

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF ANJALI	*	
PATEL AND PRIYANKA	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
PATEL, ON BEHALF OF	*	
CRADLEROCK LIQUORS, INC	*	FOR
T/A CRADLEROCK LIQUORS	*	
FOR A TRANSFER OF A CLASS	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR	*	
7-DAY OFF SALE LICENSE	*	Case No.: 22-13

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 24, 2022, the Hearing Board heard the application of Anjali Patel and Priyanka Patel (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Cradlerock Liquors, Inc., t/a Cradlerock Liquors (“Cradlerock Liquors”), for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day Off Sale License for a 2,448 square foot package store located at 7180 Cradlerock Way, Suite A, Columbia, MD 21045.

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 Mr. Abraham Hurdle, Esq. 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

Anjali Patel, 75% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified

before the Board.

Ms. Patel testified that there was a discrepancy on her address in the application but beyond that, the application was accurate. Ms. Patel stated she will be present at the store during most operating hours, she has taken an alcohol awareness course and is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Ms. Patel testified as to the operating hours of the store and that Sunday hours will be a little different as they will open earlier. Ms. Patel stated she plans to ask everyone for identification, and she may get a Point of Sales System to verify identification. Ms. Patel stated that the Dollar Store next door increases foot traffic. Ms. Patel stated that the dry cleaners has closed but she has not noticed a change in foot traffic as a result. Ms. Patel stated she will not change the operations, she will not sell singles, she will not cash checks and she doesn't sell cups. Ms. Patel stated the meeting minutes for the store have a different percentage of ownership and new meeting minutes will be drafted. Ms. Patel stated her husband owns Decanter Fine Wines, but she has no financial interest in that business.

Ms. Priyanka Patel, 25% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Board.

Ms. Patel testified that her financial interest and address were correct in the application. Ms. Patel stated she has taken an alcohol awareness class and she plans to be at the store often. Ms. Patel stated the hours indicated by Anjali Patel are accurate and operations will be more or less the same. Ms. Patel stated she has read and understands the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and will abide by them. Ms. Patel stated she plans to recycle and have trash picked up twice a week. Ms. Patel stated she plans to card everyone who comes into the store. Ms. Patel stated her spouse runs a liquor store in Delaware and she has no financial interest in that establishment.

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 Anjali Patel and Priyanka Patel (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Cradlerock Liquors, Inc., t/a Cradlerock Liquors (“Cradlerock Liquors”), have applied for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day Off Sale License for a 2,448 square foot package store located at 7180 Cradlerock Way, Suite A, Columbia, MD 21045.

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. Anjali 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 Anjali Patel and Priyanka Patel (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Cradlerock Liquors, Inc., t/a Cradlerock Liquors (“Cradlerock Liquors”), have applied for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day Off Sale License for a 2,448 square foot package store located at 7180 Cradlerock Way, Suite A, Columbia, MD

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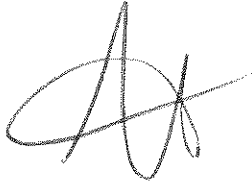
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ORDER

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 Anjali Patel and Priyanka Patel (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Cradlerock Liquors, Inc., t/a Cradlerock Liquors (“Cradlerock Liquors”), for a transfer of a Class A Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day Off Sale License for a 2,448 square foot package store located at 7180 Cradlerock Way, Suite A, Columbia, MD 21045, 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 24, 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:



Ashley Aguilar
Board Administrator

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
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MARYLAND**

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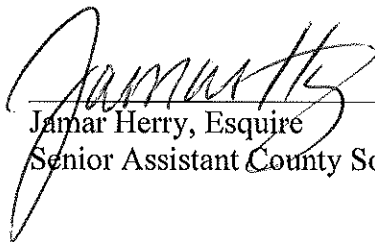
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