



## Worcester County

### BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**  
**MAY 20, 2026**

The public is invited to view this meeting live online at - <https://worcestercountymd.swagit.com/live>  
This portion of the meeting is an Open Meeting; it will be recorded and available online

1:00 - Administrative Matters and Approval of Minutes

1:05 - Application for Class “B” B/W/L 7 Day License  
T/A: Cypress River Inn & Spa  
201 East Market Street/Snow Hill

1:15 - Application for Class “B” B/W/L 7 Day License  
T/A: Tide to Table  
7805 Coastal Highway/Ocean City

1:25 - Meeting/Embers Restaurant & Blu Crabhouse – (License #18)  
Class “B” B/W/L 7 Day License  
Request off-sale of liquor from the third-floor area once per week during organized tasting events restricted to the specific alcoholic beverages offered at the event  
2305 Philadelphia Avenue/Ocean City

1:40 - Meeting/View – (License #954)  
Class “B” B/W/L 7 Day License  
Request for live entertainment with a maximum of four pieces from 4 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. seven days per week  
13 St. Louis Avenue/Ocean City

1:50 - Meeting/Burley Oak Brewery – (License #770)  
Class “D” B/W/L 7 Day License  
Request for four games  
10016 Old Ocean City Boulevard/Berlin

**Worcester County Board of License Commissioners**  
**Open Meetings Act Minutes**  
**April 15, 2026**

**Time:** 1:00 P.M

**Location:** Worcester County Governmental Center, Board Room, Room 1102

**Attendance:**

**License Commissioners**

R. Charles Nichols  
Marty W. Pusey  
William E. Esham, III

**Staff:**

Hank Fisher, III, Esquire  
April R. Payne, Liquor License Administrator  
Joseph Pembroke, Liquor License Inspector

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Administrative Matters**

The Board of License Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the February 18, 2026, meeting, and a motion was made by Commissioner Esham seconded by Commissioner Pusey and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

**III. Closed Session - Administrative Matters**

April Payne, Liquor License Administrator, presented to the Board a list of licensees who will not be renewing their alcoholic beverages licenses for 2026. She also provided an update on the licenses that remain pending due to outstanding requirements, including Fire Marshal and Health Department inspections, among other items.

Ms. Payne further reported that the fillable online renewal application system is functioning effectively and continues to support the renewal process.

**IV. Open Session**

No administrative matters were discussed during Open Session.

**V. Adjournment**

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
 MINUTES FOR SURFIN BETTY'S - NEW  
 APRIL 15, 2026

<b>Members Present:</b>		R. Charles Nichols, Chairman		X	Marty W. Pusey	X	Reese Cropper, III	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Alternate Board Member:</b>		X				
		William E. Esham, III (RECUSED HIMSELF)						
<b>Staff Present:</b>		April Payne, Administrator		X	Joe Pembroke, Inspector			X
		Hank Fisher III, Esq., Board Attorney		X	<b>Alternate Board Attorney:</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
					Name:			
		Stacey Odell, Administrative		X	Kathy Zeve, Court Reporter			X
<b>License #:</b>	NEW	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	April 15, 2026		<b>Hearing Start Time:</b>	1:05 p.m.		
<b>Class:</b>	"B"	<b>Type:</b>	B/W		<b>Day:</b>	7 Day		
<b>For:</b> North OC Betty's, Inc		<b>T/A:</b> Surfin Betty's		<b>Address:</b> 12701 Coastal Highway Ocean City, Maryland 21842				
<b>New Application:</b>	X Yes	<b>Transfer:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Meeting:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Violation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Items to be discussed:</b> Application for Class "B" B/W 7 Day License								
<b>Applicants:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensees:</b>	X		<b>Representative:</b>			
1. Clint Dempsey				Mark S. Cropper, Esquire				
<b>Witnesses:</b>				<b>Protestants:</b>				
1.				1.				
<b>Exhibits:</b>				<b>Exhibits:</b>				
1. Applicant's Exhibit #1 – Unit #1 Carry-Out Floor Plan					1.			
2. Applicant's Exhibit #2 – Unit #2 Dine-In Floor Plan					2.			
<p><b>Hearing Minutes:</b> The applicant Clint Dempsey accompanied by his attorney Mark S. Cropper, Esquire appeared before the Board seeking approval for an Application for Class "B" B/W 7 Day License for Surfin Betty's. The applicant was sworn in. Cropper stated Dempsey is 100% shareholder and resident agent of the business. Dempsey confirmed he obtained all required signatures on the application. He testified he has never previously held an alcoholic beverage license and has no prior violations. Dempsey has been employed for the past nine months as a manager at Surfin' Betty's, located at 1501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland. He further testified that he has 15 years of experience serving alcoholic beverages while employed at the Shark Restaurant in Ocean City from 2001 through 2016. Dempsey will manage the property and expects to be on the premises approximately 50 hours per week. He indicated that additional managers will be hired. Dempsey is TIPS/TAMS certified and additional staff will also be certified. The establishment consists of approximately 2,000 square feet of interior space divided into two units. Unit 1 is designated as a carry-out area (Applicant's Exhibit #1), Unit #1 carry-out floor plan, (Applicant's Exhibit #2) and Unit #2 is a dine-in floor plan There is an interior opening connecting the two units. The bar will contain ten stools, and there will be seating for an additional 32 patrons. The premises will not offer live entertainment, music, DJs, games, or off-sale privileges. The establishment will contain two televisions and three speakers providing background music only. Dempsey stated that the business model has been successful at the 15th Street Surfin Betty's location and that he intends to replicate that success at the proposed 127th Street location. Liquor License Administrator April Payne inquired whether alcoholic beverages would be stored in the carry-out area. Cropper advised the applicant that licensing Unit #1, in addition to Unit #2, would avoid potential violations should a patron from the dine-in area enter the carry-out area with alcohol. Payne stated that a site plan must be submitted showing the doorway connecting the two units. Payne further advised that appropriate signage stating "No Alcohol Beyond This Point" must be posted on the carry-out door if that area remains unlicensed. Dempsey agreed.</p>								

