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| IN THE MATTER OF THE            | * | BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC |
| APPLICATION OF SRI SHAILAN      | * | BEVERAGE HEARING     |
| MANDAYAM AND APARNA             | * | BOARD FOR            |
| GADIYARAM ON BEHALF OF ASVS     | * | HOWARD COUNTY,       |
| LLC T/A HALDI INDIAN RESTAURANT | * | MARYLAND             |
| FOR A NEW CLASS B BEER, WINE,   | * |                      |
| AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-SALE        | * | Case No.: 19-22      |
| 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 May 14, 2019, the Hearing Board heard the application of Sri Shailan Mandayam and Aparna Gadiyaram (“Applicants”) on behalf of ASVS, LLC, t/a HALDI Indian Restaurant (“HALDI Indian Restaurant”), for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,766-square foot restaurant with a 500-square foot outdoor patio located at 6060 Marshalee Drive, Elkridge, Maryland 21075.

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 Thomas Meachum, 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

Aparna Gadiyaram, 30% interest owner and managing member, was sworn and testified that she has previous experience in the restaurant business as she is an owner of another restaurant, however, that restaurant does not have a liquor license. Ms. Gadiyaram testified that she maintains activities and related financial matters at that restaurant and will do the same with HALDI Indian Restaurant.

Ms. Gadiyaram testified that she has read the Board's Rules and Regulations and will abide by them. She stated that if this application is approved, she understands that she will be responsible for making sure the liquor laws are followed.

Ms. Gadiyaram testified that she will maintain financial records at HALDI Indian Restaurant and will be at the restaurant daily to make sure that the servers and managers are complying with liquor laws and the Board's Rules and Regulations. She stated that the managers will oversee all operations of the restaurant and that all managers and servers will be alcohol awareness certified.

Ms. Gadiyaram testified that the hours of operation will be 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily and that the cuisine will be Indian food. Ms. Gadiyaram submitted, and the Board accepted into the record *Applicant's Exhibit 1 – Menu for HALDI Indian Restaurant*.

Ms. Gadiyaram testified that there is a proposed 500-square foot outdoor patio with thirty seats at this location and that the only access to the patio will be through the restaurant. She testified that there is only one entrance into the patio area, however, there is an emergency exit available from the patio. Ms. Gadiyaram stated that there will be a dedicated server assigned to oversee the patio area when in use.

Ms. Gadiyaram testified that the patio is rectangular in shape with a six-foot high fence completely surrounding the patio area.

Ms. Gadiyaram testified that there were errors in her background questionnaire that was submitted with the liquor license application:

1. There was a typographical error on her background application and her birth year is actually 1981 rather than 1980.
2. She forgot to include a traffic conviction for using a hand-held phone while driving; and
3. She forgot to include a previous address where she resided - 7430 Rigby Place in Elkridge, MD.

Sri Shailan Mandayam, proposed resident agent, was sworn and testified that he has lived in Howard County for 19 years, is a registered voter and has a 10% interest in the business. Mr. Mandayam testified that he has not been on a liquor license previously but has read and understand the Board's Rules and Regulations and is alcohol awareness certified. He stated that he will inspect HALDI Indian Restaurant weekly to make sure things are in order, the rules are being following, and the records are complete. Mr. Mandayam testified that he lives about 2 miles from the restaurant and when he visits, he will observe customers to make sure they appear to be of legal age if they are drinking alcohol.

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 Sri Shailan Mandayam and Aparna Gadiyaram, on behalf of ASVS, LLC, t/a HALDI Indian Restaurant, have applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,766-square foot restaurant with a 500-square foot outdoor patio located at 6060 Marshalee Drive, Elkridge, Maryland 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 Sri Shailan Mandayam has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and has a 10% financial interest in the business.

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 this application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Hearing Board concludes Sri Shailan Mandayam and Aparna Gadiyaram, on behalf of ASVS, LLC, t/a HALDI Indian Restaurant, have applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,766-square foot restaurant with a 500-square foot outdoor patio located at 6060 Marshalee Drive, Elkridge, Maryland 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 Sri Shailan Mandayam 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 this application would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

**ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED**, that the application of Sri Shailan Mandayam and Aparna Gadiyaram, on behalf of ASVS, LLC, t/a HALDI Indian Restaurant, for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,766-square foot restaurant with a 500-square foot outdoor patio located at 6060 Marshalee Drive, Elkridge, Maryland 21075, 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

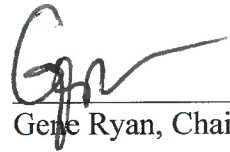
(b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by September 11, 2019, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and

(c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING  
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
MARYLAND


  
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Board Administrator

  
Gene Ryan, Chairperson

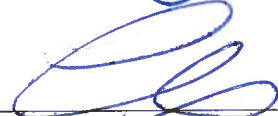
  
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