

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF SUNG HO CHUN	*	
AND SUKHYUN HAN ON BEHALF OF	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
CJJ SONS, INC., t/a SUSHI SONO, FOR	*	
A TRANSFER OF THE CLASS B BEER,	*	FOR
WINE, AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-SALE	*	
LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No. 15-55

DECISION AND ORDER

The Board of License Commissioners for Howard County, Maryland (the “Liquor Board”), pursuant to Rule 1.02(A) of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, has delegated the authority to hear and decide cases to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board for Howard County, Maryland (the “Hearing Board”).

On November 10, 2015, the Hearing Board heard the application of Sung Ho Chun and Sukhyun Han (“Applicants”), on behalf of CJJ Sons, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono (“CJJ Sons, Inc.”), for a transfer from Sushi Sono, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, in the names of Alex Minq-Hwa Wu and Kin Ti Lin for a 2,413 square foot restaurant located at 10215 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044. The hearing was properly advertised pursuant to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented by Bruce R. Kurlander, Esquire. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference. These include the following: the application; a Corporate Charter Approval sheet for CJJ Sons, Inc.; a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for CJJ Sons, Inc.; a copy of the officer and stockholder list for CJJ Sons, Inc.; a copy of the floor plan; a copy of the background questionnaires for the Applicants; a copy of the driving record for Sung Ho Chun from the

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; copies of the United States Passports for the Applicants; a copy of the receipt for fingerprinting from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for Sukhyun Han; a copy of certification of Alcohol Awareness Training for Sukhyun Han; a memorandum dated October 15, 2015, from the Liquor Board to the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector, the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits, the Bureau of Environmental Health, the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Fire Marshal; the background investigations of the Applicants by the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector dated November 5, 2015; a memorandum dated October 30, 2015, from the Department of Planning and Zoning; an email dated October 21, 2015, from the Office of the Fire Marshal; a letter dated October 15, 2015, to the Department of Finance; a letter from the Department of Finance; a letter dated October 15, 2015, to the Comptroller of Maryland; a letter dated October 23, 2015, from the Comptroller of Maryland; a fax transmission to the attorney for the Applicants enclosing a letter dated October 15, 2015, with notification of the hearing date and the necessity to advertise; the certification of advertisement from the Howard County Times and the Baltimore Sun; and an email dated October 23, 2015, from the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector stating the premises had been posted.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Sung Ho Chun, President/Treasurer, and 85% shareholder for CJJ Sons, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, was sworn and testified that he has been a Howard County resident for ten years, is a registered voter, and is alcohol awareness certified. Mr. Chun testified that he has been on the liquor license for Pho Dat Thanh for eight years, during which time, they never had a violation. Mr. Chun testified that he will divide his time between Sushi Sono and Pho Dat Thanh.

Suk Hyun Han, Vice-President/Secretary, and 15% shareholder for CJJ Sons, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, was sworn and testified that he has lived in Howard County for three years, is alcohol awareness certified, and that he is also on the liquor license for Pho Dat Thanh. Mr. Han testified that he will be the manager at Sushi Sono.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicants waived their right to request the Liquor Board to hear the case.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Sung Ho Chun and Sukhyun Han on behalf of CJJ Sons, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, have applied for a transfer from Alex Minq-Hwa Wu and Kin Ti Lin on behalf of Sushi Sono, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, for a 2,413 square foot restaurant located at 10215 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Sung Ho Chun has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and an 85% shareholder of CJJ Sons, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono.

4. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of this application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents in the neighborhood.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Sung Ho Chun and Sukhyun Han on behalf of CJJ Sons, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, have applied for a transfer from Alex Minq-Hwa Wu and

Kin Ti Lin on behalf of Sushi Sono, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, for a 2,413 square foot restaurant located at 10215 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Sung Ho Chun meets the requirements of Rules 1.09(T), 1.09(U), 2.06, and 2.10 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

4. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents in the neighborhood.

ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 8th day of December, 2015, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, Maryland **ORDERED** that the application of Sung Ho Chun and Sukhyun Han on behalf of CJJ Sons, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, for a transfer from Alex Minq-Hwa Wu and Kin Ti Lin on behalf of Sushi Sono, Inc., t/a Sushi Sono, for a 2,413 square foot restaurant located at 10215 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

1. That this **PROPOSED DECISION AND ORDER** shall become final when the Applicants obtain the license and comply with the following conditions:

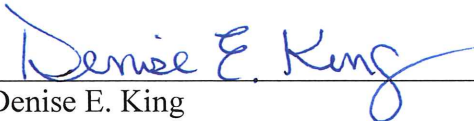
(a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County rules and regulations; and

- (b) Failure to comply with these conditions and obtain the license by January 31, 2016, shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING

BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND


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