

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF BRIAN	*	
GAYLOR AND KAITLIN GAYLOR	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF BLACK FLAG	*	
SOCIAL HOUSE, LLC T/A BLACK	*	FOR
FLAG SOCIAL HOUSE FOR A NEW	*	
CLASS B BEER, WINE AND	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
LIQUOR 7-DAY LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 23-31
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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 June 27, 2023, the Hearing Board heard the application of Brian Gaylor and Kaitlin Gaylor (the “Applicants”) on behalf of Black Flag Social House, LLC t/a Black Flag Social House ("Black Flag Social House") for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 2,775 square foot restaurant with a 788 square foot deck located at 2050 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104.

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

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Brian Gaylor, 2% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Gaylor testified as to the location of his restaurant, and that he is opening in a stand-alone building behind a shopping center. Mr. Gaylor stated that he has a financial interest in and is the resident agent for Black Flag Brewing Company in Columbia, and that this location has an elevated concept offering more than beer and additional food offerings. Mr. Gaylor stated that he lives less than a mile from the business and that he plans to be at this location often. Mr. Gaylor stated that he will manage the brewing operations, and handle all paperwork and taxes. Mr. Gaylor stated that Black Flag Brewing Company has a Class D license and that he has had no violations in the past 7 years that it has been open. Mr. Gaylor stated that he is Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) Certified and that his sister and proposed licensee will soon be certified. Mr. Gaylor stated that he plans to offer upscale bar food, and that he will have 15 employees, a bar manager and a kitchen manager. Mr. Gaylor stated that he is a good corporate citizen and participates in fundraising and providing donations.

Kaitlin Gaylor, 98% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Gaylor testified that she has previous restaurant experience working at Luna C Grille and Venegas in Howard County, Maryland and other restaurants outside of the area. Ms. Gaylor stated that she has no issues with carding everyone and refusing alcohol service to anyone who appears intoxicated. Ms. Gaylor stated that she attended Atholton High School and that her brother and proposed licensee went to River Hill High School.

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 Brian Gaylor and Kaitlin Gaylor (the "Applicants") on behalf of Black Flag Social House, LLC t/a Black Flag Social House ("Black Flag Social House") have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 2,775 square foot restaurant with a 788 square foot deck located at 2050 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104.

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 Brian Gaylor 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 Brian Gaylor and Kaitlin Gaylor (the "Applicants") on behalf of Black Flag Social House, LLC t/a Black Flag Social House ("Black Flag Social House") have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 2,775 square foot restaurant with a 788 square foot deck located at 2050 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104.

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 Brian Gaylor 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 13th day of November, 2023, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Brian Gaylor and Kaitlin Gaylor (the "Applicants") on behalf of Black Flag Social House, LLC t/a Black Flag Social House ("Black Flag Social House") for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 2,775 square foot restaurant with a 788 square foot deck located at 2050 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104, 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 satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by December 27, 2023, unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) That Applicant Kaitlin Gaylor submit her Alcohol Awareness Certificate; 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**

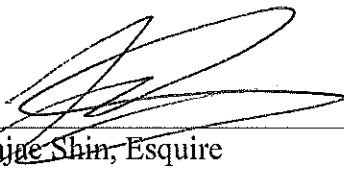
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