

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF PAULA	*	
DWYER ON BEHALF OF	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
GEORGIA GRACE, LLC, T/A	*	
GEORGIA GRACE CAFÉ,	*	FOR
FOR A NEW CLASS B, BEER,	*	
WINE, AND LIQUOR	*	HOWARD COUNTY
7-DAY ON-SALE LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.:18-44

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 October 9, 2018, the Hearing Board heard the application of Paula Dwyer (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Georgia Grace, LLC, t/a Georgia Grace Café (“Georgia Grace”), for a new Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-Day On-Sale License for a 1,695 square foot restaurant located at 8004-8006 Main Street, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

The hearing was properly advertised and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicant was not represented by counsel. 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

Paula Dwyer, the sole owner and general manager of Georgia Grace and applicant for the license, was sworn and testified before the Board.

Ms. Dwyer testified that she has lived in Howard County for thirty years and is a registered voter. She stated that she serves as the general manager handling all finances, hiring, inventory and regulations for the restaurant.

She testified that she and the head chef have alcohol awareness certifications and that she has read and understands the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them. Ms. Dwyer testified that Georgia Grace currently has ten employees, has seating for forty customers, is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm and that every employee will become alcohol awareness certified.

Ms. Dwyer testified that they have no plans to serve hard liquor at this time but are asking for a beer, wine and liquor license in order to serve higher alcohol wines. She stated she expects alcohol sales to be about ten percent of sales.

According to Ms. Dwyer, food is ordered at a counter and the food and alcohol will be served to the table and there is no outdoor seating.

The following exhibits were submitted and accepted into the record:

- *Applicant's Exhibit #1 - Photos of the restaurant*
- *Applicant's Exhibit #2 - Menu for Georgia Grace*

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Paula Dwyer, on behalf of Georgia Grace, LLC, t/a Georgia Grace Café, has applied for a new Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,695 square foot restaurant located at 8004-8006 Main Street, Ellicott City,

Maryland 21043.

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 Ms. Dwyer, the sole owner and resident agent applicant, has been a Howard County resident for more than two years and is a registered voter.

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 Paula Dwyer, on behalf of Georgia Grace, LLC, t/a Georgia Grace Café, has applied for a new Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license.

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 Paula Dwyer 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.

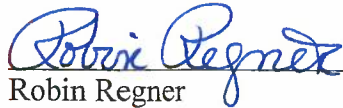
ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 5th day of December 2018, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Paula Dwyer, on behalf of Georgia Grace, LLC, t/a Georgia Grace Café, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,695 square foot restaurant located at 8004-8006 Main Street, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

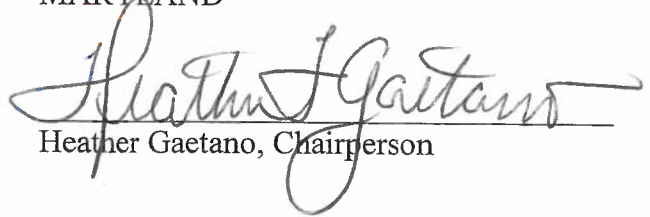
- (a) That the Applicant complies with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicant satisfies any requirements necessary to obtain the license by March 4, 2019, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND



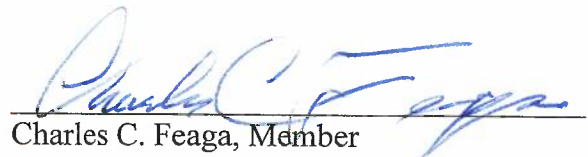
Robin Regner
Board Administrator



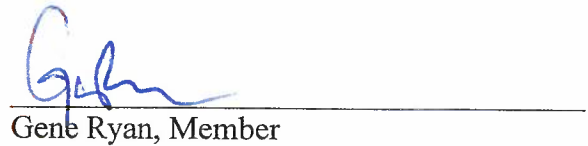
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