

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF PETER GEORGE	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
KOJZAR AND VALLARY	*	OF
GHANSHYAM PATEL ON BEHALF	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
OF WATERLOOLIQ, LLC T/A	*	
WATERLOO LIQUORS FOR A	*	Case No.: 20-35
TRANSFER OF A CLASS A-1 BEER,	*	
WINE & LIQUOR 7-DAY 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 24, 2020, using WebEx, a web-based on-line platform, the Hearing Board heard the application of Peter George Kojzar and Vallary Ghanshyam Patel (“Applicants”), on behalf of Waterlooliq, LLC t/a Waterloo Liquors (“Waterloo Liquors”) for a transfer of a Class A-1, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license from RK Ron Enterprises, LLC t/a The Twisted Cork for a 3,400 square foot package goods store located at 6524 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 21075.

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 Frank Boozer, Esq. 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

Vallary Patel, 90% owner of Waterlooliq, LLC., was sworn in and testified as follows:

Ms. Patel testified that she is currently a licensed pharmacist working for CVS and is interested in starting a new career as a liquor store owner as she enjoys working with the public and has an interest in wines. Ms. Patel testified she plans to eventually offer wine tastings and educate customers on wines at the store.

Ms. Patel testified that she has no prior experience in the alcohol beverage sales industry; however, she has been working with the current owners of Waterloo Liquors since July 2020, under a management agreement to learn the business. Ms. Patel further testified that several of her relatives are in the alcohol beverage sales business and she will be using them as references. Ms. Patel stated that she has no financial interest in her relatives' businesses nor will they have a financial interest in her business.

Ms. Patel testified that the hours of operation for Waterloo Liquors will be from 10:00am to 11:00pm Monday through Thursday, 10:00am to midnight on Saturday and Sunday and 10:00am to 9:00pm on Sundays. Ms. Patel testified that she intends to work at the store 30 to 40 hours per week and that she has plans to enroll in a TAMS certification course and will require all of her employees to be TAMS certified.

Ms. Patel testified that she is familiar with the Howard County Rules and Regulations regarding alcohol and that she and her employees will check all IDs and she intends to purchase an ID scanner for the business. Ms. Patel further testified that she will own the property as well as the business.

Peter George Kojzar, 10% owner of the establishment, was sworn in and testified as follows:

Mr. Kojzar testified that he lives a half a mile from the store. Mr. Kojzar testified he personally knows the Applicant's attorney, Mr. Boozer, and was introduced to Ms. Patel through that relationship. Mr. Kojzar stated that he met with Ms. Patel several times and agreed to serve as the resident agent. Mr. Kojzar testified that he understands the responsibilities of involved, to include ensuring that the business is compliant with the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. However, he stated he will not be involved in the day-to-day operation of the business.

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.

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 Peter George Kojzar and Vallary Ghanshyam Patel on behalf of Waterlooliq, LLC t/a Waterloo Liquors have applied for a transfer of a Class A-1, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license from RK Ron Enterprises, LLC t/a The Twisted Cork for a 3,400 square foot package goods store located at 6524 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 21075.
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 Peter George Kojzar is a Howard County resident, is a registered voter, and 10% owner of Waterloo Liquors.
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 Peter George Kojzar and Vallary Ghanshyam Patel on behalf of Waterlooliq, LLC t/a Waterloo Liquors have applied for a transfer of a Class A-1, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license from RK Ron Enterprises, LLC t/a The Twisted Cork for a 3,400 square foot package goods store located at 6524 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 21075.

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 Peter George Kojzar is a Howard County resident, is a registered voter, and 10% owner of Waterloo Liquors.

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 would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

**ORDER**

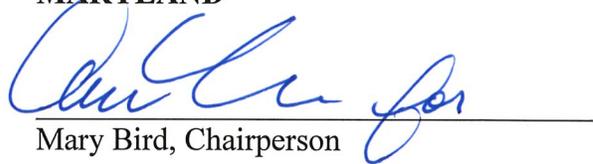
For the foregoing reasons, it is this 10th day of February, 2021 by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Peter George Kojzar and Vallary Ghanshyam Patel on behalf of Waterlookiq, LLC t/a Waterloo Liquors for a transfer of a Class A-1, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license from RK Ron Enterprises, LLC t/a The Twisted Cork for a 3,400 square foot package goods store located at 6524 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 21075, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicants complies with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by May 1, 2021, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

**ATTEST:**

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

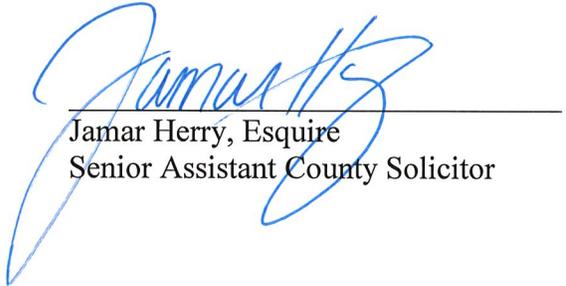
  
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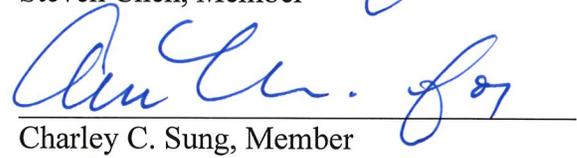
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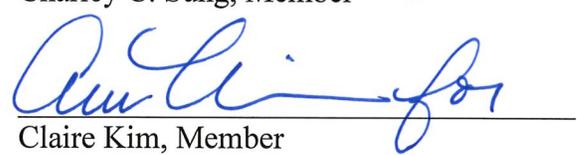
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