

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF OE SON
HAN ON BEHALF OF CAFÉ
EZ 2, LLC T/A CAFÉ EZ 2
FOR A NEW CLASS B BEER,
WINE & LIQUOR 7-DAY
LICENSE

* BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
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* BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
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* FOR
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* HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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* Case No.: 22-10

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 Oe Son Hon (the “Applicant”) on behalf of Café EZ 2, LLC t/a Café EZ 2 (“Café EZ 2”) for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 1,766 sq. ft. restaurant with a 280 sq. foot exterior located at 6060 Marshalee Drive, Suite 101 and 102, Elkridge, MD 20175.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicant was represented by Michael Silverman, Esquire.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Oe Son Han, 100% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Board through an interpreter, Hoe Park.

Ms. Han testified as to the interior and patio of the restaurant and stated it will look

like Café EZ and in the Spring she will bring tables and chairs outside. Ms. Han stated the area surrounding the restaurant consists of a small shopping center including a gas station, hotel, nail shop, barber shop, pizza shop, fitness center and other small businesses. Ms. Han stated she is a United States citizen and has lived in Howard County for about 7 years. Ms. Han stated she plans to reside in Howard County and is registered to vote in the County. Ms. Han stated she lives in Sykesville, has never been convicted of a crime and has never had a violation related to alcohol laws.

Ms. Han stated that she worked at Café EZ for six years and previously had her own business for 20 years. Ms. Han stated that she will be an employee at Café EZ 2 and that she has no other ownership interest in any other restaurants or establishments that serve alcohol. Ms. Han stated she has never applied for a liquor license before and that the restaurant will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ms. Han stated that she plans to serve brunch foods like waffles, French toast, and pancakes. Ms. Han stated that her daughter will manage the business daily and they plan on working there together. Ms. Han stated she is Alcohol Awareness-Certified, and she will be the one ordering the liquor. Ms. Han stated she, her daughter, and son will be serving liquor and assisting with the operation of the restaurant. Ms. Han stated that the restaurant has four employees. Ms. Han indicated that her son owns Café EZ in Ellicott City and that she and her daughter help operate that business.

Ms. Han testified as to the drawings of the floor plan and layout including the customer eating area, patio area, coffee area, restrooms, cooler area and food preparation area. Ms. Han testified as to the entrance and exit locations as well as to the food-ordering area. Ms. Han stated that she will provide several pictures of the outside barrier, fences, and controlled entryways.

Katie Han was sworn in and testified before the Board.

Ms. Han testified that she is the daughter of the Applicant, a United States citizen, and that she has lived in Howard County for seven years. Ms. Han stated that she has worked at Café EZ with her mother since they opened in 2016. Ms. Han stated that their duties are to oversee the daily operations including managing schedules, ordering, and ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Ms. Han stated that her mother was involved in the daily business but focused more on serving customers, hosting, making drinks, and cooking. Ms. Han stated that she planned to work daily at Café EZ 2. Ms. Han testified that she and her mother are aware of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations of Howard County.

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 Oe Son Hon (the "Applicant") on behalf of Café EZ 2, LLC t/a Café EZ 2 ("Café EZ 2"), has applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 1,766 sq. ft. restaurant with a 280 sq. foot exterior located at 6060 Marshalee Drive, Suite 101 and 102, Elkridge, MD 20175.
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 Oe Son Hon is a Howard County resident.
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 Oe Son Hon (the "Applicant") on behalf of Café EZ 2, LLC t/a Café EZ 2 ("Café EZ 2"), has applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 1,766 sq. ft. restaurant with a 280 sq. foot exterior located at 6060 Marshalee Drive, Suite 101 and 102, Elkridge, MD 20175.

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 Oe Son Hon 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 this application would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

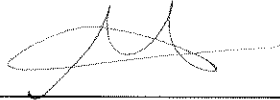
ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 3rd day of May, 2022, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Oe Son Hon (the "Applicant") on behalf of Café EZ 2, LLC t/a Café EZ 2 ("Café EZ 2") for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 1,766 sq. ft. restaurant with a 280 sq. foot exterior located at 6060 Marshalee Drive, Suite 101 and 102, Elkridge, MD 20175, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicant 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) That the Applicant provide acceptable photographs or drawings of the outdoor patio area; and
- (d) 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**



Ashley Aguilar
Board Administrator

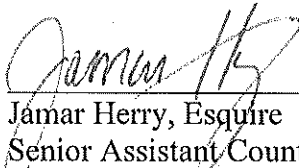
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