

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF MICHAEL	*	
SALANDRA AND MICHAEL	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
MCSALLY ON BEHALF OF WALKER'S	*	
RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC T/A	*	FOR
WALKER'S TAP & TABLE FOR A	*	
REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
AND A NEW CLASS B BEER, WINE, &	*	
LIQUOR 7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	Case No.: 19-36

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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 August 27, 2019, the Hearing Board heard the application of Michael Salandra and Michael McSally ("applicants") on behalf of Walker's Restaurant Group, LLC t/a Walker's Tap & Table ("Walker's Tap & Table") for a Refillable Container Permit and a New Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 4,140-square foot restaurant located at 2465 Route 97, Suite I, Glenwood, Maryland 21738.

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

Thomas Coale explained that this property was previously Smokin Hot Bar & Grille. Michael Salandra, 50% owner and proposed resident agent, was sworn and testified that and he has experience operating a restaurant with a liquor license. Mr. Salandra testified that he currently owns eight Lotsa Stone Fired Pizza chains, three of which have a beer and wine license, and that there have been no alcohol violations at these restaurants.

Mr. Salandra submitted, and the Board accepted the following exhibit into the record:

### **Applicants' Exhibit No. 1 – Proposed Menu**

Mr. Salandra testified that the concept for this restaurant is a neighborhood family-friendly place for modern American fare food, which is intended to be a community gathering spot. He stated that the closest restaurant is 3 to 4 miles away, so he expects a significant audience. Mr. Salandra testified that the building needs complete rehabilitation and expects construction to be complete by September 25, 2019.

As principal owner and operator, Mr. Salandra testified that he will be on the premises every day as he lives less than a mile from the restaurant and his office is also nearby. He stated that he is alcohol awareness certified, his managers will be alcohol awareness certified and all employees will be trained but not all certified.

Mr. Salandra testified that the hours of operation will be 11 a.m. until midnight Sunday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. He testified that craft beer will be served as well as bottles of beer and liquor.

Mr. Salandra testified that he has read and understands the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and will abide by them. He stated that he is a registered voter and has never been convicted of a felony. Mr. Salandra testified that he understands the role of a resident

agent and is very aware of his duties concerning recordkeeping. He stated that no prohibited practices will occur at this location and that this restaurant will be a positive addition to the community.

Mr. Salandra stated that he is requesting a Refillable Container Permit at this restaurant and understands all the requirements for this permit. He stated that the containers will be sealable and branded with the Walker's Tap and Table name, will include the required federal health warning statement in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, and will display instructions regarding cleaning and refrigeration.

Mr. Salandra stated that his business partner, Michael McSalley, owns 40% of the business and has been a friend and business associate for many years and the third owner, who owns 10% of the business, is not an authorized person but runs the pizza restaurants and has expertise in running a restaurant.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicants waived their 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 Michael Salandra and Michael McSally, on behalf of Walker's Restaurant Group, LLC t/a Walker's Tap & Table, have applied for a Refillable Container Permit and a New Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 4,140-square foot restaurant located at 2465 Route 97, Suite I, Glenwood, Maryland 21738.

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 Michael Salandra has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and has a 50% financial interest in Walker's Tap & Table.

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 this application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Michael Salandra and Michael McSally, on behalf of Walker's Restaurant Group, LLC t/a Walker's Tap & Table, have applied for a Refillable Container Permit and a New Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 4,140-square foot restaurant located at 2465 Route 97, Suite I, Glenwood, Maryland 21738.

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 Michael Salandra 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.

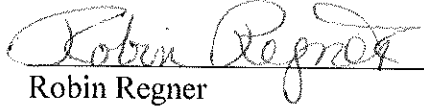
5. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of this application would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

**ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Michael Salandra and Michael McSally, on behalf of Walker's Restaurant Group, LLC t/a Walker's Tap & Table, for a Refillable Container Permit and a New Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 4,140-square foot restaurant located at 2465 Route 97, Suite I, Glenwood, Maryland 21738, 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;  
and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by December 25, 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.

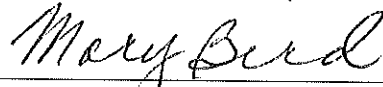
ATTEST:  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING  
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
MARYLAND



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Board Administrator

ABSENT

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Mary Bird, Vice Chairperson

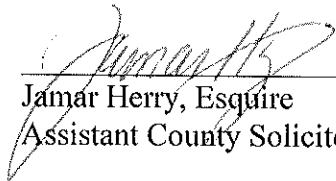
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COUNTY SOLICITOR



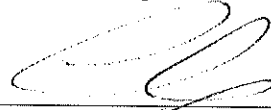
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