

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF KAM YIU WONG	*	
AND RENO YEUNG ON BEHALF	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
OF GYUSAN COLUMBIA, LLC T/A	*	
GYUSAN JAPANESE BBQ FOR A	*	FOR
NEW CLASS B BEER, WINE AND	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No.: 25-34
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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 October 28, 2025, the Hearing Board heard the application of Kam Yiu Wong and Reno Yeung (the “Applicants”) on behalf of Gyusan Columbia, LLC t/a Gyusan Japanese BBQ ("Gyusan Japanese BBQ"), for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 4,607 sq. ft. restaurant with a 620 sq. ft. outdoor patio located at 6200 Valencia Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.

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 Michael Hsur, Esquire 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

Kam Yiu Wong, 90% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and

testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Wong testified that he employs 4 managers at the restaurant and that at any given time, 2 managers will be on-site. Mr. Wong stated that the managers, as well as Mr. Yeung and himself, are all Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Wong stated that the restaurant concept is Japanese BBQ, offering a sushi bar, an all-you-can-eat option, and an a la carte menu. Mr. Wong stated that alcohol sales at the restaurant will be 15 to 20 percent of the gross sales. Mr. Wong stated that there will be a bar at the restaurant and that he has hired 3 bartenders who are all Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Wong stated that he owns 50 restaurants in the DMV area.

Mr. Wong testified as to several violations. Mr. Wong stated that in 2024 he incurred violations at Urban Hot Pot in Rockville for storage, alcohol awareness, and records violations. Mr. Wong stated that the employees were all Alcohol Awareness Certified but that they could not show the certificates when asked by the liquor inspector. Mr. Wong stated that they were able to provide the certificates the following day, and that these were the only violations that had occurred at that location from 2017 to 2025. Mr. Wong stated that he incurred violations at The Spot in Rockville in 2019 for storage, sales to a minor, alcohol awareness, and records violations. Mr. Wong stated that refill tampering occurred due to a new manager refilling a smaller alcohol container from a larger bottle. Mr. Wong stated additionally that a bartender incorrectly calculated an age when carding a minor, and that he incurred a violation for not displaying a current liquor license. Mr. Wong stated that all employees are trained, that he will conduct monthly checks, and that he will keep an age calculator on-site to prevent future violations. Mr. Wong stated that he will have 10 servers, and that he will depend on his managers to run the daily operations of the restaurant.

Reno Yeung, 10% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before

the Hearing Board.

Mr. Yeung testified that he has been involved in the restaurant industry his whole life, that he has worked at 3 different restaurants, and that he has the training for operating a business that serves alcohol. Mr. Yeung stated that he has a full-time job, that he lives 10 minutes from the restaurant, and that he plans to be on-site 6 to 8 hours a day, 3 to 4 days a week.

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 Kam Yiu Wong and Reno Yeung (the "Applicants") on behalf of Gyusan Columbia, LLC t/a Gyusan Japanese BBQ ("Gyusan Japanese BBQ"), have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 4,607 sq. ft. restaurant with a 620 sq. ft. outdoor patio located at 6200 Valencia Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.

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 Kam Yiu Wong 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 Kam Yiu Wong and Reno Yeung (the "Applicants") on behalf of Gyusan Columbia, LLC t/a Gyusan Japanese BBQ ("Gyusan Japanese BBQ"), have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 4,607 sq. ft. restaurant with a 620 sq. ft. outdoor patio located at 6200 Valencia Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.

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 Kam Yiu Wong 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 17th day of November, 2025, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Kam Yiu Wong and Reno Yeung (the "Applicants") on behalf of Gyusan Columbia, LLC t/a Gyusan Japanese BBQ ("Gyusan Japanese BBQ"), for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 4,607 sq. ft. restaurant with a 620 sq. ft. outdoor patio located at 6200 Valencia Lane, Columbia, MD 21044, 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 April 28, 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
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Board Administrator

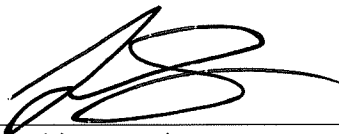
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