

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF CHRISTOPHER	*	
RODNEY ON BEHALF OF RLV	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
VENTURES, INC. T/A SQUISITO	*	
PIZZA AND PASTA FOR A NEW	*	FOR
CLASS B BEER AND LIGHT	*	
WINE 7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No.: 25-35
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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 Christopher Rodney (the “Applicant”) on behalf of RLV Ventures, Inc. t/a Squisito Pizza and Pasta (“Squisito Pizza and Pasta”) for a New Class B Beer and Light Wine, 7-day on sale license for a 2,340 sq. ft. restaurant located at 9210 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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 Sean Morris, 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

Christopher Rodney, 100% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Rodney testified that the restaurant concept is a fast casual pizza restaurant and that it is unique because the food is made from scratch. Mr. Rodney stated that the restaurant has been open for 8 years, and that the liquor license lapsed during COVID. Mr. Rodney stated that customers have requested the service of alcohol, and that he owns other Squisito restaurants that have liquor licenses in Maryland and Virginia. Mr. Rodney stated that he will work in all aspects of the business, that he will train staff, that he has worked in Squisito restaurants for 15 years, and that he has had no alcohol-related violations. Mr. Rodney stated that they card everyone that orders an alcoholic beverage, that they do not accept vertical IDs, and that they are going to start scanning IDs. Mr. Rodney stated that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified, that he will be at the Ellicott City location 3 days a week, and that there will always be an Alcohol Awareness Certified employee on-site. Mr. Rodney stated that he understands his role as the resident agent, that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, and that the application he submitted is accurate. Mr. Rodney stated that alcohol is ordered at a counter and that the person who checks the ID is the same person who serves the customer the alcohol. Mr. Rodney stated that he will only serve cans and bottles of beer and single-serve bottles of wine. Mr. Rodney stated that 2 of the managers at the Burtonsville location will work at the Ellicott City restaurant when he is not on-site. Mr. Rodney stated that he is aware of the expiration date of his Alcohol Awareness Certification and that he will have a trainer come to the restaurant to renew the certification for himself and his staff.

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 Christopher Rodney (the “Applicant”) on behalf of RLV Ventures, Inc. t/a Squisito Pizza and Pasta (“Squisito Pizza and Pasta”) has applied for a New Class B Beer and Light Wine, 7-day on sale license for a 2,340 sq. ft. restaurant located at 9210 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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 Christopher Rodney 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 Christopher Rodney (the “Applicant”) on behalf of RLV Ventures, Inc. t/a Squisito Pizza and Pasta (“Squisito Pizza and Pasta”) has applied for a New Class B Beer and Light Wine, 7-day on sale license for a 2,340 sq. ft. restaurant located at 9210 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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 Christopher Rodney 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.

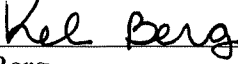
ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 3rd day of December, 2025, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Christopher Rodney (the "Applicant") on behalf of RLV Ventures, Inc. t/a Squisito Pizza and Pasta ("Squisito Pizza and Pasta") for a New Class B Beer and Light Wine, 7-day on sale license for a 2,340 sq. ft. restaurant located at 9210 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 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 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
Board Administrator

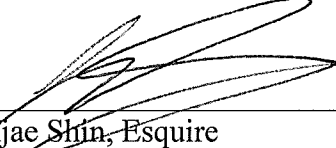
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Steven Chen, Chairperson

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Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

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

_____/S/_____
Ed Coleman, Member

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Beth Johnson, Member



Hyunjae Shin, Esquire
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

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Claire Kim, Member