

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF KAM YIU WONG	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF URBAN COLUMBIA,	*	FOR
LLC T/A URBAN HOTPOT FOR A	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
NEW CLASS B BEER, WINE AND	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	Case No.: 21-22

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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 May 11, 2021, the Hearing Board heard the application of Kam Yiu Wong (the “Applicant”) on behalf of Urban Columbia, LLC t/a Urban Hotpot (“Urban Hotpot”) for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 3,025 square foot restaurant located at 10100 Twin Rivers Road, Suite C1-109, 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 represented by Michael P. Hsur, Esq. 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**

Kam Yiu Wong, sole proposed licensee, was sworn and testified as follows:

Mr. Wong testified that he recently appeared before the Board in the case of Akira Ramen in Columbia and was granted a license.

Mr. Wong testified that he is the operator of both Akira Ramen in Columbia and Urban Hotpot, which are located across the street from each other, both of which have full-time and assistant managers. Mr. Wong testified that he will be present at both restaurants every day.

Mr. Wong testified that while he was an operator of an Akira Ramen in Montgomery County, that location received alcohol violations when he was not present. Mr. Wong testified that he is Alcohol Awareness certified and that all managers and serving staff are also Alcohol Awareness certified.

Mr. Wong testified that alcohol sales are 10% of receipts and that alcohol will not be served in the outdoor area.

The following Exhibit was accepted into the record:

*1. Alcohol Awareness Certificates*

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 Kam Yiu Wong, on behalf of Urban Columbia, LLC t/a Urban Hotpot, has applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 3,025 square foot restaurant located at 10100 Twin Rivers Road, Suite C1-109, 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 Kam Yiu Wong is a Howard County resident.
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 Kam Yiu Wong, on behalf of Urban Columbia, LLC t/a Urban Hotpot, has applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 3,025 square foot restaurant located at 10100 Twin Rivers Road, Suite C1-109, 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 Kim Yiu Wong 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Kam Yiu Wong, on behalf of Urban Columbia, LLC t/a Urban Hotpot for a New Class B,

Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 3,025 square foot restaurant located at 10100 Twin Rivers Road, Suite C1-109, 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 September 23, 2021, 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:**

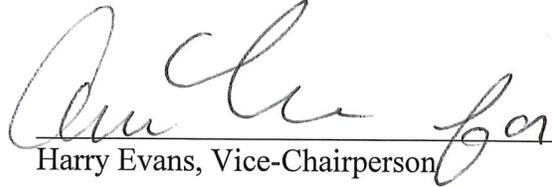
**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING  
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**



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Ashley Aguilar  
Board Administrator



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Mary Bird, Chairperson



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Harry Evans, Vice-Chairperson

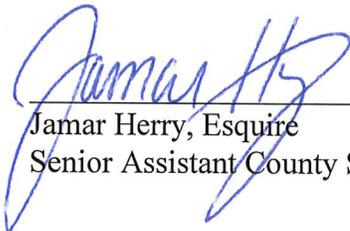
**REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY  
OFFICE OF LAW  
GARY W. KUC  
COUNTY SOLICITOR**

**Recused**

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Charley Sung, Member



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Steven Chen, Member



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Jamar Herry, Esquire  
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

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Claire Kim, Member