

IN THE MATTER OF: GTI OHIO, LLC

2. On June 6, 2024, Respondent sent an email to some of Respondent's current patients ("Email"), which indicated it would be expanding hours of operation on June 10, 2024 and that "Rise Ohio locations will be open to service recreational and medical guests during the following hours: June 10th & onwards: 7am-8:30pm." The Email was not approved by the Division pursuant to Ohio Admin. Code 3796:5-7-01
3. On June 6, 2024, within approximately 3 hours of the Email being sent, Respondent became aware that the Email was inaccurate and began working to correct the error.

4. On June 6, 2024, within approximately 3.5 hours of the Email being sent, Respondent sent a correction notice via email to its patients notifying them of the error.
5. On or around June 8, 2024, the Division learned of the Email and notified Respondent of the inaccuracy with respect to the commencement of adult use marijuana sales and the inappropriate use of the term “recreational” to refer to adult use marijuana contained therein, in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 3796:5-7-01
6. Thereafter, Respondent worked with the Division to draft a correction plan and made immediate changes to their protocols to ensure that all adult use marketing is subject to a compliance review.

Respondent does not admit to the Department allegations, however, in lieu of further litigation, the Parties have come to an agreement to resolve all pending issues as reflected in the attached Consent Agreement. NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Ohio Admin. Code 3796:5-6-01 and Ohio Admin. Code 3796:6-2-06, and in accordance with the Consent Agreement attached hereto and incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, Respondent agrees to the following conditions:

1. On or before June 24, 2024, Respondent shall pay the costs associated with the present investigation to the Division in the amount of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) through the Division portal. This matter, and its resolution, shall not be recorded by the Division as discipline against Respondent.
2. On or before June 27, 2024, Respondent shall submit to the Division for review revised Standard Operating Procedures demonstrating the manner in which Respondent intends to prevent a reoccurrence of the errors contained in the Email.
3. Respondent shall post door signage at its Dispensaries clarifying the status of adult use marijuana sales and that the Email was incorrect. Respondent has already posted said signage at its Dispensaries, and such signage has been approved by the Division. Such door signage shall remain at Respondent’s medical marijuana dispensaries until Respondent has been approved for adult use sales by the Division.
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5. Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the total amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in the event that the Department provides notice of any same or similar violations of the Ohio Administrative Code within six (6) months of the above-referenced offense.

6. Nothing herein shall delay the Division's process with respect to the review and subsequent approval of Respondent's applications pending before the Division.

State of Ohio
Department of Commerce



James V. Canepa, Superintendent

Date: _____

6/20/24

Certified Mail Tracking Number – XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

cc: Rachel Huston, Assistant Attorney General

**STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215**

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EXHIBIT A: CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Department of Commerce, Division of Cannabis Control (hereinafter “the Department”) and **GTI Ohio, LLC** (hereinafter “Respondent”), by and through counsel, the Department and Respondent hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

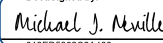
- (1) Respondent stipulates to the jurisdiction of the Department;
- (2) Respondent, with full knowledge of its individual rights, voluntarily waives the right to appeal the Department’s findings and orders pursuant to R.C. Chapter 119 as it relates to this consent agreement and imposition of conditions;
- (3) Consistent with this negotiated Consent Agreement, the Department and Respondent consent, stipulate, and agree to the findings, conclusions, and Order set forth in the attached Department Order (“Order”):
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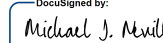
- (4) After being fully and adequately apprised of the right to appeal the attached Department Order, as set forth in R.C. 119.12, Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives such right;
- (5) After being fully and adequately apprised of the right Respondent waives all other claims arising out of the Department Order and Consent Agreement;
- (6) The undersigned hereby acknowledge that they have read this Consent Agreement and the Department Order in their entirety, understand all terms outlined in this Consent Agreement and the Department Order, have authority to sign this Consent Agreement on behalf of **GTI Ohio, LLC** have had an opportunity to have this Consent Agreement and the Department Order reviewed by counsel and to be advised regarding the same, and have executed this Consent Agreement knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily.

SO AGREED.

Respondent: GTI Ohio, LLC

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Title: Associate General Counsel
Date: 6/20/2024

Agent for Respondent: GTI Ohio, LLC

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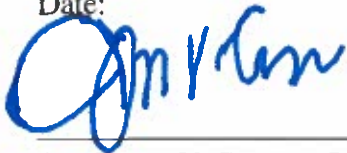
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