

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF ALEXIS	*	
JUNGHWAN LEE, JUNGHWA	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
YANG AND WOONAM LEE,	*	
ON BELHALF OF YF FOOD	*	FOR
SERVICES, LLC T/A BONCHON	*	
CHICKEN ELLICOTT CITY	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
FOR A TRANSFER OF A CLASS	*	
B, BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR	*	Case No.: 22-17
7-DAY LICENSE	*	

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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 March 22, 2022, the Hearing Board heard the application of Alexis Junghwan Lee, Junghwa Yang and Woonam Lee (the “Applicants”), on behalf of YF Food Services, LLC, t/a BonChon Chicken Ellicott City (“BonChon”), for a transfer of a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day License for a 2,000 square foot restaurant located at 3419 Plumtree Drive, Suite 102, 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 Ms. Chrissie Chang 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**

Alexis Junghwan Lee, 80% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and

testified before the Board.

Ms. Lee testified that BonChon is a national franchise, and the menu and the layout is to remain unchanged. Ms. Lee stated that they will keep all of the current employees, and the franchise agreement has been transferred to the new corporation. Ms. Lee stated that she has no background in restaurant management or in having a liquor license. Ms. Lee stated that she is Alcohol Awareness Certified and is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Ms. Lee stated that, in the past, she did accounting work for her husband's business, and that she is presently employed at BonChon and has worked at the restaurant for about a month. Ms. Lee stated that, because of Covid, almost all sales are to-go. Ms. Lee stated that the percentage of alcohol to food sales is only 1% to 3% because the dining room is not fully open. Ms. Lee stated that she doesn't yet have a date for when the dining room will be fully open. Ms. Lee stated that she didn't pass the change of ownership Health Inspection because there was a delay in product shipment related to re-doing the kitchen floor, but the inspection has been rescheduled for next week.

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 Alexis Junghwan Lee, Junghwa Yang and Woonam Lee (the "Applicants"), on behalf of YF Food Services, LLC, t/a BonChon Chicken Ellicott City ("BonChon"), have applied for a transfer of a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day License for a 2,000 square foot restaurant located at 3419 Plumtree Drive, Suite 102, Ellicott City, MD

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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 Ms. Alexis Junghwan Lee, 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 Alexis Junghwan Lee, Junghwa Yang and Woonam Lee (the "Applicants"), on behalf of YF Food Services, LLC, t/a BonChon Chicken Ellicott City ("BonChon"), have applied for a transfer of a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day License for a 2,000 square foot restaurant located at 3419 Plumtree Drive, Suite 102, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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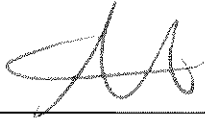
**ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Alexis Junghwan Lee, Junghwa Yang and Woonam Lee (the “Applicants”), on behalf of YF Food Services, LLC, t/a BonChon Chicken Ellicott City (“BonChon”), for a transfer of a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day License for a 2,000 square foot restaurant located at 3419 Plumtree Drive, Suite 102, Ellicott City, MD 21042, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

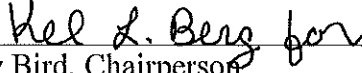
- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by September 22, 2022 unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

**ATTEST:**

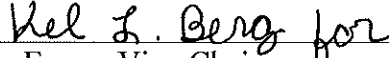
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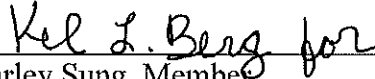


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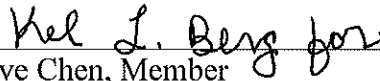


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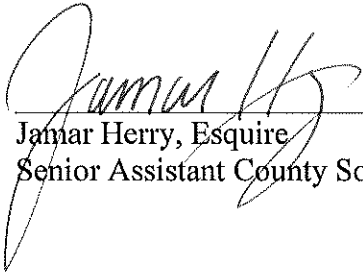
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GARY W. KUC  
COUNTY SOLICITOR**



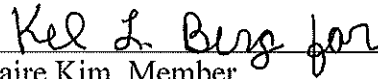
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