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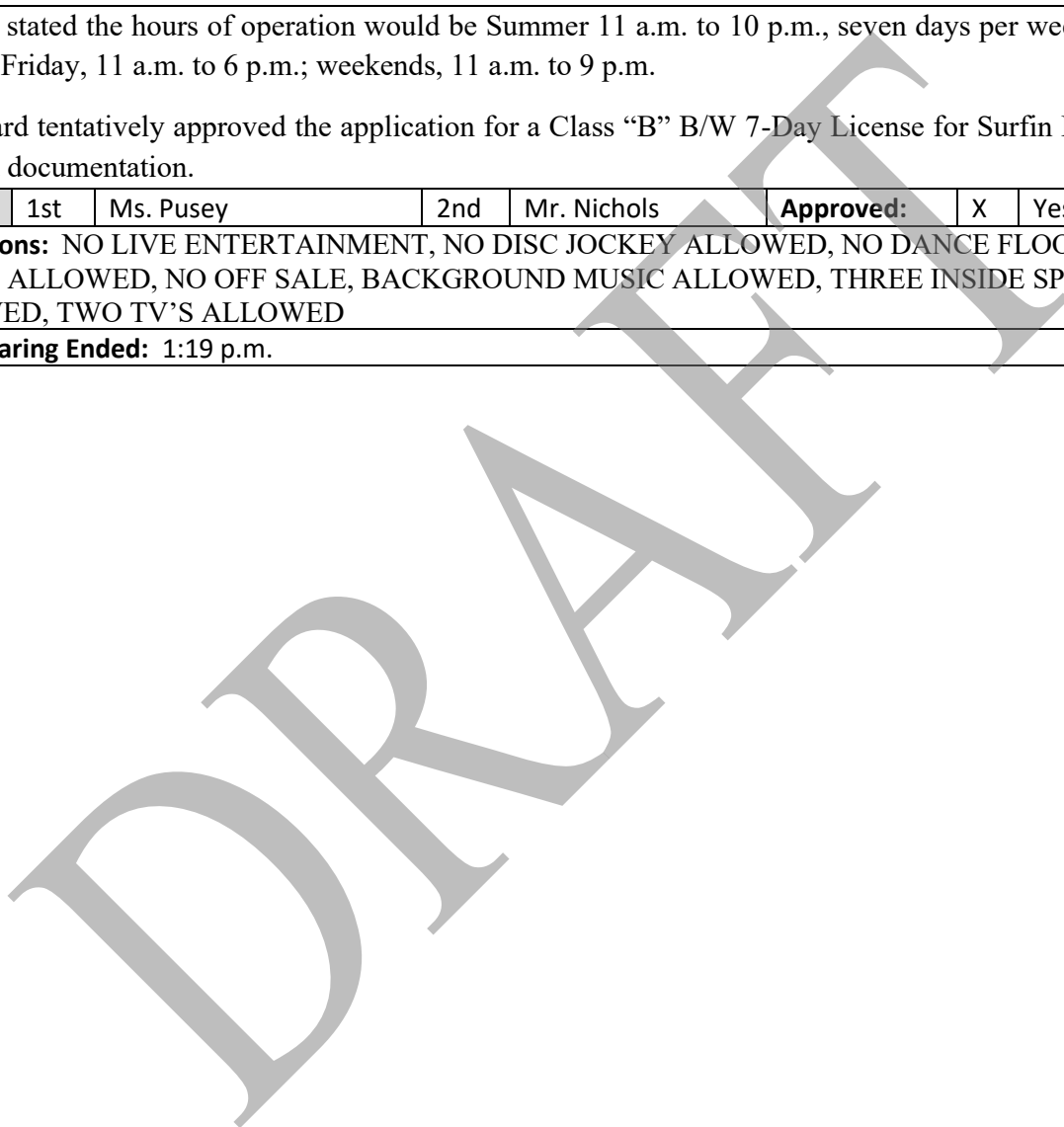
Cropper stated the hours of operation would be Summer 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days per week, Winter Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Board tentatively approved the application for a Class "B" B/W 7-Day License for Surfin Betty's, pending all required documentation.

