

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF ALYSSA BAKER	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
HEINZ AND ALI AMIR YAZDI ON	*	OF
BEHALF OF MVPIZZA, LLC, t/a UNO	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
PIZZERIA & GRILL, FOR A TRANSFER	*	
OF A CLASS B BEER, WINE, & LIQUOR	*	CASE NO. 19-10
7-DAY ON-SALE LICENSE	*	

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**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 February 26, 2019, the Hearing Board heard the application of Alyssa Baker Heinz and Ali Amir Yazdi (the “Applicants”) on behalf of MVPizza, LLC, t/a Uno Pizzeria & Grill (“Uno Pizzeria”), for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license held by James Grabowski, Martha White, and Gabrielle Jacobson on behalf of SL Uno Ellicott City, Inc., t/a Uno Pizzeria & Grill, for a 6,350-square foot restaurant with a 523-square foot outdoor patio located at 4470 Long Gate Parkway, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

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 Leanne Schrecengost, 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

Ali Amir Yazdi, 89% owner and managing member of MV Pizza, LLC, was sworn and testified that he acts as CEO of the company and supervises the daily operations of the restaurant. Mr. Yazdi testified that there have been no personal information changes to the application since it was filed with the Board and he has no violations of alcohol or gambling laws.

Mr. Yazdi testified that there will be a total of 51 employees with 35 involved with alcohol and that all employees are given alcohol awareness training on-line through SafeServe. Mr. Yazdi testified that anyone appearing to be under the age of 40 will be required to show identification and no vertical IDs will be accepted. Mr. Yazdi stated that the restaurant will have four managers and there will always be one manager on the premises at all times. He also stated that all the servers are experienced in serving alcohol.

Mr. Yazdi testified that the hours of operation will be Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight. Mr. Yazdi testified that there have been no changes to the operation of this restaurant and they are retaining existing employees.

The following exhibit was submitted and accepted into the record:

***Applicant's Exhibit No. 1 – Menu for Uno Pizzeria & Grill***

Mr. Yazdi testified that three Uno's in Maryland were transferred on the same day and there have been no violations at any other Uno's.

Alyssa Baker Heinz, proposed resident agent and a 10% owner, was sworn and testified that she is alcohol awareness certified, there have been no personal information changes to the

application since it was filed with the Board, and she has no violations of alcohol or gambling laws. Ms. Heinz testified that she has lived in Howard County for 33 years, is a registered voter in Howard County, and has read and understands the Board's Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Heinz testified that she has served as a resident agent for less than a year on another liquor license, Modern Market, and there have been no violations at that location. She stated that she stops in frequently at Modern Market to check documentation, watch the servers, and to speak with the management team and expects to do the same at this restaurant.

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 Alyssa Baker Heinz and Ali Amir Yazdi on behalf of MVPizza, LLC t/a Uno Pizzeria & Grill have applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license from James Grabowski, Marth White, and Gabrielle Jacobson, on behalf of SL Uno Ellicott City, Inc., t/a Uno Pizzeria & Grill, for a for a 6,350-square foot restaurant with a 523-square foot outdoor patio located at 4470 Long Gate Parkway, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

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 Alyssa Baker Heinz has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and has a 10% interest in Uno Pizzeria &

Grill.

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 Alyssa Baker Heinz and Ali Amir Yazdi on behalf of MVPizza, LLC, t/a Uno Pizzeria & Grill, have applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license from James Grabowski, Martha White, and Gabrielle Jacobson, on behalf of SL Uno Ellicott City, Inc., t/a Uno Pizzeria & Grill, for a for a 6,350-square foot restaurant with a 523-square foot outdoor patio located at 4470 Long Gate Parkway, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

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 Alyssa Baker Heinz meets the requirements of Rules 1.10(S), 1.10(T), and 2.06 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 would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

**ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Alyssa Baker Heinz and Ali Amir Yazdi on behalf of MVPizza, LLC t/a Uno Pizzeria & Grill for a transfer from James Grabowski, Martha White, and Gabrielle Jacobson on behalf of SL Uno Ellicott City, Inc. t/a Uno Pizzeria & Grill, for a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 6,350-square foot restaurant with a 523-square foot outdoor patio located at 4470 Long Gate Parkway, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 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 June 12, 2019, 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:

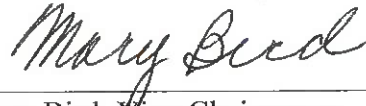
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MARYLAND



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