

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE BOARD OF
APPLICATION OF JUNG HEE LEE	*	
ON BEHALF OF JHL FAMILY, INC.	*	LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
T/A FAMILY MUSIC STUDIO FOR	*	
A NEW CLASS D BEER, WINE	*	FOR
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ONE SALE	*	
LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No.:21-41

DECISION AND ORDER

On June 16, 2021, the Board of License Commissioners (“Hearing Board”) heard the application of Jung Hee Lee (the “Applicant”), on behalf of JHL Family, Inc. t/a Family Music Studio (“Family Music Studio”) for a new Class D, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day on-sale License for a 2,800-square foot establishment located at 3240 Corporate Court, Suite F, 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 Thomas Meachum, Esquire. Korean Interpreter, Sohyun Kim, was sworn in and interpreted the hearing for the applicant.

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

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Jung Hee Lee, 100% owner of Family Music Studio, was sworn in and testified as follows:

Ms. Lee testified that she is the sole applicant for the liquor license and is 100% owner of JHL Family, Inc., which operates Family Music Studio. Ms. Lee stated that for five years she has operated Family Music Studio, which is a karaoke venue with private rooms for individual groups

of family and friends.

Ms. Lee stated that her patrons have requested alcoholic beverage availability. Ms. Lee testified that there is a similar venue nearby that does have a liquor license and stated that she expects to sell more alcohol than food as she currently only sells snacks.

Ms. Lee testified that there will be a refrigerated cooler next to the cash register and when requested, alcoholic beverages will be served to the customer karaoke rooms. Ms. Lee testified that the alcohol will be stored in a locked back storage room

Ms. Lee testified that she has read and understands the Board's Rules and Regulations and has taken an alcohol awareness certification class and that staff will check ID's of everyone requesting alcohol. Ms. Lee testified that the hours of operation will be seven days a week from 6:00pm to 2:00am. The business provides individual rooms, which hold between 5 and 15 people, depending on the size of the room.

Ms. Lee testified that customers will only be able to consume alcohol inside the individual karaoke rooms, not in the hallways or outside and that alcoholic beverages will not be sold to groups of patrons that include minors. Ms. Lee indicated that alcohol will not be sold to parents who bring in children that are over 10 years old. Ms. Lee stated that she now allows "Bring Your Own Beverages" (BYOB) on premises but will place signs on the front door and next to the cash register notifying patrons that BYOB is no longer allowed at her business.

Ms. Lee testified that she has never received noise or trash complaints from the neighbors or the property owner. After hearing complaints from some of her neighbors during the October 27, 2020 Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board hearing, Ms. Lee said she will be more vigilant in checking the parking lot around her business for trash, although she does clean and does not believe all the trash is coming from her customers as there are other businesses in the building and many

people walk through that area.

Mr. Whitaker was sworn and testified in support of the application. Mr. Whitaker is a licensed attorney in Baltimore City, Maryland and has been for the past 16 years. Mr. Whitaker has been a patron of the Family studio for the past 5 years. He testified that Ms. Lee's business is well run, clean and safe. Mr. Whitaker stated that he has not once seen trash or drinking outside of Ms. Lee's business. Mr. Whitaker testified that he would like to purchase alcoholic beverages from Family Music Studio when he is a patron there, and believes Ms. Lee to be responsible and her business to be good for the public.

The following exhibits were accepted into evidence:

1. *Aerial Map of the location*

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Jung Hee Lee on behalf of JHL Family, Inc. t/a Family Music Studio has applied for a new Class D Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on sale license for a 2,800 square foot venue located at 3240 Corporate Court, Suite F, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

2. The Liquor Board finds that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Liquor Board finds that Ms. Lee is a resident of Howard County.

4. The Liquor Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Liquor 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 Liquor Board concludes that Jung Hee Lee on behalf of JHL Family, Inc. t/a

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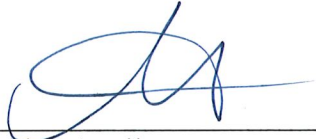
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ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 7th day of Dec., 2021, by the Board of License Commissioners of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Jung Hee Lee on behalf of JHL Family, Inc. t/a Family Music Studio for a new Class D Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on sale license for a 2.800 square foot venue located at 3240 Corporate Court, Suite F, Ellicott City, MD 21042, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

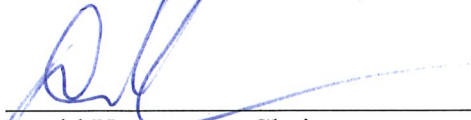
- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County laws and regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicant satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by January 22, 2022, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

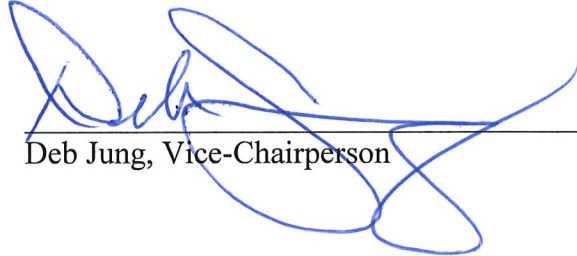


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Board Administrator

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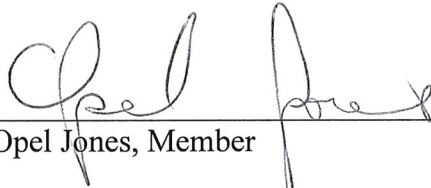
David Yungmann, Chairperson



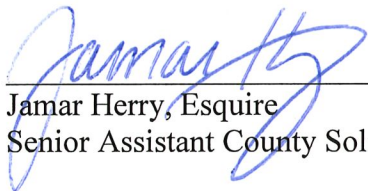
Deb Jung, Vice-Chairperson

**REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY
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COUNTY SOLICITOR**

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