

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF MANJIT KAUR	*	
ON BEHALF OF JESSUP LIQUORS,	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
INC. T/A JESSUP DISCOUNT	*	
LIQUORS FOR A TRANSFER OF A	*	FOR
CLASS A BEER, WINE AND	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY OFF SALE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 26-03
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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 February 24, 2026, the Hearing Board heard the application of Manjit Kaur (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Jessup Liquors, Inc. t/a Jessup Discount Liquors (“Jessup Discount Liquors”) for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day off-sale License for a 2,500 square foot package store located at 7880-F Washington Boulevard, 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 Applicant 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 Applicant, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing

Board.

Mr. Johnson testified as to the location and as to photos of the interior and exterior of the liquor store. Mr. Johnson stated that Ms. Kaur is a United States citizen and that she and her family live in Maryland. Mr. Johnson stated that the liquor store is now a family business and that they have all learned how to run the business from the prior manager. Mr. Johnson stated that both current employees will be retained, that everyone is Alcohol Awareness Certified, and that Ms. Kaur has 5 years of alcohol sales experience with no liquor violations. Mr. Johnson stated that they successfully passed a recent undercover health inspection test.

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

Ms. Kaur testified that she is currently operating the liquor store with the help of two employees and that she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Ms. Kaur stated that she understands her role as the resident agent and that her son will be assisting her in managing the store.

Kunwar Singh, 0% interest holder and manager, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Singh stated that he works at the liquor store and that his responsibilities include assisting his mother with managing the business, assisting customers, ordering inventory, and keeping the store organized. Mr. Singh stated that the liquor store has recently been renovated with new shelves, flooring, and lighting. Mr. Singh stated that 70% of sales are focused on beer, 25% of sales are focused on spirits and 5% of sales are focused on wine. Mr. Singh stated that the goal is to have 50% of the products be allocated toward the Hispanic population. Mr. Singh stated that they offer the Maryland lottery, that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board

Rules and Regulations, and that he is in contact with the Liquor Inspector. Mr. Singh stated that they card anyone appearing under 40 years of age, that they use an I.D. guide and a digital date of birth calendar, and that they will not sell alcohol to anyone underage or appearing intoxicated. Mr. Singh stated that he will be in the store 25 hours a week, that his mother will work 30 hours a week, and that his father will work 60 hours a week. Mr. Singh stated that his mother will be at the liquor store full-time, that he will be there part-time, and that his father has previous alcohol sales experience. Mr. Singh stated that the hours of operation are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mr. Singh stated that the previous manager has worked there since 2016 and that he will continue to assist them during the transition period. Mr. Singh stated that he will learn from the long-term employees for training on fake IDs and that he will incorporate a scanner into the store to detect fake IDs. Mr. Singh stated that he has installed a camera at the front door to ensure safety. Mr. Singh stated that from 2016 to 2019 his family operated an Indian Restaurant in Indiana that served beer and wine and that they currently own a grocery store that sells beer.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived her 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 Manjit Kaur (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Jessup Liquors, Inc. t/a Jessup Discount Liquors (“Jessup Discount Liquors”) has applied for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day off-sale License for a 2,500 square foot package store located at 7880-F Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075.

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 Manjit Kaur, 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 Manjit Kaur (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Jessup Liquors, Inc. t/a Jessup Discount Liquors (“Jessup Discount Liquors”) has applied for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day off-sale License for a 2,500 square foot package store located at 7880-F Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicant is a fit and proper person 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 7th day of May, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Manjit Kaur (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Jessup Liquors, Inc. t/a Jessup Discount Liquors (“Jessup Discount Liquors”) for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day off-sale License for a 2,500 square foot package store located at 7880-F Washington Boulevard, ElkrIDGE, MD 21075, 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 August 24, 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**

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Steven Chen, Chairperson

/S/
Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

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