

**December 1, 2021  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20744  
Virtual Hearing**

**Present**

**Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair  
Denise Smith, Commissioner  
Tammie Norman, Commissioner  
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner  
Terence Sheppard, Director  
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel  
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector  
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager  
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant  
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide  
Katrice James, Administrative Aide**

**Start Time: 7:17PM**

**Commissioner Forbes:** Thank you, just a quick introductory matter. I think everybody has heard my spiel that I go through very quickly to protect yourself. We have a new virus, do your part, and thank you in advance for your patience. Whenever we deal with technology, we have issues, just like the one we're having today, so thank you in advance for your patience. As we try to be as efficient as possible, your voice matters in this house. So, if you have something to say we're happy to hear it, so long as it is respectful and grounded in truth and transparency. This public meeting is subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, so we will go through some formalities just to ensure that we have an accurate transcript for the record. **We have already talked about the fact that we don't have a court reporter due to some technical difficulties, but we are recording this session.** Notes will be taken so we have a full and transparent record of what we're going to discuss today, and we will have this transcript available within a reasonable amount of time after this hearing. We will do a roll call vote for any action that we take, with regards to this hearing. If there is anybody on this call who wishes to speak after we get through the docket, I will recognize you at the end, so long as your conversation relates to what we talked about on this hearing. You're always welcome to speak up because we are in a virtual environment. We do have a 10-day rule and I'm going to turn it over to the Director for the record to state what that 10-day rule is about.

**Director Sheppard:** In this virtual environment the board of licensed commissioners has instituted a 10-day rule. We have implemented a 10-day rule to give those individuals here today, 10-days from today's dated to add to the official record. I would ask that you email myself or the administrative staff. You may add information to the record so long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing. If the board so chooses to accept that evidence, then they will render a decision.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Thank you Mr. Director. Let me just go through a roll call vote of the commissioners to ensure that we have a quorum and will also do a roll call of BOLC, or a reflection on

the record of who from the BOLC faculty and staff is participating in this hearing. Commissioners; faculty and staff when I call your name, please state whether you are present and alone. Commissioner Sparkman, present and alone, Commissioner Camacho present and alone, Commissioner Norman present and alone, Commissioner Smith present and alone. This is Commissioner Forbes and alone. We have a quorum and now I will do a roll call of the BOLC faculty and staff. Director Shepherd, present and alone, Chief Inspector Clark, present and alone, Deputy Chief Inspector Mendoza, present and alone, Deputy Chief Inspector Toles, present and alone, Patty Bell, present and alone, Keyanna Little, present and alone, Katrice James, present not alone, Leonard Vauss, present and alone, Agency Attorney, Jason DeLoach, present and alone. Thank you for your time, your patience and the formalities trying to move as fast as we can.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Director I think we can call the first case December 1, 2021, regular session.

**Director Sheppard:** Old Town Inn request Special Entertainment Permit (SEP) represented by Mr. Eddie Pounds.

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** Thank you Mr. Director, and good evening all fellow commissioners and staff. For the record, Darnell Long is here tonight, of Old Town Inn. The record and the agenda should reflect that this is an application for a Family Entertainment Permit (FEP), not a SEP. This will actually highlight the level of entertainment that will be offered by Old Town Inn.

**Commissioner Forbes:** You stated this is a FEP.

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** Apologize, yes, it is a FEP.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Okay Mr. Pounds I don't want to interrupt your introductory remarks, but if your client is on the line, I'd like to get him sworn in as well as corporal Proctor so we can keep the flow going. Is that ok with you?

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** Yes.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Okay, Mr. Long I know you're not on camera but I'm trusting that you have your right hand raised.

**Darnell Long:** Yes, it is raised.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Do you hereby swear or firm under the penalty of perjury that the testimony you are about to provide is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

**Darnell Long:** Yes.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Can you please slowly state your full name and home address for the record.

**Darnell Long:** Darnell Long, 16308 Brook trail Court, Upper Marlboro MD.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Corporal Proctor, I see you on camera. Do you hereby swear or firm under the penalty of perjury that the testimony you're about to provide is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

**Tanya Proctor:** Yes.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Corporal Proctor Give the name of the Agency that you work for.

**Tanya Proctor:** Prince George's County Police Department.

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** Let me say that Old Town Inn is a family style dining full-service bar restaurant that is committed to providing a safe environment for its customers, and the greater Upper Marlboro community. The restaurant opened in September of 2007. It is considered a staple of what was the seat of power for Prince George's County. Many judges, and lawyers, attend this restaurant for lunch and for dinner. As I mentioned, it does offer family dining, it has a full-service bar, and it has limited entertainment. On Thursday and Friday nights it is open from 7PM to 10PM. It is open from 8PM to 12 midnight on Saturdays and on Sundays. Included in the application is a copy of the security plan use an occupancy permit U and O. It's important for me to state for the record that the applicant has not and will not deviate from the limitations that are reflected in the applicants U and O, which states, the U and O is ok for a restaurant with music and dancing with 75 seats. The security plan was reviewed and approved by corporate Proctor, as well as shared with the police department of the town of Upper Marlboro.

