

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF JAYKISHAN
BHARATKUMAR PATEL ON
BEHALF OF HANNA CAPITAL,
LLC T/A THE PERFECT POUR
FOR A TRANSFER OF A CLASS
A BEER, WINE LIQUOR 7-DAY
OFF SALE LICENSE

* BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
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* BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
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* FOR
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* HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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* Case No.: 23-33
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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 August 22, 2023, the Hearing Board heard the application of Jaykishan Bharatkumar Patel (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Hanna Capital, LLC t/a The Perfect Pour (“The Perfect Pour”), for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license for a 5,947 square foot package store located at 6630 Marie Curie Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Mr. Martin Johnson was hired as a consultant for the Applicant and 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

Jaykishan Bharatkumar Patel, 100% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was

sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Patel testified that he is a United States citizen, that he lives in Howard County, and that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Patel stated that he is familiar with the Howard County Rules and Regulations, that he will keep employee records on-site, and that he will not share alcohol products with any other entities. Mr. Patel stated that he has 7 years of experience working in the retail alcohol business, and that he has had no alcohol-related violations. Mr. Patel stated that he will retain the current staff, that he will hire from Howard County, that he will keep the current alcohol procedures in place, and that all employees will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Patel stated that the store will sell singles, but will not offer check cashing, lottery, or cups of alcohol. Mr. Patel stated that the hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Mr. Patel stated that he will be at the store 60 hours a week, and that his involvement will include purchasing, payroll, sales strategies, bookkeeping and operations. Mr. Patel stated that he understands his responsibilities as the resident agent and that he will have a trained manager in charge when he is not on-site. Mr. Patel stated that he will make surprise visits, that there are cameras in the store, that he will recycle when possible, and that he will support the community by making charitable donations. Mr. Patel stated that he is a part-owner of 4 other businesses, some of which he will be selling, and that he has other partners who manage them. Mr. Patel stated that he has no plans to change the current operations at the liquor store unless there is a better way of doing things.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived his 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 Jaykishan Bharatkumar Patel (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Hanna Capital, LLC t/a The Perfect Pour (“The Perfect Pour”), has applied for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license for a 5,947 square foot package store located at 6630 Marie Curie Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Jaykishan Bharatkumar Patel, 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 Jaykishan Bharatkumar Patel (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Hanna Capital, LLC t/a The Perfect Pour (“The Perfect Pour”), has applied for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license for a 5,947 square foot package store located at 6630 Marie Curie Drive, 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 13th day of October, 2023, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Jaykishan Bharatkumar Patel (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Hanna Capital, LLC t/a The Perfect Pour (“The Perfect Pour”), for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license for a 5,947 square foot package store located at 6630 Marie Curie Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicant satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by February 22, 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:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

Kel Berg
Kel Berg, Board Administrator


Kel Berg for
Harry Evans, Chairperson

ABSENT
Charley Sung, Vice-Chairperson

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