

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF CHANDRESH	*	
MAMLATDARNA AND SAI SUDHA	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
PALADUGU ON BEHALF OF FIVE	*	
NINES, INC. t/a JESSUP DISCOUNT	*	FOR
LIQUORS, FOR TRANSFER OF A	*	
CLASS A-1 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
7-DAY OFF-SALE LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No. 15-31
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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 June 23, 2015, the Hearing Board heard the application of Chandresh Mamlatdarna and Sai Sudha Paladugu (“Applicants”), on behalf of Five Nines, Inc., t/a Jessup Discount Liquors (“Five Nines, Inc.”), for a transfer from Jai Kali Corporation, t/a Jessup Discount Liquors, in the names of Anita Bansal and Anil Mittal for a 2,500 square foot package goods store located at 7880-F Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, Maryland 21075. The hearing was properly advertised pursuant to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented by Abraham Hurdle, Esquire. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference. These include the following: a letter dated April 21, 2015, from the attorney for the Applicants submitting an amended application; a copy of the Special Meeting Minutes of Five Nines, Inc.

dated April 20, 2015; a list of officers of Five Nines, Inc.; a copy of the Corporate Charter Approval Sheet for Five Nines, Inc.; a letter from the State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation confirming acceptance of the Articles of Incorporation of Five Nines, Inc.; a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Five Nines, Inc.; a copy of the background investigation questionnaires for the Applicants; a copy of the criminal history record check from Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for Sai Sudha Paladugu; a copy of the driving history record for Sai Sudha Paladugu; a copy of the Certificate of Naturalization of Sai Sudha Paladugu; a copy of the Virginia driver's license for Sai Sudha Paladugu; certification of shares held by Sai Sudha Paladugu dated April 17, 2014; a copy of a Maryland driver's license for Chandresh Mamlatdarna; and a copy of the United States passport for Chandresh Mamlatdarna.

#### **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

Chandresh Mamlatdarna, Secretary and 10% shareholder, for Five Nines, Inc., t/a Jessup Discount Liquors, was sworn and testified that he has been a resident of Howard County for 23 years, and that he is alcohol certified. Mr. Chandresh testified that he is retired, and will stop by the store periodically to check on the operation. Mr. Chandresh testified that he gained experience at a liquor store in Columbia, where he visited every week to observe employees.

With regards to a Nevada driver's license in his name, Mr. Mamlatdarna testified that his residence has always been in Maryland. Mr. Mamlatdarna testified that he worked for the Department of Defense, and in 2010, thought he was going to move to Nevada. Mr. Mamlatdarna testified that he was trying to be proactive by obtaining his Nevada driver's license but that he decided not to move.

Sai Sudha Paladgu, President and 90% shareholder for Five Nines, Inc., t/a Jessup Discount Liquors, was sworn and testified that she has never held a liquor license, and does not have experience in the business. Ms. Paladgu testified that she has taken an alcohol awareness course. Ms. Paladgu testified that she plans to be at the store approximately 45 hours per week, or more if needed. Ms. Paladgu testified that there are three employees besides herself and Mr. Mamlatdarna, and that they are all alcohol awareness certified. Ms. Paladgu testified that all of the employees are experienced, and two have worked at other liquor stores. Ms. Paladgu testified that her manager has two years of experience, and will be responsible for ordering the alcoholic beverages.

Ms. Paladgu testified that her husband has a liquor store in Washington, D.C., and that he will help if needed but that they will not share purchases of alcoholic beverages. Ms. Paladgu testified that she is a software engineer for the federal government, but plans to quit that job if the transfer is approved.

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.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Hearing Board finds that Chandresh Mamlatdarna and Sai Sudha Paladugu on behalf of Five Nines, Inc. t/a Jessup Discount Liquors, have applied for transfer from Anita Bansal and Anil Mittal on behalf of Jai Kali Corporation, t/a Jessup Discount Liquors, for a 2,500 square foot package goods store located at 7880-F Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, Maryland 21075.
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 Chandresh Mamlatdarna has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 10% shareholder of Five Nines, Inc. t/a Jessup Discount Liquors.

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 in the neighborhood.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Chandresh Mamlatdarna and Sai Sudha Paladugu on behalf of Five Nines, Inc., t/a Jessup Discount Liquors, have applied for a transfer from Anita Bansal and Anil Mittal on behalf of Jai Kali Corporation t/a Jessup Discount Liquors for a 2,500 square foot package goods store located at 7880-F Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, Maryland 21075.

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 Chandresh Mamlatdarna meets the requirements of Rules 1.09(T), 1.09(U), 2.06, and 2.10 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 in the neighborhood.

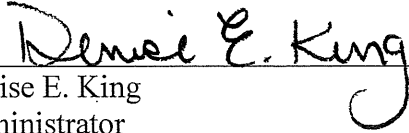
#### **ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, Maryland **ORDERED** that the application of Chandresh Mamlatdarna and Sai Sudha Paladugu on behalf of Five Nines, Inc. t/a Jessup Discount Liquors, for a transfer from Anita Bansal and Anil Mittal for a 2,500 square foot package goods store located at 7880-F Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, Maryland 21075 be and the same is hereby **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

1. That this **PROPOSED DECISION AND ORDER** shall become final when the Applicants obtain the license and comply with the following conditions:
  - (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County rules and regulations; and
  - (b) Failure to comply with these conditions and obtain the license by August 31, 2015, shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

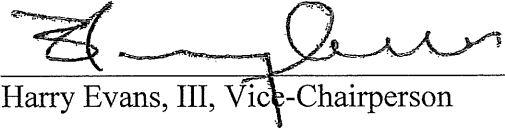
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