IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF AMITKUMAR	*	
RAMESHBHAI PATEL AND	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
TERRENCE HAMILTON SWEENEY	*	
ON BEHALF OF AYUSHI, LLC T/A	*	FOR
103 WINE & SPIRITS FOR A	*	
A RESIDENT AGENT CHANGE FOR	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY OFF-SALE LICENSE	*	Case No.: 25-32

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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 September 9, 2025, the Hearing Board heard the application of Amitkumar Rameshbhai Patel and Terrence Hamilton Sweeney (the "Applicants"), on behalf of Ayushi, LLC t/a 103 Wine & Spirits ("103 Wine & Spirits"), for a resident agent change, replacing Jayshree Amitkumar Patel, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license for a 1,900 sq. ft. package store located at 6010 Meadowridge Center 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 Applicants 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

Martin Johnson, consultant for the applicants, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Johnson testified as to the location of the liquor store and stated that Mr. Patel and Mr. Sweeney have been licensees since 2022. Mr. Johnson stated that the business has been open since 2014 and that there have been no alcohol-related violations. Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Sweeney does not work at the store, but that he will remain a member of the company.

Amitkumar Rameshbhai Patel, 99% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Patel testified that he and his wife, Jayshree Patel, have been managing the liquor store for 11 years and that he works 60 to 70 hours a week. Mr. Patel stated that he lives in Ellicott City and that he understands his role as the resident agent. Mr. Patel stated that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and that he and Mr. Sweeney are Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Patel stated that in addition to his wife, he also has 2 employees working at the business, and that they are all Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Patel stated that his wife works 4 to 5 days a week at the liquor store.

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 Amitkumar Rameshbhai Patel and Terrence Hamilton Sweeney (the "Applicants"), on behalf of Ayushi, LLC t/a 103 Wine & Spirits ("103 Wine &

Spirits"), have applied for a resident agent change, replacing Jayshree Amitkumar Patel, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license for a 1,900 sq. ft. package store located at 6010 Meadowridge Center Drive, 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 Amitkumar Rameshbhai 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 Amitkumar Rameshbhai Patel and Terrence Hamilton Sweeney (the "Applicants"), on behalf of Ayushi, LLC t/a 103 Wine & Spirits ("103 Wine & Spirits"), have applied for a resident agent change, replacing Jayshree Amitkumar Patel, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day off-sale license for a 1,900 sq. ft. package store located at 6010 Meadowridge Center Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075.
- 2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.
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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 <u>May of May o</u>

- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County laws and regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by March 9, 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.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

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