<b>Motion:</b>	1st	Ms. Pusey	2nd	Mr. Nichols	<b>Approved:</b>	X	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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**Restrictions:** NO LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, NO DISC JOCKEY ALLOWED, NO DANCE FLOOR ALLOWED, NO GAMES ALLOWED, NO OFF SALE, BACKGROUND MUSIC ALLOWED, THREE INSIDE SPEAKERS ALLOWED, TWO TV'S ALLOWED

**Time Hearing Ended:** 1:19 p.m.



WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
 MINUTES FOR OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB - LICENSE #515  
 APRIL 15, 2026

<b>Members Present:</b>		R. Charles Nichols, Chairman		X	Marty W. Pusey	X	Reese Cropper, III	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Alternate Board Member:</b> William E. Esham, III		X				
<b>Staff Present:</b>		April Payne, Administrator		X	Joe Pembroke, Inspector		X	
		Hank Fisher III, Esq., Board Attorney		X	<b>Alternate Board Attorney:</b> Name:			
		Stacey Odell, Administrative		X	Kathy Zeve, Court Reporter		X	
<b>License #:</b>	515	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	April 15, 2026		<b>Hearing Start Time:</b>	1:20 p.m.		
<b>Class:</b>	"B"	<b>Type:</b>	B/L/W		<b>Day:</b>	7 Day License		
<b>For:</b> Farindola OP, LLC		<b>T/A:</b> Ocean Pines Yacht Club		<b>Address:</b> 1 Mumfords Landing Road Berlin, Maryland 21811				
<b>New Application:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Transfer:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Meeting:</b>	X Yes		<b>Violation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Items to be discussed:</b> Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day license request for off sale of liquor in factory sealed containers.								
<b>Applicants:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensees:</b>	X		<b>Representative:</b>			
1. Robert Ciprietti				1. Hugh Cropper, Esquire				
2. Wayne A. Hartman								
<b>Witnesses:</b>				<b>Protestants:</b>				
1. Tim Robinson - Ocean Pines Police				1.				
2. John Latham - President of Ocean Pines Assoc.				2.				
<b>Exhibits:</b>				<b>Exhibits:</b>				
1. Applicant's Exhibit #1 - Radius Map				1.				
2. Applicant's Exhibit #2 - Floor Plan				2.				
<p><b>Hearing Minutes:</b> Licensee Robert Ciprietti and his attorney, Hugh Cropper, Esquire, appeared before the Board to request a modification to their Class "B" B/W/L 7-Day License for off sale of liquor in factory sealed containers. All licensees and witnesses were sworn in. Board Attorney Hank Fisher noted that resident agent Wayne Hartman was running late due to medical issues and approved proceeding with the hearing. Cropper stated that the Ocean Pines Yacht Club serves the boating and recreational community in Ocean Pines. As part of the Yacht Club, a 550-square-foot marina office is used to serve this community. (Applicant's Exhibit #1) - Radius Map was entered, showing no existing off-sale liquor locations in one of the most densely populated areas of the county. Cropper explained that the nearest liquor retailer is located across Maryland Route 589 at a busy intersection, requiring residents and boaters to travel out of their way for beer, wine, or liquor. He described this request as accommodation for local residents and boaters, noting that the marina office currently sells boating supplies and snacks. Cropper emphasized that off-sale liquor would be strictly limited to the 550-square-foot marina office. Cropper submitted (Applicant's Exhibit #2) - Floor Plan. Cropper added that approval would reduce traffic on local roads. Ciprietti testified that he has over 20 years of experience in the bar and restaurant industry, including employment at Touch of Italy in Lewes, DE; Sunset Island in Ocean City; and Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Beach Club, and the Golf Course. He stated he is a 99% owner of Ocean Pines Yacht Club and is TIPS/TAMS certified. Ciprietti noted that the establishment sees few minors but takes all precautions to avoid selling to minors and has had no violations. He testified that residents frequently walk from their homes to the Yacht Club and request off-sale liquor, which the business is currently unable to provide. Most patrons walk rather than drive. John Latham, President of the Ocean Pines Association, testified in full support of the request. Latham stated the relationship with the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Ciprietti, and Hartman has been strong and positive. Latham testified that the service is necessary for the community. Chairman Nichols asked how many residents are in Ocean Pines. Latham stated there are 8,542 homes in Ocean Pines, with a population around 18,000 in the summer and around 14,000 year-round. Cropper noted Ocean</p>								

