

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF EDWARD	*	
RANDOLPH MARRINER, MARY	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ELIZABETH MARRINER AND	*	
RACHAEL HAYES MULL ON	*	FOR
BEHALF OF VICTORIA RESTAURANT	*	
GROUP, LLC T/A MANOR HILL	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
TAVERN FOR AN EXTENSION OF	*	
PREMISES FOR A CLASS B BEER,	*	Case No.: 22-20
WINE AND LIQUOR 7 DAY 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 June 14, 2022, the Hearing Board heard the application of Edward Randolph Marriner, Mary Elizabeth Marriner and Rachael Hayes Mull (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Victoria Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a Manor Hill Tavern (“The Tavern”), for an extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day License for a 7,265 sq. ft. restaurant with a 375 sq. ft. patio and a 10,000 sq. ft. beer garden located at 3733 Old Columbia Pike, 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. Mr. Martin Johnson was hired as a consultant for the Applicants 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

Edward Randolph Marriner, 30% interest holder and resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Marriner testified that he has been a resident and business owner in Howard County for over 40 years. Mr. Marriner stated that he was appointed by the past 2 governors for the Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency where he is currently the Chairman. Mr. Marriner stated that he is currently a licensee for Manor Hill Tavern and Victoria Gastro Pub, which has been in business for 15 years. Mr. Marriner stated that he is applying for an extension of premises to include a beer garden, which was allowed to operate on Howard County property during the pandemic for over 2 years. Mr. Marriner stated that customers are able to enjoy beverages outside in a safe environment, and that he has been negotiating with Howard County for a 10 year lease. Mr. Marriner stated that dogs are allowed in the beer garden, there have been no issues over the past 2 years, and The Tavern, as well as Victoria Gastro Pub, have clean records.

Mr. Marriner stated initially that the property was inspected and approved by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits (DILP) and that he will have an administrative hearing with the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) on an outdoor seating temporary use license on July 1, 2022. Mr. Marriner stated that he anticipates seating for 60 people and that the property is surrounded by a fence and a gate. Mr. Marriner stated that there are LED lights in the tent facility, and parking is available in Lots D, E and F.

Mr. Marriner stated that all managers and bartenders are Alcohol Awareness Certified and that he himself has been certified for the last 15 years. Mr. Marriner stated that the current policy is to card anyone who appears under 40 years of age, visible intoxication is not permitted,

no alcohol may leave the property and alcohol cannot move from the tavern to the beer garden. Mr. Marriner stated that his involvement in the beer garden would be to initially open it and get it up and running, and then be on-site as needed. Mr. Marriner stated that Mary Marriner and Rachael Mull would have little involvement. Mr. Marriner stated that he has been in touch with the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector and he plans to reopen the beer garden as soon as possible.

Mr. Marriner testified as to the exact location of the beer garden. Mr. Marriner stated that canned beer will be brought to the beer garden from The Tavern and there will be a stocked service bar during operating hours, which will be removed when they are closed. Additionally, a gate will be locked to prevent access to the property. Mr. Marriner stated that in addition to the bar area, there will also be service tables, and there will be no live music. Mr. Marriner stated that there will be future use for a potential permanent space that will need to go before the Historic Preservation Commission and need to be permitted through DILP, but that does not have to be done for the tent.

Elizabeth Walsh, County Council member, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Walsh testified that the District One office is in strong support of the extension of premises in both public and private space. Ms. Walsh stated that there is a parking lot by the old Courthouse with easy access, which would help with parking issues. Ms. Walsh stated that she would look into getting better signage to inform the public of the parking lot by the old Courthouse.

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 Edward Randolph Marriner, Mary Elizabeth Marriner and Rachael Hayes Mull, on behalf of Victoria Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a Manor Hill Tavern (“The Tavern”), have applied for an extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day License for a 7,265 sq. ft. restaurant with a 375 sq. ft. patio and a 10,000 sq. ft. beer garden located at 3733 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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 Edward Randolph Marriner, 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 Edward Randolph Marriner, Mary Elizabeth Marriner and Rachael Hayes Mull, on behalf of Victoria Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a Manor Hill Tavern (“The Tavern”), have applied for an extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day License for a 7,265 sq. ft. restaurant with a 375 sq. ft. patio and a 10,000 sq. ft. beer garden located at 3733 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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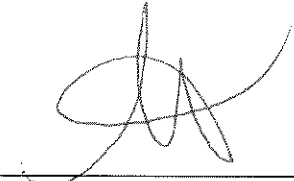
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ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 7th day of July, 2022, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Edward Randolph Marriner, Mary Elizabeth Marriner and Rachael Hayes Mull, on behalf of Victoria Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a Manor Hill Tavern ("The Tavern"), for an extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-Day License for a 7,265 sq. ft. restaurant with a 375 sq. ft. patio and a 10,000 sq. ft. beer garden located at 3733 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043, 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; and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by December 14, 2022 unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) That the granting of this application is contingent upon the successful acquisition of a lease from Howard County; and
- (d) 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**



Mary Bird, Chairperson

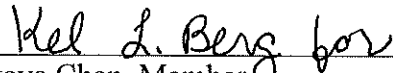


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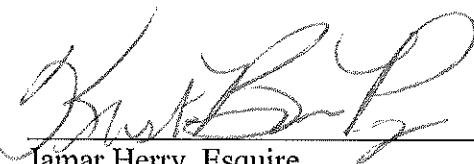
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