Let me go into the Hours of operation, because the Family Entertainment will be limited to mostly DJ and jazz brunches with occasional live entertainment band or perhaps a singer on Sundays.

For brunch on Sundays, the actual hours of operation will be from 9AM to 8PM with jazz music. On Mondays through Thursdays the Hours of operation will be from 9AM, until 10PM. On Fridays and Saturdays, the hours of operation will be 9AM until 11PM.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Thank you Mr. Pounds. Thank you for breaking down the days and the type of entertainment. But just for the record, I want to make sure that we have this correct information because we will ask you to update the application, and to share what the entertainment will be. Once the application is approved, we're approving what you have on your application and that is what we would expect you would be adhering to. Are you with me Mr. Pounds?

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** Yes, I am not sure if the correct version of the application was submitted.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Okay, let me just go down what we have for the record so that when you submit the updated application that it reflects what we understand is going to be based on our understanding of what those hours are today.

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** That's correct.

**Tanya Proctor:** This is corporal Proctor. I'm sorry, Mr. pounds is looking at the police department forms with the military time and he's not looking at the actual application that he submitted to the Board of License Commissioners. I think that is where the confusion with the time is taken place, because I have the application as well. I also have the police department forms with the security plan and times of operation.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Okay, that's very helpful and clears it up. Mr. Pounds, the BOLC is looking at the application that comes to us. That is why I was taking the time to make sure that the hours of operation that we just discussed are the right ones because they conflict with what's on the actual application.

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** Yes, I will update the application.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Yes, we're going to request that you send an updated application. This is assuming that the commissioners are going to vote favorably. For the record, we're voting on the type of entertainment; DJ, and jazz band.

We're going to entertain a motion on how to move forward, based on the hours and the types of entertainment we just discussed. And then we're going to ask you to update the application that comes to the Board of license commissioners to reflect those dates, type of entertainment, and the times of business operation.

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** Absolutely.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Thank you, Corporal Proctor, for your support. Also, I want to give Mr. Long the opportunity to have the floor if anything he want to add with regards to this family entertainment permit.

**Darnell Long:** Thank you. No, I don't have anything to add. Thank you for your time and consideration for moving it forward.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Commissioners do you have any questions for either Mr. Pounds, Corporal Proctor or Mr. Long? No questions, I'll entertain a motion on how we're going to move forward with the request for a family entertainment permit for licensee trading as Old Town Inn.

**Commissioner Camacho:** I moved to grant trading as Old Town Inn family entertainment permit pending receipt of an acceptable updated hours of operation and types of entertainment for each day.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Is there a second.

**Commissioner Smith:** I second that motion.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Motion has been made and properly seconded to grant the family entertainment permit licensee trading as Old Town Inn and pending the updated hours of operation and types of entertainment for each day. If there's no more discussion, I'll call for a roll call vote. Commissioners if you're in favor say aye or you're opposed. Commission Norman, aye, Commissioner Sparkman; aye, Commissioner Smith; aye, Commissioner Camacho; aye. This is Commissioner Forbes, chairs is aye. Motion passes Special Family Entertainment Permit has been granted. Mr. Pounds, please get that updated schedule that we discussed with the types of entertainment for each day back to the BOLC as soon as possible.

**Attorney Eddie Pounds:** Will do. Thank you.

**Director Sheppard:** Mr. Fletcher anyone on the line representing Strick's Restaurant. Looks like we have a no show, we can continue. He's made an assertion that his summons was for December the eighth.

**Counsel DeLoach:** The Board is free to do what it wants on this; you can continue it. Is there any explanation as to why he would have something that said December the eighth?

**Commissioner Forbes:** So initially, I do believe there was a summons that went out for December the first, but we adjusted the agenda and change the date and he received a sign summons for the new date

of December eight. It could be that he just was confused after receiving both summonses. By the way, I think the best course of action would be to continue this.

**Counsel DeLoach:** Yes, under those circumstances, Madam Chair, continue.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Okay, let the record reflect there was some confusion with regards to the hearing date. So, we weren't going to entertain a motion on how to move forward. Entertain a motion commissioners based on the explanation that you just heard on how to move forward with licensee trading Strick's, I move to continue.

**Commissioner Norman:** I second.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Motion seconded to continue this show cause hearing for licensee trading Strick's Restaurant. There's no more discussion. I'll call for a vote. Commissioners if you're in favor say aye, or you're opposed. Start with Commissioner Smith; aye, Commissioner Norman; aye, Commissioner Sparkman; aye, Commissioner Camacho; aye, Chair Forbes, aye.

**Director Sheppard:** Thank you guys. Thank you, Madam Chair will take the necessary action.

No questions or further commentary from the Commissioners, staff, or public.

Adjourned: 7:57PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Johnny Toles

Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector