

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF JEFFREY EDWARD	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
BRASWELL, ON BEHALF OF JAXON	*	FOR
EDWIN, LLC, T/A JAXON EDWIN,	*	HOWARD COUNTY
FOR A NEW CLASS D, BEER, WINE,	*	
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-SALE	*	Case No.: 18-40
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 September 25, 2018, the Hearing Board heard the application of Jeffrey Edward Braswell (“Applicant”), on behalf of Jaxon Edwin, LLC, t/a Jaxon Edwin (“Jaxon Edwin”), for a new Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,352-square foot lounge with a 113-square foot outdoor deck located at 8191 Main Street, 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. The Applicant was represented by Thomas Coale, Esquire. 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

Jaxon Braswell, owner and proposed resident agent, was sworn and testified that he is the 100% owner of Jaxon Edwin, LLC, and has been working on this concept for three years. Mr. Braswell testified that the establishment is located in historic Ellicott City in a narrow

three-floor building with approximately 800-square feet per floor. He testified that his concept is to have a men's shop on the first floor selling men's watches and accessories; a nitro coffee lounge/bar with nitro beer and wine served by tap on the second floor; and a shave and barber shop with bourbon and beer available on the third floor. Mr. Braswell testified that this establishment will cater to both men and women, but the establishment will provide specialty services oriented to men who get a shave or a haircut and enjoy a coffee or beer. Mr. Braswell testified that he has no experience with selling alcohol, but he has previous experience working in restaurants that sold alcohol including Crab Alley in 1998 and River Run Golf Course from 1999 to 2004, and that he has hired a full-time bartender manager to assist him.

Mr. Braswell testified that he is alcohol awareness certified and that currently four employees are certified but all staff interacting with alcohol will be certified, there will be a certified person on each floor, and all employees will comply with all alcohol laws. He stated that a manager who is alcohol awareness certified will be on duty at all times and that anyone appearing to look under the age of 40 will have their ID checked. Mr. Braswell stated that he plans to purchase a scanner to be used on all three floors to check IDs. He testified that he plans to be at the facility five days per week, that he will have eight employees, and the hours of operation would be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Mr. Braswell testified that the outdoor deck is on the second floor in the back of the building with a view of the river and there are four windows to allow viewing of this area by employees. He also stated that there will be cameras inside and outside to monitor all activity.

Mr. Braswell testified that this is his third company and that this store is an expansion of his business enterprise and a new way to work with clients so that they may also buy products. He stated that he will abide by all Liquor Board rules and regulations. Mr. Braswell testified

that the operation of this business will not disturb residents in the neighborhood or negatively impact the community.

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 Jeffrey Edward Braswell on behalf of Jaxon Edwin, LLC, t/a Jaxon Edwin, has applied for a new Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,352-square foot lounge with a 113-square foot outdoor deck located at 8191 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 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 Jeffrey Edward Braswell has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 100% owner of Jaxon Edwin, LLC.
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 Jeffrey Edward Braswell on behalf of Jaxon

Edwin, LLC, t/a Jaxon Edwin, has applied for a new Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,352-square foot lounge with a 113-square foot outdoor deck located at 8191 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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 Jeffrey Edward Braswell 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 would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 30th day of October, 2018, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Jeffrey Edward Braswell on behalf of Jaxon Edwin, LLC, t/a Jaxon Edwin, for a new Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,352-square foot lounge with a 113-square foot outdoor deck located at 8191 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 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; and
- (b) That the Applicant satisfies any requirements necessary to obtain the license by February 13, 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

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