

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF YOUN SOCK	*	
KIM AND GINA KIM ON BEHALF	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
OF WIBS, LLC T/A SHIN CHON	*	
GARDEN FOR A TRANSFER OF A	*	FOR
CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR	*	
7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No.: 26-21
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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 23, 2026, the Hearing Board heard the application of Youn Sock Kim and Gina Kim (the “Applicants”), on behalf of WIBS, LLC t/a Shin Chon Garden (“Shin Chon Garden”), for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 3,000 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8801 Baltimore National Pike, #27, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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 Applicants 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 Applicants, was sworn in and testified before the

Hearing Board.

Mr. Johnson testified as to the location of the business, and he stated that the restaurant is well known and has been in business for many years. Mr. Johnson stated that the Applicants are in the process of purchasing the company and the assets along with the restaurant.

Gina Kim, 10% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Kim testified that she lives in Maryland and that she is a citizen of the United States. Ms. Kim stated that the restaurant is close to where she lives, and that it is a Korean family-style barbeque restaurant that has 21 tables with seating for 112 people. Ms. Kim stated that a manager and/or a host will seat customers and that there is no separate bar. Ms. Kim stated that she wanted the business to continue to have a liquor license and that the percentage of alcohol sales will be about 10% of the total gross sales. Ms. Kim stated that she held a liquor license from 2020 to 2022 as a resident agent for Chosun Hwaro. Ms. Kim stated that she has had no alcohol violations and that she plans to work 20 to 30 hours a week at the restaurant. Ms. Kim stated that her husband, Youn Sock Kim, will work at the restaurant 40 hours a week. Ms. Kim stated that her responsibilities will include managing staff, monitoring customers, food presentation and alcohol training. Ms. Kim stated that her husband will manage the inventory, payroll, and day to day operations. Ms. Kim stated that ready-to-serve alcohol will be stored in a refrigerator and that long-term alcohol will be stored in a storage room/office. Ms. Kim stated that she and her husband are Alcohol Awareness Certified and that she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Ms. Kim stated that she will ID anyone appearing under 40 years of age, that she will not accept vertical drivers licenses and that she will have an ID checking guide. Ms. Kim stated that staff will be trained to contact a manager for any customers appearing intoxicated.

Ms. Kim stated that she understands her role as the licensee and that she plans to have a total of 20 employees, with 7 of those employees involved in alcohol service. Ms. Kim stated that anyone handling alcohol will be Alcohol Awareness Certified, that she will offer in-house alcohol training, and that all of the current staff are being retained. Ms. Kim stated that the restaurant is closed on Tuesdays and that the hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Ms. Kim stated that she will not sell alcohol to go or deliver alcohol.

Youn Sock Kim, 90% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Kim testified that he understands his role as the resident agent and that he understands he is required to show inventory records for inspections.

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 Youn Sock Kim and Gina Kim (the "Applicants"), on behalf of WIBS, LLC t/a Shin Chon Garden ("Shin Chon Garden"), have applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 3,000 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8801 Baltimore National Pike, #27, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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 Youn Sock Kim, 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 Youn Sock Kim and Gina Kim (the "Applicants"), on behalf of WIBS, LLC t/a Shin Chon Garden ("Shin Chon Garden"), have applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 3,000 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8801 Baltimore National Pike, #27, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Youn Sock Kim, 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

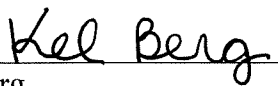
For the foregoing reasons, it is this 15th day of September, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Youn

Sock Kim and Gina Kim (the “Applicants”), on behalf of WIBS, LLC t/a Shin Chon Garden (“Shin Chon Garden”), for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 3,000 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8801 Baltimore National Pike, #27, Ellicott City, MD 21043, 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 23, 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

_____/S/_____
Steven Chen, Chairperson

_____/S/_____
Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

**REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY
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_____/ABSENT_____
Beth Johnson, Member

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Claire Kim, Member