

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF DAVID FRANCIS	*	
ALBERT AND STEVEN DALE	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
POWELL ON BEHALF OF LVMG	*	
HOSPITALITY, INC. T/A LUTHERAN	*	FOR
VILLAGE AT MILLER'S GRANT	*	
FOR AN EXTENSION OF PREMISES	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE AND	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	Case No.: 25-39
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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 December 9, 2025, the Hearing Board heard the application of David Francis Albert and Steven Dale Powell (the “Applicants”), on behalf of LVMG Hospitality, Inc. t/a Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant (“Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant”), for an extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for 430,478 sq. ft. with a 3,605 sq. ft. exterior located at 9000 Fathers Legacy, 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 Applicants were not represented by counsel 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

Steven Dale Powell, 0% interest holder and current licensee, was sworn in and testified

before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Powell testified that he is the president of LVMG Hospitality, Inc. and the CFO for Lutheran Social Ministries of Maryland, and that Mr. Albert is the local representative and Treasurer. Mr. Powell stated that Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant originally opened in 2016, and that the location is expanding to offer 43 new residential units, a gastropub with an outdoor patio named The Artful Dodger, a performing arts center, and a healthcare center addition. Mr. Powell stated that the dining and bar facilities are managed by Sodexo Corporation and that all 3 managers, all bartenders and all servers are Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Powell stated that alcohol sales will be 20% to 25% of the total gross sales and that residents must be 60 years of age or older to live there. Mr. Powell stated that because this is a senior living community, only individuals without a resident badge are carded. Mr. Powell stated that typically only residents and their guests are served and that there is no parking for public use. Mr. Powell stated that he is on-site several times a month to meet with the management team. Mr. Powell stated that the new residential units sold out within one week of opening and that he wants to extend the ability to serve alcohol in The Artful Dodger and to the rest of the community. Mr. Powell stated that there are concierge at each major entrance to the community and that all other entrances require card access with fobs. Mr. Powell stated that Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Mr. Powell stated that there is an Executive Director that manages the entire community and that Sodexo reports to the Executive Director and the Vice President of Operations. Mr. Powell stated that beer, wine and liquor are served at the facility.

David Francis Albert, 0% interest holder and current resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Albert stated that the senior living community is a faith-based community, that he is a

Howard County resident, and that he has been the resident agent on the liquor license since 2016. Mr. Albert stated that he visits the establishment once every 2 months and that he verifies that licenses are displayed and certifications are available.

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 David Francis Albert and Steven Dale Powell, (the “Applicants”), on behalf of LVMG Hospitality, Inc. t/a Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant (“Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant”), have applied for an extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for 430,478 sq. ft. with a 3,605 sq. ft. exterior located at 9000 Fathers Legacy, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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 David Francis Albert, 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 David Francis Albert and Steven Dale Powell, (the “Applicants”), on behalf of LVMG Hospitality, Inc. t/a Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant (“Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant”), have applied for an extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for 430,478 sq. ft. with a 3,605 sq. ft. exterior located at 9000 Fathers Legacy, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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 13th day of January, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of David Francis Albert and Steven Dale Powell, (the “Applicants”), on behalf of LVMG Hospitality, Inc. t/a Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant (“Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant”), for an extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for 430,478 sq. ft. with a 3,605 sq. ft. exterior located at 9000 Fathers Legacy, Ellicott City, MD 21042, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by June 9, 2026 unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown;
- (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**

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Board Administrator

/S/
Steven Chen, Chairperson

/S/
Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

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