

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF GUANGJIE SUN,	*	
BINGFEI WANG, AND FAN LI	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF HTNR ELC, INC	*	
T/A HOT N ROLL HOT POT, FOR A	*	FOR
NEW CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No.: 22-56

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 22, 2022, the Hearing Board heard the application of Guangjie Sun, Bingfei Wang and Fan Li (the "Applicants") on behalf of HTNR ELC, Inc. t/a Hot N Roll Hot Pot ("Hot N Roll Hot Pot") for a New Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day license for a 4,300 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8801 Baltimore National Pike, Suite C, Ellicott City, MD 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 not represented by counsel and there were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All of the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Guangjie Sun, the proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Sun testified that before he took ownership of Hot N Roll Hot Pot, the establishment

did not have a liquor license. Mr. Sun stated that the Hot N Roll Hot Pot in Gaithersburg incurred a violation due to a sign being behind the counter and not visible to the front of the establishment. Mr. Sun stated that he is the manager of the restaurant, that he will be at the restaurant 3 to 4 days a week maintaining daily operations, and that if he is not available, the assistant manager will fill in for him. Mr. Sun stated that the assistant manager is Alcohol Awareness Certified and ServSafe Certified. Mr. Sun stated that because the Ellicott City location is new, he currently has 2 full time employees and 1 part-time employee, not including the kitchen staff. Mr. Sun stated that the alcohol profit from the establishment is less than 10% of sales. Mr. Sun stated that he will update the Liquor License Application with residents that live in the same election district as the business.

Fan Li, proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Li stated that 4 to 5 employees, including himself and Mr. Sun, are Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPs) Certified. Mr. Li stated that he plans to be at the restaurant 2 days a week to monitor daily operations, to do payroll and inventory, to make alcohol and food orders, and to conduct staff training. Mr. Li stated that he orders the alcohol for the Gaithersburg location, but that Mr. Sun will oversee ordering alcohol for the Ellicott City location. Mr. Li testified as to his home address, and stated that his driver's license has his previous home address listed. Mr. Li stated that he spoke with the MVA and was told that his current address was updated in their system and that they would not provide him with a new driver's license.

Bingfei Wang, proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Wang stated that she will not be involved with the daily operations of the establishment and is not TIPs Certified.

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 of Guangjie Sun, Bingfei Wang and Fan Li (the "Applicants") on behalf of HTNR ELC, Inc. t/a Hot N Roll Hot Pot ("Hot N Roll Hot Pot") have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day license for a 4,300 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8801 Baltimore National Pike, Suite C, Ellicott City, MD 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 Guangjie Sun is a Howard County resident.

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 Guangjie Sun, Bingfei Wang and Fan Li (the "Applicants") on behalf of HTNR ELC, Inc. t/a Hot N Roll Hot Pot ("Hot N Roll Hot Pot") have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day license for a 4,300 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8801 Baltimore National Pike, Suite C, Ellicott City, MD 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 Guangjie Sun, the resident agent applicant, 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 6th day of February 2023, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Guangjie Sun, Bingfei Wang and Fan Li (the "Applicants") on behalf of HTNR ELC, Inc. t/a Hot N Roll Hot Pot ("Hot N Roll Hot Pot") for a New Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day license for a 4,300 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8801 Baltimore National Pike, Suite C, Ellicott City, MD 21043, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicants provide a satisfactory signature from a resident of Voting District 2; and
- (c) That Mr. Li submit proof of the TIPs (Training for Intervention Procedures) certification; and
- (d) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by May 22, 2023 unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (e) 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**

Kel Berg, Acting
Board Administrator

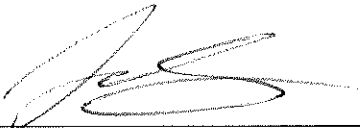
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