IN THE MATTER OF THE \* BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF PRAKASH G. \* BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
PATEL AND BHARAT G. PATEL ON \* FOR
BEHALF OF PARTH CORPORATION, \* HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
INC. T/A WOODY'S LIQUOR AND \*
BAR FOR A RESIDENT AGENT \* CASE NO.: 20-30
CHANGE ON A CLASS D, BEER, WINE \*
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON/OFF SALE \*
LICENSE \*

### **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, 2020, the Hearing Board heard the application of Prakash G. Patel and Bharat G. Patel ("Applicants") on behalf of Parth Corporation, Inc. t/a Woody's Liquor and Bar ("Woody's Liquor and Bar") for a resident agent change from Hiren Prakashkumar Patel, Prakash G. Patel and Bharat G. Patel on a Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on/off sale license for a 2,043 square foot bar located at 8806 Washington Blvd., Jessup, Maryland 20794.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property was posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented by Thomas Meachum, Esq., and there were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

#### **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Prakash G. Patel, current licensee and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified that he has been on this liquor license for the past 13 years, however, the current resident agent has withdrawn as resident agent, so he is seeking to take over this role. Mr. Patel testified that he has lived in Howard County for five years, is a registered voter and is Vice President of the corporation. Mr. Patel testified that he was previously alcohol awareness certified, however, his certification needs to be renewed and this will be done shortly.

Mr. Patel testified that he has worked as the manager at Woody's Liquor and Bar for the past 16 years and plans to work at this establishment every day. Mr. Patel testified that there was one violation 13 years ago for a sale to a minor. Mr. Patel stated that he understands that all agency requirements must be complied with prior to issuance of the liquor license.

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

Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The Hearing Board finds that Prakash G. Patel and Bharat G. Patel, on behalf of Parth Corporation, Inc. t/a Woody's Liquor and Bar, have applied for a resident agent change from Hiren Prakashkumar Patel, Prakash G. Patel and Bharat G. Patel on a Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on/off sale license for a 2,043 square foot bar located at 8806 Washington Blvd., Jessup, Maryland 20794.
- 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 Prakash G. Patel is a Howard County resident, is a registered voter, and a 50% interest holder of the corporation.
- 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 the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Hearing Board concludes that that Prakash G. Patel and Bharat G. Patel, on behalf of Parth Corporation, Inc. t/a Woody's Liquor and Bar, have applied for a resident agent change from Hiren Prakashkumar Patel, Prakash G. Patel and Bharat G. Patel on a Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on/off sale license for a 2,043 square foot bar located at 8806 Washington Blvd., Jessup, Maryland 20794.
- 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 Prakash G. Patel meets the requirements 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 this application would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

# **ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 21 day of December, 2020, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Prakash G. Patel and Bharat G. Patel, on behalf of Parth Corporation, Inc. t/a Woody's Liquor and Bar, for a resident agent change from Hiren Prakashkumar Patel, Prakash G. Patel and Bharat G. Patel on a Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on/off sale license for a 2,043 square foot bar located at 8806 Washington Blvd., Jessup, Maryland 20794, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the Applicants comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- 2. That Prakash G. Patel submit to the Liquor Board Office his alcohol awareness certification renewal;
- 3. That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by February 22, 2021, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- 3. Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

**ATTEST:** 

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING COUNTY, **HOWARD BOARD OF MARYLAND** 

Robin Regner

**Board Administrator** 

Mary Bird, Chairperson

Harry Evans, Vice Chairperson

**REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW GARY W. KUC** 

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