

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF QING FENG LIN	*	
ON BEHALF OF CHOPSTICKS	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ASIAN, LLC T/A UMI SUSHI FOR AN	*	
EXTENSION OF PREMISES AND	*	FOR
CHANGE OF CLASS FOR A	*	
BEER, WINE & LIQUOR 7-DAY	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
ON SALE LICENSE.	*	
	*	CASE NO.: 21-13

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 March 23, 2021, the Hearing Board heard the application of Qing Feng Lin (“Applicant”) on behalf of Chopsticks Asian, LLC t/a Umi Sushi (Umi Sushi) for an extension of premises and change of class from a 2,000 square foot restaurant with a beer and light wine 7-day on sale license to a 2,000 square foot restaurant with a 250 square foot outdoor patio with a beer, wine & liquor 7-day on sale license located 8167 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the premises posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicant was represented by Michael Hsur, 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

Qing Feng Lin was sworn and testified through an interpreter, Michelle Lin.

Mr. Lin testified that he has held the beer and light wine liquor license for Umi Sushi for 18 months. Mr. Lin testified that he would like to expand the liquor license to a beer, wine and liquor license, and add a 250 square foot patio to the licensed area. Mr. Lin testified that alcohol sales are approximately 15% of income at the restaurant. Mr. Lin testified that customers have requested cocktails; however, he does not expect alcohol sales in general to increase. Mr. Lin testified that the outdoor area is enclosed and access to the patio is only through the restaurant.

Mr. Lin testified that there have been no violations during the life of his current license and he and his wife are alcohol awareness certified and one or the other is always present when the restaurant is open. Mr. Lin stated that the staff is trained in house on alcohol rules and regulation and there will be servers outside on the patio any time alcohol is being served.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived his right to request the Liquor Board 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 Qing Feng Lin, on behalf of Chopsticks Asian, LLC t/a Umi Sushi, has applied for an extension of premises and change of class from a 2,000 square foot restaurant with a beer and light wine 7-day on sale license to a 2,000 square foot restaurant with a 250 square foot outdoor patio with a beer, wine & liquor 7-day on sale license located 8167 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043.
2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.
3. The Hearing Board finds that Qing Feng Lin meets the requirements of the Liquor

Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

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 Qing Feng Lin, on behalf of Chopsticks Asian, LLC t/a Umi Sushi, has applied for an extension of premises and change of class from a 2,000 square foot restaurant with a beer and light wine 7-day on sale license to a 2,000 square foot restaurant with a 250 square foot outdoor patio with a beer, wine & liquor 7-day on sale license located 8167 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Qing Feng Lin 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 will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.


ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 10th day of June, 2021, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED**, that the application of Qing Feng Lin, on behalf of Chopsticks Asian, LLC t/a Umi Sushi, for an extension of premises and change of class from a 2,000 square foot restaurant with a beer and light wine 7-day on sale license to a 2,000 square foot restaurant with a 250 square foot outdoor patio with a beer, wine & liquor 7-day on sale license located 8167 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

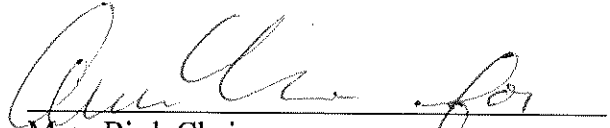
- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County law and regulations;
and
- (a) That the Applicant satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by August 25, 2021, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (b) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

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



Robin Regner
Board Administrator




Mary Bird, Chairperson




Harry Evans, Vice-Chairperson

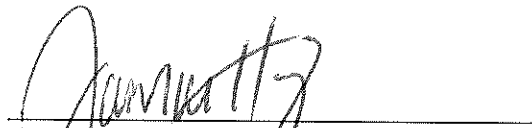
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COUNTY SOLICITOR**



Charley Sung, Member



Steven Chen, Member



Jamar Herry, Esquire
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME
Claire Kim, Member OF SIGNING