

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF JOHN DOUGLAS	*	
SHIN AND SUNLEE CHA ON	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
BEHALF OF DAE JANG GEUM, INC.	*	
t/a DAE JANG GEUM, FOR A	*	FOR
TRANSFER OF A CLASS B BEER,	*	
WINE, AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON SALE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
LICENSE	*	
	*	CASE NO: 17-32

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 July 25, 2017, the Hearing Board heard the application of John Douglas Shin and Sunlee Cha (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Dae Jang Geum, Inc., t/a Dae Jang Geum (“Dae Jang Geum”), for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license held by John Douglas Shin and Sang Woo Oh, on behalf of Hanwoori, Inc., t/a Mirocjo, for a 3,000 square foot restaurant located at 10194 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland. (*Note: The Applicants also filed for an extension of premises for a patio, however, they withdrew this request during the hearing.*)

The hearing was properly advertised and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented by John Shin, Esquire. 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

John Douglas Shin, previous owner and proposed resident agent was sworn and testified that he sold the business to Dae Jang Geum while keeping a minor interest as a 10% shareholder. Mr. Shin testified that he has lived in Howard County for 11 years, is a registered voter and is alcohol awareness certified. Mr. Shin testified that this will be a traditional Korean barbeque restaurant with seating for 110 people with 18 total tables, including a private room with 3 large tables. He testified that there will be 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees and the hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mr. Shin testified that Sunlee Cha is a 90% shareholder of Dae Jang Geum and will be at the store every day, both opening and closing the restaurant. Mr. Shin testified that both he and Sunlee Cha are familiar with the rules and regulations governing the sale of alcoholic beverages and that they will abide by them. Mr. Shin stated that Sunlee Cha is also alcohol awareness certified and that she has over 8 years of experience serving alcohol at various restaurants and that neither he nor Ms. Cha have ever had a violation. Mr. Shin understands his responsibilities and stresses that all customers appearing to be under the age of 40 will have their IDs checked. He plans to be at the restaurant 2-3 times per week towards closing time and will periodically assemble and talk to employees to ensure that the servers understand the requirements of serving alcohol. He will have someone come into the restaurant to certify the remainder of the servers.

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 John Douglas Shin and Sunlee Cha, on behalf of Dae Jang Geum, Inc., t/a Dae Jang Geum, have applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license held by John Douglas Shin and Sang Woo Oh, on behalf of Hanwoori, Inc., t/a Mirocjo, for a 3,000 square foot restaurant located at 10194 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland.

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 John Douglas Shin has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and is a 10% shareholder of Dae Jang Geum.

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 John Douglas Shin and Sunlee Cha, on

behalf of Dae Jang Geum, Inc., t/a Dae Jang Geum, have applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license held by John Douglas Shin and Sang Woo Oh, on behalf of Hanwoori, Inc., t/a Mirocjo, for a 3,000 square foot restaurant located at 10194 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland.

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

3. The Hearing Board finds that John Douglas Shin has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, is a 10% shareholder, and a member of Dae Jang Geum.

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 30th day of August, 2017, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of John Douglas Shin and Sunlee Cha, on behalf of Dae Jang Geum, Inc., t/a Dae Jang Geum (“Dae Jang Geum”) for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license held by John Douglas Shin and Sang Woo Oh, on behalf of Hanwoori, Inc., t/a Mirocjo, for a 3,000 square-foot restaurant located at 10194 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County laws and regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by October 31, 2017, 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



Robin Regner
Acting Administrator



Heather Gaetano, Chairperson

ABSENT

Mary Bird, Vice-Chairperson

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



Charles C. Feaga, Member

ABSENT AT TIME OF SIGNING

Gene Ryan, Member



Janssen Evelyn, Esquire
Assistant County Solicitor



Charley C. Sung, Member