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Pines Police Chief Tim Robinson, is present today acknowledging that law enforcement is not allowed to endorse businesses but stated he had no objections to the request. Wayne Hartman arrived and was sworn in. Hartman testified as the resident agent that off-sale availability in factory-sealed containers is necessary for the public due to limited availability in this highly populated area.

The Board approved the application for modification of the Class “B” B/W/L 7-Day License to permit the Off-Sale of Beer, Wine, and Liquor in factory-sealed containers from dock office only.

<b>Motion:</b>	1st	Ms. Pusey	2nd	Mr. Esham	<b>Approved:</b>	X	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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**Restrictions:** OFF SALE OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR IN FACTORY SEALED CONTAINERS ALLOWED FROM DOCK OFFICE ONLY

**Time Hearing Ended:** 1:34 p.m.

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WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
 MINUTES FOR CRAB CAKE FACTORY WEST – LICENSE #943  
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<b>Members Present:</b>		R. Charles Nichols, Chairman		X	Marty W. Pusey	X	Reese Cropper, III	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<b>Alternate Board Member:</b> William E. Esham, III		X					
<b>Staff Present:</b>		April Payne, Administrator		X	Joe Pembroke, Inspector		X		
		Hank Fisher III, Esq., Board Attorney		X	<b>Alternate Board Attorney:</b> Name:				
		Stacey Odell, Administrative		X	Kathy Zeve, Court Reporter		X		
<b>License #:</b>	943	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	April 15, 2026		<b>Hearing Start Time:</b>	1:35 p.m.			
<b>Class:</b>	"B"	<b>Type:</b>	B/L/W		<b>Day:</b>	7 Day License			
<b>For:</b> RCB Crabcake, LLC		<b>T/A:</b> Crab Cake Factory West		<b>Address:</b> 12445 Ocean Gateway, Units 1 - 4 Ocean City, Maryland 21842					
<b>New Application:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Transfer:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Meeting:</b>	X Yes		<b>Violation:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Items to be discussed:</b> Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License request to increase the live entertainment pieces from two pieces to four pieces.									
<b>Applicants:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensees:</b>	X		<b>Representative:</b>				
1. Ronald C. Brooks (John)									
2. James Cathell									
<b>Witnesses:</b>				<b>Protestants:</b>					
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<b>Exhibits:</b>				<b>Exhibits:</b>					
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<b>Hearing Minutes:</b> Licensees John Brooks and James Cathell appeared before the Board for a Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License request to change their restrictions from two-pieces to four-pieces and the hours are from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. to 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. Commissioner Nichols requested clarification of the hours. Brooks gave testimony of the hours requested. Brooks stated that, due to the current business climate and increased competition in West Ocean City, expanded entertainment options would provide greater value to their patrons and support their business operations.									
The Board approved the application for a for a Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License request to change their live entertainment restrictions from two pieces to four pieces and the hours from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. to 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.									
<b>Motion:</b>	1st	Mr. Esham	2nd	Ms. Pusey	<b>Approved:</b>	X	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<b>Restrictions:</b> LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWED INSIDE THREE DAYS PER WEEK WITH A MAXIMUM OF FOUR PIECES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3 P.M. UNTIL 10 P.M.									
<b>Time Hearing Ended:</b> 1:37 p.m.									

