

**February 27, 2024
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Ariana Posada-Mejia, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director

Start Time: 10:02 a.m.

Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms: At the Board of License Commissioners, we endeavor to be as efficient as possible in our virtual environment. Thank you for your patience. This is a public meeting subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act so a truthful, transparent, open, and honest dialogue and record is required. As such, there are some formalities that will take place that may appear redundant but nonetheless are important and required to ensure compliance with the law.

Director Sheppard: During a typical hearing, there would be an exchange between the Board and the attorneys to exchange information as exhibits. Because this hearing is now virtual, we have implemented a 10-day rule to give those individuals here today, 10-days from today's date to add to the official record. I would ask that you email myself or the administrative staff of the BOLC. You may add information to the record long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

REGULAR SESSION

REQUEST FOR CONVERSION

1. **t/a Town Hall Restaurant and Liquors**, see letter dated December 28, 2023, requesting for the conversion of the Class B+ License to a Class A, Beer, Wine, and Liquor License during the renewal period between February 1, 2024, through March 1, 2024.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim is the attorney of record, however his colleague Michael Brown participated in the hearing.

Town Hall Restaurant and Liquors has been operating as a Beer, Wine, and Liquor store and restaurant in College Park.

Ms. Tandon has been the sole licensee for seven years.

Mr. Brown states the purpose in converting this license to a Class A is to move the location to Collington Plaza in Bowie, Maryland. The lease has been signed for the new location for twenty years. My client understands they're waving their off-sale privilege license. There are no other Class A licenses within a one-mile radius.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to convert the license from a Class BL+ to a Class A license for t/a Town Hall Restaurant and Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER OF LOCATION

1. Harshadkumar Patel, Managing Member/Authorized Person, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Eastover Wine & Spirits, LLC, **t/a Apollo Wine & Spirits**, 4585 Telfair Blvd, Suite #300A, Camp Springs, 20746, transfer from Eastover Wine & Spirits, LLC, t/a Eastover Liquors, 4909 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, 20745, Harshadkumar Patel, Member-Manager.

Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Mr. Patel has been the sole licensee of Eastover Wine and Spirits, LLC. for seven years. He previously owned a liquor store in Anne Arundel County and has only received one violation during his twenty-year tenure as a licensee.

Representative of Mr. Schwartz, **Susan Vogel** introduced **Peter Schwartz**, who is the landlord of the entity that is restaurant row. He testified in favor of the transfer of this location.

Mr. Carter states there are no off-sale establishments within a one-mile radius of Restaurant Row. Mr. Patel will be spending more than half a million dollars on the establishment.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Apollo Wine & Spirits, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER

1. Pratapray D. Parsana, President/Treasurer, Jaspal S. Kaswala, Secretary for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Maxey Liquors, Inc., **t/a Maxey Liquors**, 7513 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, 20744, transfer from Maxey Liquors, Inc., t/a Maxey Liquors, 7513 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, 20744, Pratapray D. Parsana, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim is the attorney of record, however his colleague Michael Brown participated in the hearing.

Mr. Parsana is currently the President, Secretary and Treasurer of Maxey Liquors, holding forty percent ownership. However, upon approval of this transfer he will be the President and Treasurer.

Mr. Kaswala is the Secretary of Maxey Liquors and holds sixty percent ownership.

Mr. Brown asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Both applicants were able to answer each question.

Copies of **Mr. Parsana's** and **Mr. Kaswala's** Alcohol Awareness certificates have been submitted to the Board.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Maxey Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Shrey Paresbhai Patel, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Amay, LLC, t/a King Kong Restaurant, 2350 University Blvd East, Adelphi, 20783, transfer from EWG, LLC, t/a King Kong Restaurant, 2350 University Blvd, East Adelphi, 20783, Tony Kong, President.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Mr. Patel and all managers of King Kong Restaurant are Alcohol Awareness certified. There will be no changes to the mode of operation for the first two years.

King Kong Restaurant will not be accepting vertical ID's or the real ID on cell phones.

Ms. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B License for t/a King Kong Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Shailesh Ashwin Patel, President, Jignesh Sumanbhai Desai, Vice President, Tarun Ashwin Patel, Secretary/Treasurer for a Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Hariprem Hotels, Inc., t/a DoubleTree Hotel Largo, 9100 Basil Court, Largo, 20774, transfer from Largo Hotel Beverages, LLC, t/a Doubletree by Hilton, 9100 Basil Court, Largo, 20774, Alexander Williams, Member
Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

An amendment has been made to the application; four stockholders have transferred their interest to Mr. Shailesh Patel. There were originally fifteen stockholders. There will be no changes to the mode of operation.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B License for t/a DoubleTree Hotel Largo, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC