Municipality and approved by the Licensing Authority(ies). In addition, Company shall at all times comply with MA Law and Local Law regarding security of the Facility. Operator shall coordinate with the Uxbridge Police Department in the development and implementation of security measures, as required pursuant to applicable regulations and otherwise, including determining the placement of exterior security cameras. Operator will maintain a cooperative relationship with the Uxbridge Police Department, including but not limited to, periodic meetings to review operational concerns and communication to Uxbridge Police Department of any suspicious activities on the site.

Operator shall promptly report the discovery of the following to the Uxbridge Police Department immediately: diversion of marijuana; unusual discrepancies identified during inventory, theft, loss and any criminal action; unusual discrepancy in weight or inventory during transportation; any vehicle accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents that occur during transport; any suspicious act involving the sale, cultivation, distribution, processing, or production of marijuana by any person; unauthorized destruction of marijuana; any loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to marijuana or marijuana establishment agents; an alarm activation or other event that requires response by public safety personnel; failure of any security alarm system due to a loss of electrical power or mechanical malfunction that is expected to last longer than eight hours; and any other breach of security.

- <u>Local Hiring</u>: To the extent permissible by law, OPERATOR commits to hiring local, qualified employees. In addition to the direct hiring, OPERATOR will work in good faith, legal and non-discriminatory manner to hire local vendors, suppliers, contractors and builders from the Townarea whenever otherwise comparable local vendors are available.
- <u>Improvements to Property:</u> Operator shall make capital improvements to the property such that the property will match the look and feel of the Town, and be of construction standards at least at the HOSTCOMMUNITY AGREEMENT/ BAKED BEAN, LLC.-TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, MA

- quality of other nearby businesses and construction standards per state and local Building Code requirements.
- Prevention of Diversion: To the extent requested by the Town's Police Department, and consistent with the Regulations, Operator shall work with the Town's Police Department to implement a comprehensive diversion prevention plan, such plan to be in place prior to the Sales Commencement Date. Such plan will include, but is not limited to, (i) training Facility employees to be aware of, observe, and report any unusual behavior in customers or Facility employees that may indicate the potential for diversion; (ii) utilizing seed-to-sale tracking software to closely track all inventory at the Establishment; and (iii) refusing to complete a transaction if the customer appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Assignment: Neither the Town nor the Operator shall assign, sublet or otherwise transfer its rights nor delegate its obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; provided however such consent shall not be required in the event such transfer or assignment is between the Operator and another entity which is authorized by the CCC, DPH or other authorizing entity to operate the Facility for the cultivation and dispensing of marijuana, or if such assignment or transfer is the result of a merger or consolidation with the Operator.
- Registration and Approvals Required: The obligations of Operator and the Town recited herein are specifically contingent upon the obtaining a final certificate of license for the operation of a Retail Marijuana Establishment from the CCC to operate in Town, and all necessary local permits and approvals.
- <u>Cooperation:</u> Town shall work cooperatively and in good faith with Operator in securing prompt and efficient siting, planning, permitting and preparation for opening of the Marijuana Product Manufacturing and Marijuana Transportation Establishment, provided that nothing herein shall require Town to waive any review and approval rights set forth in applicable statues or regulations and provided further that Town shall retain the right to provide comments and recommendations regarding design and security.
- Compliance: Operator shall comply with all laws, rules, regulations and orders applicable to the operation of a Marijuana Product Manufacturing and Marijuana Transportation Establishment Marijuana Establishment, such provisions being incorporated herein by reference, and shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses, permits, and approval required for the operation of a Marijuana Product Manufacturing and Marijuana Transportation Establishment Marijuana Establishment.
 Operator shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Town harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions, causes of actions, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of Operator's breach of this Agreement or the gross negligence or misconduct of Operator, or Operator's agents or employees
- Term and Termination: This Agreement shall have a term of five (5) years, terminating on the fifth anniversary of the commencement of sales (at which point the parties may, but shall not be required to extend or renegotiate the terms of this Agreement). Notwithstanding the foregoing this Agreement shall terminate if the Operator ceases to operate a Facility in the Town. Upon termination, this agreement shall have no further force and effect and neither of the parties shall have any further rights, obligations or liabilities to the other party, provided that Section 17 hereof shall remain in full force and effect. Operator shall not be required to cease operations at the termination of this Agreement.
- Retention of Regulatory Authority: By entering into this Agreement, TOWN does not waive any enforcement rights or regulatory authority it currently holds over any business in TOWN.
- <u>Notices:</u> Any and all notices, or other communications required or permitted under this Agreement, shall be in writing and oremail.
- <u>Severability</u>: If any term or condition of this Agreement or any application thereof shall to any extent be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable by the court of competent jurisdiction, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed affected thereby unless one or both parties would be substantially or materially prejudiced.

- Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the submits to the jurisdiction of any of its appropriate courts for the adjudication of disputes arising out of this Agreement.
- Entire Agreement: This Agreement, including all documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the entire integrated agreement between the parties with respect to the matters described. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations and representations, either written or oral, and it shall not be modified or amended except by a written document executed by the parties hereto.
- Confidentiality: Operator may provide to the Town, certain financial information, investment materials, products, plans, documents, details of company history, know-how, trade secrets, and other nonpublic information related to Operator, its affiliates and operations (collectively, the "Confidential Information"). Town (inclusive of its employees, agents, representatives or any other of its affiliated persons) shall not, at any time during the term of this Agreement or at any time thereafter, disclose to any person or entity, any Confidential Information, except as may be required by court order or law. Operator shall mark each plan, page, or transmission with the word "Confidential."
- <u>Modifications</u>: Modifications to this Agreement may only be effective if made in writing and signed by both Parties.
- <u>Headlines:</u> The article, section, and paragraph headings in this Agreement are for convenience only, are no part of the Agreement and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- <u>Counterparts:</u> This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any party hereto may execute this Agreement by signing one or more counterparts.
- Notices. Except as otherwise provided herein, any notices given under this Agreement shall be addressed as follows:

To the Municipality:
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Uxbridge, MA 01569
ssette@uxbride-ma.gov
508-278-8600 x7

To the Operator:
Baked Bean, LLC
Hao Li, Owner
966 Marshall Creek Road
East Stroudsbourg, PA 18302
info@bvcannabis.com
917-478-2278

The following signatures indicate that the parties herby agree to the terms set forth in this Agreement as per the date set forth on page 1 of this Agreement and updated on December 28, 2020.

For the TOWN OF UXBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS

For BAKED BEAN, LLC

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Steven Sette
Its: Town Manager

Hao Li Its: Owner

By:

Updated HCA address and owner authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen on December 28,2020

HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

between

The TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, Massachusetts and GRASS APPEAL, LLC

This Host Community Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into this <u>28</u> day of <u>March</u> 2022 by and between GRASS APPEAL, LLC (the "Operator"), a Massachusetts limited liability company with a principal address of 79 River Road, Uxbridge, MA 01569 (the "Property") and the Town of Uxbridge, a Massachusetts municipal corporation with a principal address of 21 S. Main Street Uxbridge, MA 01569 (the "Town" and, collectively with the Operator, the "Parties"

WHEREAS, the Operator wishes to locate a medical marijuana treatment center ("MMTC") at the Property in accordance with regulations issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (the "CCC") or other such licensing authorities required by state and local governments (the "Licensing Authorities"), in accordance with G.L. c. 94I (the "Act") and 935 CMR 501, MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA (the "Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, the Operator is currently licensed by the CCC to cultivate marijuana (provisional license), process and wholesale marijuana and marijuana products (provisional license) and sell marijuana and marijuana products to adultuse consumers (final license) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the Operator and the Town are parties to three existing Host Community Agreements dated, respectively, January 7, 2019, January 7, 2019, and April 6, 2021 (the "Existing HCA Agreements"), which, collectively, authorize the Operator to engage in the adult-use marijuana cultivation, processing, wholesale and retail activities; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in an Industrial B ("IB") Zoning District within the Town, which Zoning District authorizes MMTCs as of right; and

WHEREAS, the Operator is seeking a MMTC license from the CCC to acquire, cultivate, possesses, process (including development of related products such as edibles, MIPs, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), repackage, transport, sell, distribute, deliver, dispense, or administer marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers for medical use; and

WHEREAS, the Operator will satisfy the purpose and intent of the Act by operating a MMTC that provides marijuana for medical use, educational materials, and related products, to registered qualifying patients and their personal caregivers in the Town and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the Operator has paid to the Town a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) application fee.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Operator and the Town agree as follows:

I.The Town anticipates that, as a result of the Operator's operation of the MMTC, the Town will incur unique and additional expenses and impacts upon its road system, law enforcement, inspectional services, permitting services, administrative services, public health services and education in addition to potential additional unforeseen unique impacts upon the Town. Accordingly, in order to mitigate the direct and indirect financial impact upon the Town and use of Town resources, the Operator agrees to annually pay a community impact fee to the Town, in the amounts and under the terms provided herein (The "Annual Payments").

and each a "Party").

- a. Operator shall remit annual Impact Fees in an amount equal to one and three-quarters percent (1.75%) of the gross revenue from the Marijuana Retailer Establishment annual cannabis or marijuana product sales
- b. Impact Fees shall be made quarterly each calendar year on the 1st Tuesday of January, April, July and October, beginning on the first of such dates after the establishment has been permitted, occupy and operate said establishment.
- c. Operator shall submit financial records to the Town within 30 days after payment of the Impact Fees with a certification of sales with respect to each such payment. Operator shall maintain its books, financial records, and other compilations of data pertaining to the requirements of this Agreement in accordance with standard accounting practices and any applicable regulations or guidelines of the CCC
- d. In the event Operator executes a Host Community Agreement with any other municipality that pays to said municipality a community impact fee greater than the community impact fee provided in Section 2 of this HCA, Operator shall pay to the Town the same community impact fee provided to said other municipality.
- e. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, §3(d), a "community impact fee shall be reasonably related to the costs imposed upon the municipality by the operation of the marijuana establishment..." ("Town Costs"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties acknowledge the difficulty in computing actual Town Costs and have agreed to the Impact Fees above in lieu of attempting to determine actual Town Costs incurred. Operator acknowledges that the impacts of its operation may be impracticable to ascertain and assess as impacts may result in budgetary increases though not separately identified, and consequently, Operator acknowledges that the payments due under this Agreement are reasonably related to Town Costs and waives an claims to the contrary.
- f. Impact Fees are expressly included as "other municipal charges" pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 57. A Town licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers, of Operator or agent thereof if Operator's name appears on a list furnished to the licensing authority from the Town Collector of individuals delinquent on their taxes and/or water bills. Written notice must be given to Operator by the Tax Collector, as required by applicable provision of law, and Operator must be given the opportunity for a hearing not earlier than 14 days after said notice.
- II. Payment as Condition of Operation, Default and Remedy. Payment as set forth above is necessary for Operator's continued operation in the Town. Failure to make the required payments as scheduled and a failure to cure the failure to pay within 10 days of the due date, shall constitute default of this Agreement and may serve as cause for Town's immediate review, upon 10 business days' notice to Operator by the Town Manager. Operator shall be in default of this Agreement if any of the following occur:
 - a. Operator fails to make the required payments pursuant to Paragraph II above, and such failure is not cured within ten (10) business days of written notification from the Town; or
 - b. Operator breaches any other provision of this Agreement, and such failure is not cured within thirty (30) days of written notification from the Town.
 - c. As remedy for any such default, the Town may, among other remedies, revoke or limit the permission of the Operator to operate in the Town and to issue an order to cease and desist with all operations upon such written notice from the Town. Payment means any payment paid from the Operator to the Town pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Town's costs of enforcing against any such default, including the Town's attorneys' fees, shall be paid by the Operator.
- III. No Violation of Cap on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers: The Parties acknowledge that the Town's Zoning Bylaws state that "[t]he maximum number of medical marijuana treatment centers shall be no more than three (3)." The Town hereby represents and warrants that execution of this Agreement shall not result in a violation of said limit on the number medical marijuana treatment centers in the Town.
- IV. <u>Local Taxes:</u> At all times during the Term of this Agreement, property, both real and personal, owned or operated by the Operator shall be treated as taxable, and all applicable real estate and personal property taxes for that property shall be paid either directly by the Operator or by its landlord, if any, and neither the Operator nor its landlord shall object or otherwise challenge the taxability of such property and shall not seek a non-profit exemption from paying such taxes.
- V. <u>Applicability of Agreement:</u> The provisions of this Agreement apply only to the Operator's use of the Property HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT/GRASS APPEAL, LLC. -TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, MA

to operate a MMTC in accordance with the Act and the Regulations.

VI. Security: The Operator shall maintain security at the Property at least in accordance with a security plan presented to the Municipality and approved by the Licensing Authority(ies). In addition, the Operator shall at all times comply with Massachusetts and local law regarding security of the Property. The Operator shall coordinate with the Uxbridge Police Department in the development and implementation of security measures, as required pursuant to applicable regulations and otherwise, including determining the placement of exterior security cameras. The Operator will maintain a cooperative relationship with the Uxbridge Police Department, including but not limited to, periodic meetings to review operational concerns and communication to the Uxbridge Police Department of any suspicious activities on the Property.

The Operator shall promptly, and no event later than 24 hours following the occurrence thereof, report the discovery of the following to the Uxbridge Police Department: diversion of marijuana; unusual discrepancies identified during inventory, theft, loss and any criminal action; unusual discrepancy in weight or inventory during transportation; any vehicle accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents that occur during transport; any suspicious act involving the sale, cultivation, distribution, processing, or production of marijuana by any person; unauthorized destruction of marijuana; any loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to marijuana or marijuana establishment/MMTC agents; an alarm activation or other event that requires response by public safety personnel; failure of any security alarm system due to a loss of electrical power or mechanical malfunction that is expected to last longer than eight hours; and any other breach of security.

- VII. <u>Local Hiring:</u> To the extent permissible by law, the Operator commits to hiring local, qualified employees. In addition to the direct hiring, the Operator will work in good faith, and in a legal and non- discriminatory manner to hire local vendors, suppliers, contractors and builders from the Town area whenever otherwise comparable local vendors are available.
- VIII. <u>Improvements to Property:</u> The Operator has made capital improvements to the Property to match the look and feel of the Town, consistent with its presentations and applications to the Town, using construction standards at least at the quality of other nearby businesses and construction standards per state and local Building Code requirements. Any material changes to the appearance of the property require prior approval by the Town.

In the event the Operator ceases operations at the Property, the Operator shall remove all materials, plants, equipment and other paraphernalia within thirty (30) days of ceasing operations. To ensure the same, the Operator shall provide documentation of a bond or other resources held in an escrow account naming the Town in an amount sufficient to adequately support the dismantling and winding down of the Property. The Parties acknowledge that the failure to remove materials in their entirety and within the timeframe set forth herein will cause actual damage to the Town, which damages are difficult or impracticable to calculate. In such event, the Operator shall pay to the Town as liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, an amount equal Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars.

- IX. <u>Prevention of Diversion:</u> The Operator and the Town's Police Department have conferred and discussed the Operator's diversion prevention plans for the Property in accordance with the terms of the Existing HCA Agreements. The Operator agrees to abide by the terms of its existing diversion prevention plan for the Property in performing the activities authorized by this Agreement and any MMTC license issued by the CCC.
- X. <u>Assignment</u>: Neither the Town nor the Operator shall assign, sublet or otherwise transfer its rights nor delegate its obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; provided however such consent shall not be required in the event such transfer or assignment is between the Operator and another entity which is authorized by the CCC or other authorizing entity to operate a MMTC, or if such assignment or transfer is the result of a merger or consolidation with the Operator.
- XI. <u>Registration and Approvals Required:</u> The obligations of the Operator and the Town recited herein are specifically contingent upon the obtaining a final license for the operation of a MMTC from the CCC to operate in the Town, and all necessary local permits and approvals.

If the Operator fails to secure licensure from the CCC or any required local approvals, this Agreement shall be null and void and the proposed MMTC shall not be permitted.

XII. Cooperation: The Town shall work cooperatively and in good faith with the Operator in securing prompt and efficient siting, planning, permitting and preparation for opening of the MMTC, provided that nothing herein shall require the Town to waive any review and approval rights set forth in applicable statutes or regulations and provided further that the Town shall retain the right to provide comments and recommendations regarding design and security.

The Operator agrees and understands that the Town's execution of this Agreement does not constitute a local approval under the Town's Zoning Bylaws or any other Town bylaw or regulation and, thus, shall not: (i) require or obligate the Town or its departments or boards to issue such permits and approvals as may be necessary for the Operator to operate its MMTC in the Town; (ii) affect, limit, or control the authority of Town boards, commissions, councils, and departments from carrying out their respective powers and duties to decide upon and to issue, deny, or otherwise act on applicable permits and other approvals under the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth, or the Town's bylaws and regulations; or (iii) cause the Town to refrain from enforcement action against the Operator for violations of the terms and conditions of such permits and approvals, or such laws, regulations and/or bylaws.

