IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF ALARICE	*	
VIDALE DE PALACIOS ON	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
BEHALF OF AL'S LOVE CAFÉ,	*	
LLC T/A AL'S LOVE CAFÉ	*	FOR
FOR A NEW CLASS B BEER,	*	
WINE AND LIQUOR 7-DAY	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
ON SALE LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 26-30
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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 September 29, 2026, the Hearing Board heard the application of Alarice Vidale de Palacios (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Al's Love Café, LLC t/a Al's Love Cafe ("Al's Love Café"), for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,000 sq. ft. restaurant with a 162 sq. ft. patio located at 3785 Hamilton Street, 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

Alarice Vidale de Palacios, 100% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Vidale de Palacios testified that she is an advocate of domestic violence awareness and a support broker who assists individuals with developmental disabilities. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that she owns 5 businesses which employ about 42 people in the Howard County area. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that she has prior restaurant experience operating Fire Station Restaurant in Montgomery County from 2015 to 2021, and that she is Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPs) Certified. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that Al's Love Café opened in February 2026 in the space previously occupied by Matcha Time Café, and that she plans to offer employment opportunities to over 100 neurodiverse individuals. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that offering alcohol will expand the evening business hours, complement the menu and events, and create more opportunities for employment. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that she understands the responsibilities and requirements of holding a liquor license, that Fire Station Restaurant is a liquor licensed establishment, and that she was involved in the sale and service of alcohol while working there.

Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that the restaurant offers a grab and go area as well as tableside service. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that neurotypical servers will work the tableside service section, serve the alcohol, and be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that she usually works at the restaurant every day, and that the hours of operation are typically Sunday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that she will have Alcohol Awareness Certified managers working if she cannot be on-site and that she has never incurred any alcohol violations. Ms. Vidale de Palacios plans to serve coffee flights, spirits and wine in the afternoon and evening. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that she has a Florida driver's license, that when she was 19 years old the police found her in possession of marijuana, and that she omitted motor vehicle violations on her application but that she was aware of EZ-Pass

charges. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that a manager will card anyone who orders alcohol and that she is familiar with the record keeping requirements. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that she will keep a log book and that she will order alcohol from authorized wholesalers. Ms. Vidale de Palacios stated that alcohol sales will be 10 to 15 percent of the total gross sales.

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 Alarice Vidale de Palacios (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Al's Love Café, LLC t/a Al's Love Cafe ("Al's Love Café"), has applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,000 sq. ft. restaurant with a 162 sq. ft. patio located at 3785 Hamilton Street, 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 Alarice Vidale de Palacios, 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 Alarice Vidale de Palacios (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Al's Love Café, LLC t/a Al's Love Cafe ("Al's Love Café"), has applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,000 sq. ft. restaurant with a 162 sq. ft. patio located at 3785 Hamilton Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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 9th day of November, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Alarice Vidale de Palacios (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Al's Love Café, LLC t/a Al's Love Cafe ("Al's Love Café"), for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,000 sq. ft. restaurant with a 162 sq. ft. patio located at 3785 Hamilton Street, 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 March

29, 2027 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:

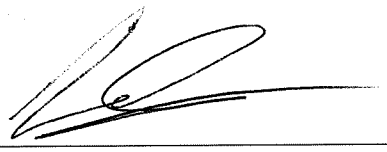
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

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