

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF MALKIT SINGH	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF NORMANDY WINE	*	OF
AND SPIRITS, LLC, T/A NORMANDY	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
WINE AND SPIRITS, FOR A TRANSFER	*	
OF A CLASS A-1 BEER, WINE, AND	*	CASE NO. 19-11
LIQUOR 7-DAY OFF-SALE 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 February 26, 2019, the Hearing Board heard the application of Malkit Singh (the “Applicant”) on behalf of Normandy Wine and Spirits, LLC, t/a Normandy Wine and Spirits (“Normandy Wine and Spirits”), for a transfer from Hetal Patel, Vipul Pastyrel, and Asha Shah on behalf of Shree OM, LLC, t/a Normandy Wine & Spirits Shop, for a Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license for a 4,153-square foot package goods store located at 8492 Baltimore National Pike, Suite 100, 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 represented by Thomas Coale, Esquire. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application. Board Member Charlie Sung recused himself from the case.

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

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Malkit “Mike” Singh, proposed resident agent and 95% owner of the Normandy Wine and Spirits, LLC, was sworn and testified that he has been a resident of Howard County for four years and is TIPS certified.

Mr. Singh referenced the background report that showed his primary residence as a property in Baltimore. Mr. Singh testified that he is a co-owner of a property in Baltimore as he co-signed for his sister’s home loan, that he never lived at the Baltimore address, and that his primary residence is in Howard County. Mr. Singh offered as *Applicant’s Exhibit 1* a copy of his driver’s license confirming his Howard County address. He also testified that his children attend Howard County schools and offered to provide copies of his car insurance bill and bank statement as proof of Howard County residency. Mr. Singh testified that he will continue to live in Howard County as long as he holds this liquor license.

Mr. Singh testified that he is a registered voter in Howard County and has never been convicted of a felony. Mr. Singh stated that he has never been on a liquor license before but worked as a manager at an Exxon station for two years where they sold alcohol. Mr. Singh testified that the Exxon station was never cited for a violation related to the sale of alcohol. He stated that he used a scanning system to check identification of anyone appearing to be under the age of 30 at the Exxon station and he has this scanning hardware ready to use at Normandy Wine and Spirits.

Mr. Singh testified that he has not yet closed on this business and that the sale was contingent on the transfer of the liquor license. He testified that this liquor store will be his full-time employment and there will be no modifications or changes to the store. He stated that he

will continue to employ the current manager, who is TIPS certified, who has worked at this store for 15 years.

Mr. Singh testified that he has no financial interest in another liquor store. He stated that his sister has a 5% interest in Normandy Wine & Spirits, LLC. Mr. Singh testified that his father has owned an interest in another liquor establishment for three years but it is not located in Howard County. When questioned why this information was not disclosed in response to question 11 of the liquor license application, he responded that question 11 was answered incorrectly but he did identify the liquor store on the background questionnaire. Mr. Singh testified that he understands that he cannot combine alcohol sales with another business.

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 Malkit Singh, on behalf of Normandy Wine and Spirits, LLC, t/a Normandy Wine and Spirits, has applied for a transfer from Hetal Patel, Vipul Pastyrel, and Asha Shah on behalf of Shree OM, LLC, t/a Normandy Wine & Spirits Shop, for a Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license for a 4,153-square foot package goods store located at 8492 Baltimore National Pike, Suite 100, 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 Malkit Singh has been a Howard County resident

for more than two years, is a registered voter, and has a 95% interest in Normandy Wine and Spirits, 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 Malkit Singh, on behalf of Normandy Wine and Spirits, LLC, t/a Normandy Wine and Spirits, has applied for a transfer from Hetal Patel, Vipul Pastyrel, and Asha Shah on behalf of Shree OM, LLC t/a Normandy Wine & Spirits Shop for a Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license for a 4,153-square foot package goods store located at 8492 Baltimore National Pike, Suite 100, Ellicott City, Maryland 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 Malkit Singh 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

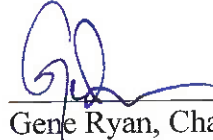
For the foregoing reasons, it is this 12th day of March, 2019, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Malkit Singh, on behalf of Normandy Wine and Spirits, LLC, t/a Normandy Wine and Spirits, for a transfer from Hetal Patel, Vipul Pastyrel, and Asha Shah on behalf of Shree OM, LLC t/a Normandy Wine & Spirits Shop for a Class A-1 Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day off-sale license for a 4,153-square foot package goods store located at 8492 Baltimore National Pike, Suite 100, 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; and
- (b) That the Applicant satisfies any requirements necessary to obtain the license by June 12, 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:


Robin Regner
Board Administrator

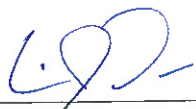
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