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ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: August 22, 2023

To: Anthony Ciccariello, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Katie Whewell, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: GREEN RE WEST NEWTON LLC

Ascend Mass LLC

Michael Ross, Attorney

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Jonah Temple, Assistant City Solicitor

RE: Request to amend Special Permit #67-20 to allow a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center

Petitioner: GREEN RE WEST NEWTON LLC		
Site: 1089 Washington Street	SBL: 31009 0007	
Zoning: BU2	Lot Area: 25,122 square feet	
Current use: Marijuana retail establishment	Proposed use: Marijuana retail establishment and	
	Medical marijuana treatment center	

BACKGROUND:

The property at 1089 Washington Street consists of a 25,122 square foot lot improved with a one-story building constructed in 1950 currently occupied by a marijuana retail establishment allowed by Special Permit #67-20. The petitioner is seeking to expand the operation to include a medical marijuana treatment center per section 6.10.3.B.10, requiring an amendment to the special permit.

The following review is based on plans and materials submitted to date as noted below.

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Michael Ross, attorney, dated 8/3/2023
- Special Permit #67-20
- Zoning Review Transmittal Letter, prepared by Michael Ross, attorney, dated 8/1/2023

ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:

- 1. The petitioner seeks to amend Special Permit #67-20 to expand the existing marijuana retail establishment to include a medical marijuana treatment center. This use requires a special permit from the City Council per sections 4.4.1 and 6.10.3.D of the Newton Zoning Ordinance. The petitioner states that the building will not be altered or extended and no additional employees are anticipated.
- 2. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

Zoning Relief Required		
Ordinance	Required Relief	Action Required
	To amend Special Permit #67-20	
§6.10.3.D §4.4.1	To allow a medical marijuana treatment center	S.P. per §7.3.3