IN THE MATTER OF THE * BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC

APPLICATION OF DAVID FRANCIS * BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD

ALBERT AND TACETTIN KAHRAMAN * FOR

ON BEHALF OF CAZBAR HOWARD, * HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

LLC, T/A CAZBAR, FOR A NEW *

CLASS B, BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR * Case No.: 19-03

7-DAY ON-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 27, 2018, the Hearing Board heard the application of David Francis Albert and Tacettin Kahraman ("Applicants"), on behalf of Cazbar Howard, LLC, t/a Cazbar ("Cazbar"), for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5,976-square foot restaurant with a 250-square foot patio located at 9400 Snowden River Parkway, Suite 121-122, Columbia, MD 21045.

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

Tacettin Kahraman, ninety percent owner, was sworn and testified before the Board.

Mr. Kahraman testified that that he will be the chef and the managing partner of Cazbar. He

stated that he has previous experience as a cook and a chef.

Mr. Kahraman testified that he will be taking an alcohol awareness course in December as will all the servers and the restaurant manager. He testified that the restaurant, which will serve Turkish and Mediterranean food, should be open in approximately ninety days and there will be close to thirty employees. He said there will be three tables for outside seating and that customers must go through the restaurant to get to the outside seating. He said there will be metal fencing four feet high surrounding the patio.

Mr. Kahraman testified that he has read the rules and regulations related to serving alcohol and agrees to follow them.

Nehnet Guclu, manager of Cazbar, was sworn and agreed to translate further questions for Mr. Kahraman. Through Mr. Guclu, Mr. Kahraman testified as to his relationship with the resident agent and that he understands the responsibilities of the resident agent.

Mr. Guclu testified that he will be serving as the restaurant manager and will also be taking an alcohol awareness course. He further testified that there will be belly dancers providing entertainment at the restaurant.

David Francis Albert, proposed resident agent, was sworn and testified that he is a ten percent interest holder in Cazbar, has lived in Howard County for eight years and is a registered voter. Mr. Albert testified that he is retired and has served as a resident agent for three other businesses. He stated that he plans to be present in the restaurant a few times a week, that he understands and agrees to follow the Board's rules and regulations and will go over those rules with all employees of the 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 David Francis Albert and Tacettin Kahraman on behalf of Cazbar Howard, LLC, t/a Cazbar, have applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5976-square foot restaurant with a 250-square foot patio located at 9400 Snowden River Parkway, Suite 121-122, Columbia, MD 21045.
- 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 David Francis Albert has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 10% owner of Cazbar.
- 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 David Francis Albert and Tacettin Kahraman on behalf of Cazbar Howard, LLC, t/a Cazbar, have applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5976-square foot restaurant with a 250-square foot patio located at 9400 Snowden River Parkway, Suite 121-122, Columbia, MD 21045.
- 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 David Francis Albert 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 12 day of February, 2018, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of David Francis Albert and Tacettin Kahraman on behalf of Cazbar Howard, LLC, t/a Cazbar, for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5976-square foot restaurant with a 250-square foot patio located at 9400 Snowden River Parkway, Suite 121-122, Columbia, MD 21045, 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 resident agent submits certification of Alcohol Awareness training; and
- (c) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by May 6, 2019, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (d) 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

Sene Ryan, Chairperson

Mary Bird, Vace-Chairperson

REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW

GARY W. KUC

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Charles C. Feaga, Member

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Lewis Taylor, Esquire

Senior Assistant County Solicitor

Absent AT TIME OF SIGNING

Charley C. Sung, Member