

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF THOMAS JOHN	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ZIPPELLI, ON BEHALF OF THE	*	FOR
STEEL MERCHANT, LLC T/A THE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
TURN HOUSE FOR A RESIDENT	*	
AGENT CHANGE ON A CLASS GC-	*	Case No.:19-41
GOLF COURSE, BEER, WINE &	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-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 September 24, 2019, the Hearing Board heard the application of Thomas John Zippelli (the “Applicant”) on behalf of The Steel Merchant, LLC t/a The Turn House (“The Turn House”) for a resident agent change from Denise Zippelli and Thomas John Zippelli on a Class GC-Golf Course, Beer, Wine, & Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 6,500-square foot restaurant/bar with a 204-acre, golf course located at 11130 Willow Bottom Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

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 and 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

Thomas John Zippelli, proposed resident agent and current licensee, was sworn and testified that he will have a 100% financial interest in The Turn House, which is located at the Hobbits Glen Golf Course. Mr. Zippelli testified that he will be replacing his mother, Denise Zippelli, as resident agent and that he has been a licensee since 2016, is a registered voter and has lived in Howard County for more than two years.

Mr. Zippelli testified that there have been no violations at The Turn House and that alcohol sales are less than 25% of the total sales. Mr. Zippelli testified that he has read the Board's Rules and Regulations and will abide by them.

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 Thomas John Zippelli, on behalf of The Steel Merchant, LLC t/a The Turn House, has applied for a resident agent change from Denise Zippelli and Thomas John Zippelli on a Class GC-Golf Course, Beer, Wine, & Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 6,500-square foot restaurant/bar with a 204-acre golf course located at 11130 Willow Bottom Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

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 Thomas John Zippelli has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 100% interest holder

of The Turn House.

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 Thomas John Zippelli, on behalf of The Steel Merchant, LLC t/a The Turn House, has applied for a resident agent change from Denise Zippelli and Thomas John Zippelli on a Class GC-Golf Course, Beer, Wine, & Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 6,500-square foot restaurant/bar with a 204-acre golf course located at 11130 Willow Bottom Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

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 Thomas John Zippelli 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 this application would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

ORDER

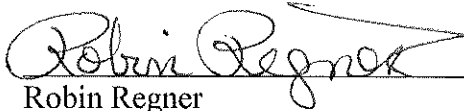
For the foregoing reasons, it is this 13th day of NOVEMBER, 2019, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of

Thomas John Zippelli, on behalf of The Steel Merchant, LLC t/a The Turn House, for a resident agent change from Denise Zippelli and Thomas John Zippelli on a Class GC-Golf Course, Beer, Wine, & Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 6,500-square foot restaurant/bar with a 204-acre golf course located at 11130 Willow Bottom Road, Columbia, MD 21044, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

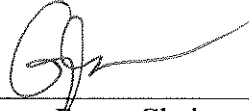
- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicant satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by January 22, 2020, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND



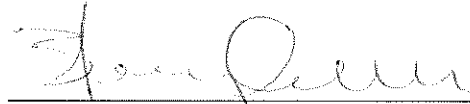
Robin Regner
Board Administrator



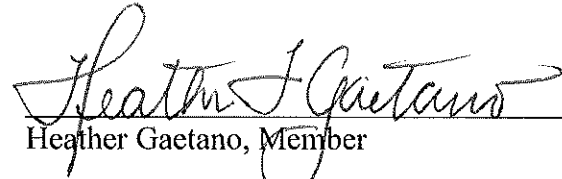
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Mary Bird, Vice-Chairperson

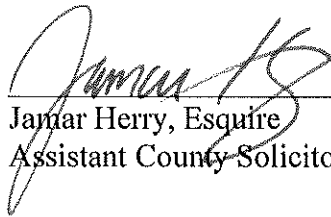
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