

IN THE MATTER OF THE * BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
 APPLICATION OF EDWARD YEUNG, *
 YIGONG WU AND JIN XIU LIN ON * BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
 BEHALF OF JEY ENTERPRISE, INC *
 T/A A+ LIQUORS FOR A TRANSFER * FOR
 OF A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND *
 LIQUOR 7-DAY OFF-SALE LICENSE * HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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 * Case No.: 23-28

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 July 11, 2023, the Hearing Board heard the application of Edward Yeung, Yigong Wu and Jin Xiu Lin (the “Applicants”), on behalf of JEY Enterprise, Inc. t/a A+ Liquors (“A+ Liquors”), for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day off-sale License for a 3,400 square foot package store located at 6524 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 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 Jay Yoo, Esquire 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

Yigong Wu, 35% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Wu testified that he is the president of the corporate entity under which the liquor

license will be held, and that he will be working at the business 30 hours a week. Mr. Wu stated that he will be managing the store, the employees, and ordering alcohol. Mr. Wu stated that he previously worked at another liquor store for a year, and that he has been at this liquor store for 2 months. Mr. Wu stated that he has previously held a liquor license, that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified, and that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Mr. Wu stated that he has no prior alcohol-related violations or criminal convictions, that he has been driving for 15 years, and that he had 1 minor traffic citation in 2023. Mr. Wu stated that he is a person of good moral character, that he will have 5 employees who are from Howard County working at the location, and that all staff will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Wu stated that he understands the record keeping requirements, and that he has an ID scanner. Mr. Wu stated that the hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Mr. Wu stated that his home address is in Easton, Maryland, but that he has an apartment nearby the store. Mr. Wu stated that he is familiar with Arundel Liquors because his father owns that store with 2 other people, but that he has no financial interest in that business or in any other business that sells alcohol. Mr. Wu stated that he will sell tobacco and lottery tickets, but that he will not sell singles of alcohol. Mr. Wu stated that he has surveillance cameras in the parking lot.

Jin Xiu Lin, 30% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Lin stated that she is the secretary of the liquor license corporate entity and that she works 30 hours a week at the store. Ms. Lin stated that she lives 35 minutes from the store, and that she will be a manager and a cashier. Ms. Lin stated that she has been a restaurant server, a

hotel supervisor, a beverage manager for 11 years, and that she has experience training employees. Ms. Lin stated that she is Alcohol Awareness Certified and that she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Ms. Lin stated that she has no prior alcohol-related violations, criminal convictions, or traffic violations. Ms. Lin stated that she is a person of good moral character, and that all employees will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Ms. Lin stated that she has an ID card scanner and that she will maintain all employee and purchase records. Ms. Lin stated that she will support the community through various programs, and that she recycles at the store.

Edward Yeung, 35% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Yeung testified that he is the treasurer of the liquor license corporate entity, and that he is a Howard County resident. Mr. Yeung stated that he lives 10 minutes from the store, and that he will work 30 hours a week as a manager and a cashier. Mr. Yeung stated that there will always be a licensee on-site, that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified, and that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Mr. Yeung stated that he has no prior alcohol-related violations, traffic violations, or criminal convictions. Mr. Yeung stated that he is a person of good moral character, and that he will support the community through volunteer efforts and donations. Mr. Yeung stated that he understands the rules for record keeping and that all employees will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Yeung stated that his mother has a financial interest in Arundel Liquors, but that he is not a licensee and that he has no financial interest in any other liquor stores in Maryland.

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 Edward Yeung, Yigong Wu and Jin Xiu Lin (the “Applicants”), on behalf of JEY Enterprise, Inc. t/a A+ Liquors (“A+ Liquors”), have applied for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day off-sale License for a 3,400 square foot package store located at 6524 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 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 Edward Yeung, 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 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 Edward Yeung, Yigong Wu and Jin Xiu Lin (the “Applicants”), on behalf of JEY Enterprise, Inc. t/a A+ Liquors (“A+ Liquors”), have applied for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day off-sale License for a 3,400 square foot package store located at 6524 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 21075.

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

ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 28th day of September, 2023, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Edward Yeung, Yigong Wu and Jin Xiu Lin (the “Applicants”), on behalf of JEY Enterprise, Inc. t/a A+ Liquors (“A+ Liquors”), for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day off-sale License for a 3,400 square foot package store located at 6524 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 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;
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by January 11, 2024, unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

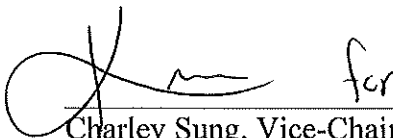
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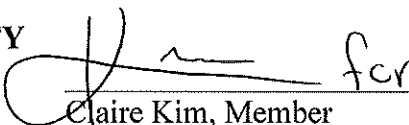


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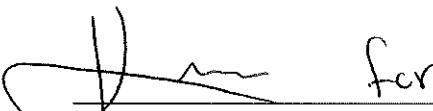
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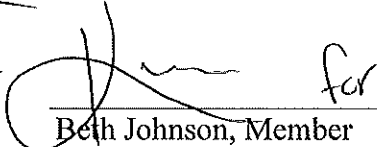
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