

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF GEORGE CHARLES	*	
STONE AND HOLLY GUDELSKY	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
STONE ON BEHALF OF COMMONS	*	
KITCHEN AND MARKETPLACE, LLC,	*	FOR
T/A THE COMMON KITCHEN, FOR A	*	
NEW CLASS D, BEER, WINE, AND	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-SALE LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.:18-36
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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 September 11, 2018, the Hearing Board heard the application of George Charles Stone and Holly Gudelsky Stone (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Commons Kitchen and Marketplace, LLC, t/a The Common Kitchen (“The Common Kitchen”), for a new Class D, Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-Day On-Sale License for a 5,140 square foot tavern located at 12250 Clarksville Pike, Suite A, Clarksville, MD 21029.

The hearing was properly advertised and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were 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

George Charles Stone, 50%owner of The Common Kitchen and proposed resident agent licensee was sworn and testified before the Board. Mr. Stone testified that The Common Kitchen will be used to create a space for entrepreneurial food providers (“Tenants”) who will use a shared kitchen to prepare food that will be sold from individual food stalls and taken away or consumed in a common seating area. He stated that none of the individual Tenants will sell alcohol but there will be a central bar run by The Common Kitchen. All alcohol will be purchased from the bar and served by TAMS certified employees. He testified that signage will be posted making clear that no alcohol may leave the premises and that no outside alcohol is allowed. The establishment is currently up and running without serving alcohol.

The applicant testified that he has twenty-five years of experience in the hospitality field. He said he and his wife own and operate a camp for families and a conference and retreat center in Maine that includes two commercial kitchens.

Mr. Stone testified that he and his wife and the manager of The Common Kitchen are TAMS certified and that up to ten additional employees will become TAMS certified. He also indicated that he and/or his wife will be at the premises daily and that their business office for all of their businesses is located across the courtyard from The Common Kitchen.

He further testified that the restaurant will be open from 8:00am to 10:00pm daily and that he believes it will be an accommodation to the public. He stated that he is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board of License Commissioners and that he has never been convicted of a felony. He stated that he will have a written alcohol service policy for his

employees and that the alcohol will be stored in the kitchen storage area in a locked cabinet, which will only be accessible by managers.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that George Charles Stone and Holly Gudelsky Stone, on behalf of The Common Kitchen, have applied for a new Class D, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5,140 square foot tavern located at 12250 Clarksville Pike, Suite A, Clarksville, MD 21029.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Mr. Stone, the resident agent applicant, has been a Howard County resident for more than five 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 George Charles Stone and Holly Gudelsky Stone, on behalf of Commons Kitchen and Marketplace, LLC, t/a The Common Kitchen, have applied for a new Class D, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5,140 square foot tavern located at 12250 Clarksville Pike, Suite A, Clarksville, MD 21029.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that George Charles Stone 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

1. For the foregoing reasons, it is this 23rd day of October, 2018, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of George Charles Stone and Holly Gudelsky Stone for a new Class D, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 5,140 square foot tavern located at 12250 Clarksville Pike, Suite A, Clarksville, MD 21029 be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by January 23, 2018, 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



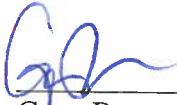
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