

Local Case Summary: MJ's Market vs. Town of Tyngsborough, Mass

Superior Court – Case No. 2384CV02794

Filed: December 11, 2023 Plaintiff: MJ's Market, Inc.



Defendants:

Corporate and Individual Defendants	Town of Tyngsborough Select Board Members (in their official capacities)
Joseph Husband of Mary Realty Trust	Ronald Keohane
Colette El Kareh, as Trustee and Individual	Eric Eldridge
Yellow House Cannabis LLC	Katerina Kalabokis
Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc.	Mike Moran
Urban-Gro, Inc.	Ronald L. Schneider

Core Allegations

1. Contractual Violations

- **Breach of Contract (Count IV):** MJ's Market claims the Town breached the Host Community Agreement (HCA) by refusing to extend the agreement after encouraging the company to defend against a zoning appeal.
- Declaratory Judgment (Count I): MJ's Market seeks legal recognition of its rights under the HCA.

2. Good Faith and Fair Dealing

• Breach of Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing (Count IX): The Town allegedly acted in bad faith by misleading MJ's Market about extending the HCA, ultimately awarding it to a competitor.

3. Unjust Enrichment

• **Count VII:** MJ's Market asserts that the Town and Defendants benefited from its investments while denying MJ's the chance to operate the dispensary.

Dismissed Claims

- Certiorari Review (Count II): Dismissed because the Town's actions were administrative, not quasijudicial.
- Mandamus (Count III): Dismissed as the Town's decision involved discretionary authority.
- Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act Violation (Count VIII): Dismissed due to government immunity.
- Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations (Count XI): Dismissed under municipal immunity from intentional tort claims.



Key Developments

- The court ruled the HCA waiver unenforceable due to legislative intent and public policy.
- Retroactive application of Cannabis Control Commission regulations strengthened MJ's Market's position.

Next Steps

- **Discovery Phase:** MJ's Market will request all relevant communications from the Town to build its case.
- Potential Settlement Proposal: Consideration of a \$10 million settlement and securing the first social-use cannabis license.

Conclusion:

The court's denial of the Town's Motion to Dismiss on key counts allows MJ's Market to proceed with its strongest claims. These include contract breaches, bad-faith dealings, and unjust enrichment allegations. MJ's Market remains committed to pursuing justice through legal channels and seeking a fair resolution.

About MJ's Market

Founded in 2018, MJ's Market is a family-run cannabis business committed to serving its community with integrity and transparency. Despite being forced to shut down due to industry-driven legal battles, MJ's Market remains dedicated to advocating for fair competition and holding corporations accountable.

Call to Action

MJ's Market invites supporters to amplify this story and stand with them in challenging anti-competitive practices and government favoritism. Together, we can ensure a fair playing field for all businesses, regardless of size.

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