

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF DHRUMIL	*	
VIPINBHAI PATEL ON BEHALF	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
OF JAI SOMNATH CORP T/A	*	
COLUMBIA FINE WINE &	*	FOR
SPIRITS, FOR A RESIDENT	*	
AGENT CHANGE FOR A CLASS	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR	*	
7-DAY OFF-SALE AND BWL	*	Case No.: 21-51
TASTING LICENSE	*	

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 November 23, 2021, the Hearing Board heard the application of Dhrumil Vipinbhai Patel (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Jai Somnath Corp., t/a Columbia Fine Wine & Spirits (“Columbia Fine Wine & Spirits”), for a resident agent change, replacing Pradbha Lalit Patel, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day Off Sale License and a Beer, Wine Liquor Tasting License for a 4,460 sq. ft. package store located at 10400 Shaker Drive, Columbia, MD 21046.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Martin Johnson served as a consultant for the Applicant. 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

Dhrumil Vipinbhai Patel, 35% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in

and testified before the Board.

Mr. Patel testified that he is the President, Treasurer and Secretary of Jai Somnath Corporation and he is now a license holder for the store. Mr. Patel stated the current resident agent is resigning and leaving the company and has supplied the Board with a letter of intent to resign. Mr. Patel stated the Board approved him for a license in 2009, he is Alcohol Awareness Certified and has supplied the Board with his certification. Mr. Patel stated he has reviewed the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and he will ensure that when the store is open, an alcohol certified person will be at the location. Mr. Patel stated they have never had any alcohol violations, and have a police record of turning down sales to minors and turning in fake IDs to the Liquor Inspector. Mr. Patel stated he is on the premises five days a week and makes unannounced visits to the store and checks on operations. Mr. Patel stated that when he is not at the store, a few managers, that have been employed at the business for the past six or seven years, are there in his place.

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 Dhrumil Vipinbhai Patel, on behalf of Jai Somnath Corp., t/a Columbia Fine Wine & Spirits (“Columbia Fine Wine & Spirits”), has applied for a resident agent change, replacing Prabhla Lalit Patel, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day Off Sale License and a Beer, Wine Liquor Tasting License for a 4,460 sq. ft. package store located at 10400 Shaker Drive, Columbia, MD 21046.

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 Dhrumil Vipinbhai Patel, 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 Dhrumil Vipinbhai Patel, on behalf of Jai Somnath Corp., t/a Columbia Fine Wine & Spirits (“Columbia Fine Wine & Spirits”), has applied for a resident agent change, replacing Pratbha Lalit Patel, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day Off Sale License and a Beer, Wine Liquor Tasting License for a 4,460 sq. ft. package store located at 10400 Shaker Drive, Columbia, MD 21046.

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 2nd day of June, 2022, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Dhrumil Vipinbhai Patel, on behalf of Jai Somnath Corp., t/a Columbia Fine Wine & Spirits (“Columbia Fine Wine & Spirits”), for a resident agent change, replacing Pratbha Lalit Patel, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day Off Sale License and a Beer, Wine Liquor Tasting License for a 4,460 sq. ft. package store located at 10400 Shaker Drive, Columbia, MD 21046, 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 August 23, 2022 unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown;
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:



Ashley Aguilar
Board Administrator

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

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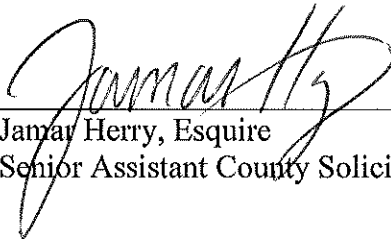
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