

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF GEOFF	*	
GILL ON BEHALF OF HOT	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
GARBAGE PIZZA, LLC T/A	*	
HOT GARBAGE PIZZA FOR	*	FOR
A NEW CLASS B BEER,	*	
WINE AND LIQUOR 7-DAY	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
ON/OFF SALE LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 26-20
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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 Geoff Gill (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Hot Garbage Pizza, LLC t/a Hot Garbage Pizza (“Hot Garbage Pizza”), for a new Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day on/off sale License for a 1,300 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8069 Tiber Alley, Units Retail 1 and Retail 2, 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. The Applicant was 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

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

Mr. Gill testified that he is the owner of Hot Garbage Pizza, LLC, that he is an Ellicott City resident, and that he moved to the area in 2019. Mr. Gill testified as to a presentation which included the menu and floor plan, and he stated that the pizza and menu offerings were crafted by family recipes. Mr. Gill stated that he plans to collaborate with local businesses and that he intends to serve beer, wine, liquor and non-alcoholic beverages. Mr. Gill stated that he is taking over 2 separate retail spaces, and that there will be an access point for staff that connects both spaces. Mr. Gill stated that there will be a dedicated food runner, and that beer and wine will be available to seated guests and with carryout food purchases. Mr. Gill stated that staff will be fully trained in alcohol service and that he estimates food sales to be 70% of total gross sales. Mr. Gill stated that he expects significant business due to people walking downtown and newly constructed apartments near the restaurant area. Mr. Gill stated that he served as a general manager for 1 year at Teavolve Café in Baltimore, 1 year as a bartender at Harbor East Landmark Theaters in Baltimore and 2 years at Ledo Pizza's corporate office.

Mr. Gill stated that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified and that his duties will include covering shifts as the primary chef, bookkeeping, dishwashing and taking orders. Mr. Gill stated that his general manager and operations manager, Dave Williams, has over 25 years of experience in the restaurant industry, that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified, and that he will also be covering shifts, managing the beverage program and developing a training handbook for staff. Mr. Gill stated that all staff will be cross-trained to be able to fill any position and that they will all be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Gill stated that either he or his general manager will be on-site at all times, and that he plans to be on-site over 95% of the time during operating hours for the first year of business. Mr. Gill stated that he plans to have 8 employees. Mr. Gill stated that he is developing partnerships with local farms for weekly specials and that he is working with local

schools to create pizza-based incentives for good behavior. Mr. Gill stated that he will also conduct pizza making workshops and that his business will be fully ADA compliant. Mr. Gill stated that he does not have outdoor seating, that he will have signage indicating where to place orders and where to dine in, and that cameras will monitor the inside and outside of the restaurant. Mr. Gill stated that he will offer carryout alcohol, and that he does not offer delivery service. Mr. Gill stated that the business will start out being open 5 days a week, closed on Monday and Tuesday, open Wednesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Mr. Gill stated that construction should be completed in July and that he plans to open shortly thereafter.

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 Geoff Gill (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Hot Garbage Pizza, LLC t/a Hot Garbage Pizza (“Hot Garbage Pizza”), has applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day on/off sale License for a 1,300 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8069 Tiber Alley, Units Retail 1 and Retail 2, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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 Geoff Gill, 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 Geoff Gill (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Hot Garbage Pizza, LLC t/a Hot Garbage Pizza ("Hot Garbage Pizza"), has applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day on/off sale License for a 1,300 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8069 Tiber Alley, Units Retail 1 and Retail 2, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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 Geoff Gill, 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 14th day of October, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Geoff Gill (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Hot Garbage Pizza, LLC t/a Hot Garbage Pizza ("Hot Garbage Pizza"), for a new Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day on/off sale License for a 1,300 sq. ft.

restaurant located at 8069 Tiber Alley, Units Retail 1 and Retail 2, Ellicott City, MD 21043, 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 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**

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/S/
Steven Chen, Chairperson

/S/
Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

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/S/
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