

December 5, 2018

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Thomas Graham, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
ShaRon Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner
Kenneth Miles, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Derrick Anthony, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide

Time: 7:04 p.m.

In the matter Ashuta Tandom, Member-Manager, Town Hall Wine and Spirits, LLC, t/a **Town Hall Restaurant and Liquor**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8135 Baltimore Avenue, 20740, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Sections 26-1103 and 26-2707 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 2 and 75 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit; That on October 20, 2018 at approximately 9:56 p.m., Inspectors Bagby and Brockington of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners, observed a minor enter the licensed premises with a Special Entertainment Permit after 9:00 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Licensee is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Inspector Davis stated that he is an Inspector for Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners; he read his report into the record; that the underage operative walked right in; that karaoke was already going on at this time; that he was not inside when the underage operative went in; that an inspector had eyes on the underage; that the inspectors were outside.

Inspector Warren Bagby stated that everything Inspector Davis stated was correct; that he went in after the minor came out; that they cover the entire county not particular areas; that the restaurant has a large rectangular bar in the middle, about fifteen feet from the door; that karaoke was on the left side past the bar; that there were approximately seven to ten people sitting at the bar at this time and approximately twenty-five people total inside; that the minor was sitting at the bar on the video they saw.

Inspector Davis stated that they had several underage operatives that came in after 9:00 p.m.; that the underage operative went in without being asked for identification and went to the bar.

Chase Uber stated that he is a resident of Greenbelt; that he is one of the managers at Town Hall Restaurant and Liquor; that he has been employed for about five years; that he was on duty the night of October 20th; that he was bartending that night; that there were three employees when karaoke was going on, two behind the bar and one was working on stocking at the time the underage operative came in; that the third employee was next door in the attached store getting

stock for the bar; that the underage operative did come in and sit down at the bar; that he asked them for identification and was given a United States Passport that proved they were underage; that the underage stated that he was 18 and asked to stay; that he refused and the minor left and the inspector came in; that the underage operative was not given time to order; that there is someone typically at the door checking identification; that they weren't there; that the minor passed the first typical check and was allowed inside, but was caught at the second check; that the bar is approximately ten feet from the door; that if the underage had of gone to a table instead of sitting at the bar he would have gone over and checked his identification; that the establishment is a rectangular room with a bar in the middle; that it is an open concept; that there is no separation; that you are able to hear karaoke at the bar; that there is usually a person that sits at the door, but there weren't many people at that time so he asked him to get stock.

Mr. Graham stated that he believes the violation did occur, but swift action was taken to not serve the underage. Proposed leniency.

Mr. Camacho moved to find the licensee in violation and impose a fine of \$1,5000.

Ms. Kelsey moved to amend the fine to \$1,000.00, Mr. Camacho agreed, made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 7:28 p.m.