

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF ZANJIANG	*	
WANG ON BEHALF OF ZEN,	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
LLC T/A ZEN GARDEN,	*	
FOR A TRANSFER AND	*	FOR
EXTENSION OF PREMISES	*	
FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 22-12

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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 February 8, 2022, the Hearing Board heard the application of Zanjiang Wang (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Zen, LLC, t/a Zen Garden (“Zen Garden”), for a transfer and extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-Day License for a 3,075 sq. ft. restaurant with a 718 sq. ft. exterior located at 10039-A Baltimore National Pike, 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 Applicant was represented by Melvin Kodenski, Esquire.

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

**SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Zanjiang Wang, 100% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Board through an interpreter, Ye Jiang.

Mr. Wang testified he has worked at the restaurant for a year and a half and is Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Wang stated he is familiar with the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations of Howard County, he has printed them out in Chinese and his daughter and others help to translate for him. Mr. Wang stated the present licensee, Mr. Zen, has helped him every day and he is Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Wang stated the interpreter works at the restaurant as well and will help him. Mr. Wang stated that during Covid, the restaurant closed for three to four months. Mr. Wang stated that the business has not been fully paid for and money remains owed to the previous owner. Mr. Wang stated he has one full-time server and four part-time servers, two of which are Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Wang stated that the turnover rate is relatively stable; however, during Covid it was harder to find people to work. Mr. Wang stated that during a typical day, the ratio of alcohol is about seven to ten percent of food sales.

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 Zanjiang Wang, on behalf of Zen, LLC, t/a Zen Garden ("Zen Garden"), has applied for a transfer and extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-Day License for a 3,075 sq. ft. restaurant with a 718 sq. ft. exterior located at 10039-A Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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 Mr. Wang, 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 Zanjiang Wang, on behalf of Zen, LLC, t/a Zen Garden (“Zen Garden”), has applied for a transfer and extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-Day License for a 3,075 sq. ft. restaurant with a 718 sq. ft. exterior located at 10039-A Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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 Mr. Zanjiang Wang, 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2022, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Zanjia Wang, on behalf of Zen, LLC, t/a Zen Garden (“Zen Garden”), for a transfer and extension of premises for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-Day License for a 3,075 sq. ft. restaurant with a 718 sq. ft. exterior located at 10039-A Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042 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 September 8, 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:**

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



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Ashley Aguilar  
Board Administrator

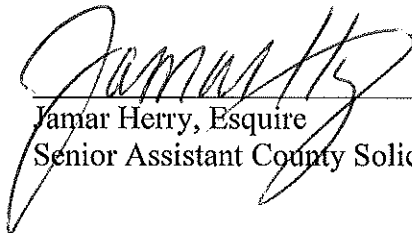
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Mary Bird, Chairperson

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Harry Evans, Vice-Chairperson

**REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY  
OFFICE OF LAW  
GARY W. KUC  
COUNTY SOLICITOR**

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ABSENT  
Charley Sung, Member

*Kel L. Berg for*  
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Steve Chen, Member

  
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Jamar Herry, Esquire  
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

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ABSENT  
Claire Kim, Member