

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF CUNEYT	*	
OZTURK AND MERT OZTURK	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF 10039, LLC	*	
T/A ANGELI’S PIZZERIA FOR	*	FOR
A NEW CLASS B BEER, WINE	*	
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON SALE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 26-14
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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 June 9, 2026, the Hearing Board heard the application of Cuneyt Ozturk and Mert Ozturk (the “Applicants”), on behalf of 10039, LLC t/a Angeli’s Pizzeria (“Angeli’s Pizzeria”), for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,500 sq. ft. restaurant located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Suite C, 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 represented by Sang Oh, 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. Oh proffered that the business is taking over the space previously occupied by River Hill Pizza in the Forest Green Shopping Center. Mr. Oh stated that Angeli’s Pizzeria has several

locations in Baltimore.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Cuneyt Ozturk, 50% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Ozturk testified that he will co-manage the business operations with his brother, that he lives in Maryland, that he has not been convicted of any felonies, and that he disclosed speeding violations on his application. Mr. Ozturk stated that he is the licenseholder for three (3) of Angeli's Pizzeria's liquor licenses and that he was previously a licenseholder for the liquor license for Bosphorus Bistro in Baltimore. Mr. Ozturk stated that he had previous violations of liquor laws at Bosphorus Bistro. Mr. Ozturk stated that the violations consisted of sales to a minor in 2016 and 2018, and several offenses in 2014. Mr. Ozturk stated that Bosphorus Bistro is near a college and that he could not control the problems that occurred there. Mr. Ozturk stated that he now has a reputable business name, that employees are well trained, that they ID everyone, and that they follow the rules. Mr. Ozturk stated that he regrets the past violations and that since the inception of Angeli's Pizzeria, there have been no violations.

Mr. Ozturk stated that the business concept is not just pizza but also various Italian foods such as pasta and calzones. Mr. Ozturk stated that he would like to be part of the Ellicott City community, and that the hours of operation of the restaurant are 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Mr. Ozturk stated that he and his brother are both Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) Certified and that one of them will be on-site daily for the first 6 months. Mr. Ozturk stated that he has extensive restaurant experience, that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and that he understands his role as the resident agent. Mr. Ozturk stated that during the pandemic, he delivered free pizzas and assisted in a recycling program in Baltimore, and that

he plans to continue being a good corporate citizen in Ellicott City. Mr. Ozturk stated that he will have a full-time manager who is Alcohol Awareness Certified and that all 5 Angeli's Pizzeria restaurants have liquor licenses. Mr. Ozturk stated that he plans to serve several types of cocktails, that they plan to have 30 to 40 seats, and that he plans to open in the next 2 months.

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 Cuneyt Ozturk and Mert Ozturk (the "Applicants"), on behalf of 10039, LLC t/a Angeli's Pizzeria ("Angeli's Pizzeria"), have applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,500 sq. ft. restaurant located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Suite C, 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 Cuneyt Ozturk, 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 Cuneyt Ozturk and Mert Ozturk (the “Applicants”), on behalf of 10039, LLC t/a Angeli’s Pizzeria (“Angeli’s Pizzeria”), have applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,500 sq. ft. restaurant located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Suite C, 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 6th day of July, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Cuneyt Ozturk and Mert Ozturk (the “Applicants”), on behalf of 10039, LLC t/a Angeli’s Pizzeria (“Angeli’s Pizzeria”), for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,500 sq. ft. restaurant located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Suite C, 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 December 9, 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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Board Administrator

/S/
Steven Chen, Chairperson

/S/
Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

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