- XIII. <u>Emergency Response Information</u>: Operator shall comply with the security and traffic management plans and emergency response plan filed with the Town's Police Chief and Fire Chief.
- XIV. On-Site Consumption Prohibited: The Operator agrees that, even if permitted by statute or regulation, it will prohibit on-site consumption of marijuana and marijuana-infused products at the MMTC.
- XV. Community Impact Hearing Concerns: The Operator agrees to employ its best efforts to work collaboratively and cooperatively with its neighboring businesses and residents to establish written policies and procedures to address mitigation of any concerns or issues that may arise through its operation of the MMTC, including, but not limited to any and all concerns or issues raised at the Operator's required Community Outreach Meeting relative to the operation of the MMTC; said written policies and procedures, as may be amended from time to time, shall be reviewed and approved by the Town and shall be incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement, the same as if each were fully set forth herein.
- XVI. <u>Limitation on Operations</u>: The Operator acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement covers the operation of a MMTC and no other business enterprise shall be undertaken at the Property absent express agreement of the Town. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties acknowledge that they are parties to the Existing HCA Agreements, which, collectively, authorize the Operator to engage in the cultivation, processing, wholesale and retail sales of adult-use marijuana at the Property.
- XVII. No Joint Venture: The Parties agree that nothing contained in this Agreement or any other documents executed in connection herewith are intended or shall be construed to establish a joint venture or partnership between the Parties or any of their respective successors, assigns or affiliates.
- XVIII. Third Parties: Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the Town or the Operator.
- XIX. Waiver: The obligations and conditions set forth in this Agreement may be waived only in writing signed by the Party waiving such obligation or condition. Forbearance or indulgence by a Party shall not be construed as a waiver, nor limit the remedies that would otherwise be available to that Party under this Agreement or applicable law. No waiver of any breach or default shall constitute or be deemed evidence of a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. The failure of either Party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that Party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this Agreement.
- XX. <u>Compliance:</u> The Operator shall comply with all laws, rules, regulations and orders applicable to the operation of a MMTC, such provisions being incorporated herein by reference, and shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses, permits, and approval required for the operation of a MMTC.

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The Operator shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Town harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions, causes of actions, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of Operator's breach of this Agreement or the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Operator, or the Operator's agents or employees.

- XXI. Term and Termination: Operator shall work diligently and in good faith toward obtaining an MMTC license from the CCC and use all reasonable efforts to commence medical use marijuana sales as soon as possible. This Agreement shall have a term of five (5) years, terminating on the fifth anniversary of the commencement of medical use marijuana sales (at which point the Parties may, but shall not be required to extend or renegotiate the terms of this Agreement). Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement shall terminate if the Operator ceases to operate a MMTC in the Town or has not made efforts to obtain licensing and/or permitting within one (1) year from the date of execution of the Agreement. Upon termination, this Agreement shall have no further force and effect and neither of the Parties shall have any further rights, obligations or liabilities to the other Party. The Operator shall be required to cease operations at the termination of this Agreement.
- XXII. Retention of Regulatory Authority: By entering into this Agreement, the Town does not waive any enforcement rights or regulatory authority it currently holds over any business in the Town.
- XXIII. Notices: Any and all notices, or other communications required or permitted under this Agreement, shall be in writing and/or email.
- XXIV. Severability: If any term or condition of this Agreement or any application thereof shall to any extent be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed affected thereby unless one or both Parties would be substantially or materially prejudiced.
- XXV. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Parties submit to the jurisdiction of any of its appropriate courts for the adjudication of disputes arising out of this Agreement.
- XXVI. Entire Agreement: This Agreement, including all documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the entire integrated agreement between the Parties with respect to the matters described herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations and representations, either written or oral, and shall not be modified or amended except by a written document executed by the Parties hereto.
- XXVII. Confidentiality: The Operator may provide to the Town certain financial information, investment materials, products, plans, documents, details of company history, know-how, trade secrets, and other nonpublic information related to the Operator, its affiliates and operations (collectively, the "Confidential Information"). The Town (inclusive of its employees, agents, representatives or any other of its affiliated persons) shall not, at any time during the term of this Agreement or at any time thereafter, disclose to any person or entity, any Confidential Information, except as may be required by order of the Supervisor of Records or applicable law. When submitting any Confidential Information to the Town, the Operator shall mark each plan, page, or transmission with the word "Confidential."
- XXVIII. <u>Modifications:</u> Modifications to this Agreement are only effective if made in writing and signed by both Parties.
- XXIX. <u>Headlines:</u> The article, section, and paragraph headings in this Agreement are for convenience only, are not part of the Agreement and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- XXX. <u>Counterparts:</u> This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any Party hereto may execute this Agreement by signing one or more counterparts.
- XXXI. <u>Notices.</u> Except as otherwise provided herein, any notices given under this Agreement shall be addressed as follows:

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To the Municipality: Town of Uxbridge c/o Town Manager 21 South Main Street Uxbridge, MA 01569 To the Operator:
Grass Appeal LLC

c/o Mr. Andrew Gold 79 River Road Uxbridge, MA 01569

The following signatures indicate that the Parties herby agree to the terms set forth in this Agreement as of the date first set forth on page 1 of this Agreement.

For the TOWN OF UXBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS:

For GRASS APPEAL, LLC

Steven Sette

Its: Town Manager

As Authorized by Vote of the

Board of Selectmen on March 28, 2022

By:__

Hao Li Its: Owner