

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF YOORAN PARK	*	
CHOE ON BEHALF OF SYEAGLE 5,	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
INC. T/A EAGLE 5 GOLF FOR A	*	
NEW CLASS D BEER, WINE AND	*	FOR
LIQUOR 7-DAY ON SALE	*	
LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No.: 25-18
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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”).

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicant was represented by Abraham Hurdle, Esquire and there were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

PROFFER

Mr. Hurdle proffered that the business previously held a Class B license, that they have

been in operation for 4 years, and that the business operates indoor virtual golf simulators. Mr. Hurdle stated that Ms. Choe is involved with the community by collaborating with the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks to support their senior program, contributing to local golf tournaments, and engaging with the Women's Network of Howard County. Mr. Hurdle stated that the previous point of sales (POS) system was not tracking alcohol and food sales correctly, which contributed to the business having food sales that were not 50% or greater than alcohol sales, disqualifying them from a Class B restaurant license. Mr. Hurdle added that a new POS system has been in place for a few months, and that a Class D tavern license would be best suited for the business. Mr. Hurdle stated that food sales will account for 20% of total sales and that there is a kitchen at the location that has a speed oven for making wings and pizza. Mr. Hurdle stated that during the slower summer season, the hours of operation are 6 days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the business being closed on Mondays. Mr. Hurdle stated that the business is open 7 days a week during the winter when they are busier, and that they may expand to later hours in the evenings. Mr. Hurdle stated that Ms. Choe is Alcohol Awareness Certified, that she will be on-site during all business hours, and that all managers will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Hurdle stated that the business has a full bar but that they typically only serve simple drinks like whiskey and beer.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Yooran Park Choe, 100% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Choe testified that there are actual golf courses loaded into the golf simulators at the business in addition to driving ranges for practice, and that most customers are serious golfers. Ms. Choe stated that it is a family-oriented facility and that people do not drink heavily. Ms. Choe

stated that the business 1) does not have bartenders, 2) does not offer cocktails, 3) only serves beer in cans, and 4) only she has access to the alcohol. Ms. Choe stated that because the customers are charged by the hour, they do not want to waste time drinking at the bar. Ms. Choe stated that her husband works with her from open to close, that customers are monitored, and that there have been no prior alcohol violations at the business. Ms. Choe stated that the application she submitted was correct, and she testified to the location of the business. Ms. Choe stated that all business operations are contained indoors, which does not cause noise issues for neighboring members or businesses in the community.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived her 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 Yooran Park Choe (the "Applicant") on behalf of SYeagle 5, Inc. t/a Eagle 5 Golf ("Eagle 5 Golf"), has applied for a New Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 6,264 sq. ft. tavern located at 9198 Red Branch Road, Columbia, MD 21045.

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 Yooran Park Choe is a Maryland state 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 Yooran Park Choe (the “Applicant”) on behalf of SYeagle 5, Inc. t/a Eagle 5 Golf ("Eagle 5 Golf"), has applied for a New Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 6,264 sq. ft. tavern located at 9198 Red Branch Road, Columbia, MD 21045.

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

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Yooran Park Choe 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 4th day of August, 2025, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Yooran Park Choe (the “Applicant”) on behalf of SYeagle 5, Inc. t/a Eagle 5 Golf ("Eagle 5 Golf"), for a New Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 6,264 sq. ft. tavern located at 9198 Red Branch Road, Columbia, MD 21045, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicant satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by January 8, 2026, 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

ABSENT
Steven Chen, Chairperson

/S/
Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

**REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY
OFFICE OF LAW
GARY W. KUC
COUNTY SOLICITOR**

/S/
Ed Coleman, Member

Hyunjae Shin
Hyunjae Shin, Esquire
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

ABSENT
Beth Johnson, Member

/S/
Claire Kim, Member