

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF DHVANI	*	
VYAS ON BEHALF OF DSMS	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
PIZZA, LLC T/A LEDO PIZZA	*	
CLARKSVILLE FOR A	*	FOR
TRANSFER OF A CLASS B	*	
BEER AND LIGHT WINE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 25-17
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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 July 8, 2025, the Hearing Board heard the application of Dhvani Vyas (the “Applicant”), on behalf of DSMS Pizza, LLC t/a Ledo Pizza Clarksville (“Ledo Pizza Clarksville”), for a transfer of a Class B Beer and Light Wine, 7-Day on-sale License for a 2,377 square foot restaurant located at 6030 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029.

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 Ben Carter, 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.

### **PROFFER**

Mr. Carter proffered that when the application was submitted, Mr. Vyas did not know he had previous alcohol-related violations on his record. Mr. Carter stated that Mr. Vyas never

received a violation notice in 2019 from Player's Bar & Grill, that the establishment is now closed, and that the attorney who worked for the business has since passed away. Mr. Carter stated that Mr. Vyas was the licensee at Player's Bar & Grill when the violation occurred, but that he has no recollection of the incident, and he was not involved in the day to day operations of the business. Mr. Carter stated that an additional violation occurred in 2019 at Sugo Macaroni Bar in Montgomery County, but that Mr. Vyas was not a licensee when the violation occurred. Mr. Carter stated that Mr. Vyas has been the operator at Ledo Pizza Clarksville for almost 2 years, and that the current owner offered to sell him the business. Mr. Carter stated that there will be no changes to the business operations, that Mr. Vyas plans to keep the current staff, and that there have been no other alcohol-related violations.

#### **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

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

Mr. Vyas testified that alcohol sales at the restaurant will be 10 percent of the gross sales, that there is no bar at the location, and that the business has been operating since 1998. Mr. Vyas stated that he is a current licensee at Ledo Pizza at BWI Airport, but that this location will soon be closing. Mr. Vyas stated that at the end of the year, he will be managing Ledo Pizza in Prince George's County with a 10% financial interest. Mr. Vyas stated that his application is correct, that he will work 25 to 30 hours a week at Ledo Pizza Clarksville, and that he has retained 4 employees at that location that are Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPs) Certified. Mr. Vyas stated that Ledo Pizza Clarksville has had no violations. Mr. Vyas stated that he was previously the resident agent for Player's Bar & Grill, that the partnership failed, and that he was not aware of the violation. Mr. Vyas stated that he understands his role as the resident agent.

Detective Mark Baxter was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Detective Baxter testified that he was notified by the Comptroller Field Enforcement Division for the violation at Player's Bar & Grill. Detective Baxter stated that he executed an administrative violation, which does not require a hearing. Detective Baxter stated that he assumed the violation had been resolved, and that he met with Darren Hughes, who was Mr. Vyas' partner at Player's Bar & Grill. Detective Baxter stated that Mr. Hughes signed for the paperwork, and that a copy was mailed to Mr. Vyas. Detective Baxter stated that he had the resident agent being listed as Mr. Hughes.

The following exhibits were entered into the record:

*Applicant's Exhibit #1 – Alcohol Awareness Certificate for Dhvani Vyas*

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 Dhvani Vyas (the "Applicant"), on behalf of DSMS Pizza, LLC t/a Ledo Pizza Clarksville ("Ledo Pizza Clarksville"), has applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer and Light Wine, 7-Day on-sale License for a 2,377 square foot restaurant located at 6030 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029.

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 Dhvani Vyas, 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 Dhvani Vyas (the “Applicant”), on behalf of DSMS Pizza, LLC t/a Ledo Pizza Clarksville (“Ledo Pizza Clarksville”), has applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer and Light Wine, 7-Day on-sale License for a 2,377 square foot restaurant located at 6030 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029.

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 Dhvani Vyas, 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 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Dhvani Vyas (the “Applicant”), on behalf of DSMS Pizza, LLC t/a Ledo Pizza Clarksville (“Ledo Pizza

Clarksville”), for a transfer of a Class B Beer and Light Wine, 7-Day on-sale License for a 2,377 square foot restaurant located at 6030 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (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, Esquire  
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

ABSENT  
Beth Johnson, Member

/S/  
Claire Kim, Member