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
 MINUTES FOR 7-11 OCEAN PINES – LICENSE #250  
 APRIL 15, 2026

<b>Members Present:</b>		R. Charles Nichols, Chairman		X	Marty W. Pusey	X	Reese Cropper, III	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Alternate Board Member:</b> William E. Esham, III		X				
<b>Staff Present:</b>		April Payne, Administrator		X	Joe Pembroke, Inspector			X
		Hank Fisher III, Esq., Board Attorney		X	<b>Alternate Board Attorney:</b> Name:			<input type="checkbox"/>
		Stacey Odell, Administrative		X	Kathy Zeve, Court Reporter			X
<b>License #:</b>	250	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	April 15, 2026		<b>Hearing Start Time:</b>	1:39 p.m.		
<b>Class:</b>	"A"	<b>Type:</b>	B/W		<b>Day:</b>	7 Day		
<b>For:</b> J.T.H., LLC		<b>T/A:</b> 7-11 Ocean Pines		<b>Address:</b> 11055 Racetrack Road Berlin, Maryland 21811				
<b>New Application:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>Transfer:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Meeting:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Violation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Items to be discussed:</b> Class "A" B/W 7 Day License violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 (Sale to a Minor).								
<b>Applicants:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensees:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>Representative:</b>			
1. James T Hughes, Jr.					1. Hugh Cropper, Esquire			
2. Sue A. Lund					2.			
<b>Witnesses:</b>				<b>Protestants:</b>				
1. Patrick Spicer					1. Sgt. Paul Bissman			
2. Aaron Debaca					2. Cadet Shubert			
<b>Exhibits:</b>				<b>Exhibits:</b>				
1. Licensee's Exhibit #1 – Tobacco & Alcohol Compliance Program - Be A Responsible Seller (BARS) Certificates				1. Board Exhibit #1 – Board's Investigation Report Dated March 5, 2026, Compliance Check History, Violation Report, and Worcester County Sheriff's Office Incident Case Report #26-0000181				
2. Licensee's Exhibit #2 – Aaron Debaca TIPS/TAMS Certificate				2.				
3. Licensee's Exhibit #3 – Sue Lund TIPS/TAMS Certificate				3.				
4. Licensee's Exhibit #4 – Patrick Spicer TIPS/TAMS Certificate				4.				
<b>Hearing Minutes:</b> The licensees James Hughes, Jr., Sue Lund and witnesses Aaron Debaca, and Patrick Spicer, along with their attorney Hugh Cropper, Esquire appeared before the Board for a Class "A" B/W 7 Day License violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 (Sale to a Minor). The licensees and witnesses were sworn in. Board Attorney Hank Fisher submitted the following into evidence as (Board's Exhibit #1): Board Investigation Report dated March 5, 2026, license and compliance check history, Worcester County Sheriff's Office Incident Case Report #26-0000181. Cropper provided background regarding employee Aaron Debaca, who conducted the sale in question. Cropper stated that Debaca around 25 years of experience in the alcohol sales industry, has been TIPS/TAMS certified around 30 times, and previously worked for 7-11 for 14 years. Debaca also has experience with Royal Farms and completed the Tobacco & Alcohol Compliance Program. Cropper submitted (Applicant's Exhibit #1) Tobacco & Alcohol Compliance Program - Be A Responsible Seller (BARS) Certificates. Cropper noted that Debaca had only one prior violation during his first tenure with 7-11 many years ago and is widely regarded as an excellent employee. Additional exhibits submitted included: (Applicant's Exhibit #2) Aaron Debaca TIPS/TAMS Certificate (Applicant's Exhibit #3) Sue Lund TIPS/TAMS Certificate (Applicant's Exhibit #4) Patrick Spicer TIPS/TAMS Certificate. Cropper stated that all employees are TIPS/TAMS certified and receive training through 7-11 corporation. The company also utilizes internal mystery shoppers and requires employees to sign a policy acknowledging that selling to a minor result in immediate termination. Debaca								

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was terminated immediately following the incident. After this violation, the store implemented a mandatory ID scanning system that no longer allows manual overrides. Debaca testified regarding the event of March 5, 2026. He stated that he had thoroughly reviewed and understood the company’s policies. He explained that on the day of the violation he was distracted while waiting to speak with the General Manager who had recently returned from vacation and was going to discuss an upcoming salaried manager position. Debaca stated he did not look closely at the customer and believed he was ringing up an energy drink. Approximately five minutes later, law enforcement arrived, and he realized the mistake. He immediately contacted the manager and understood the consequences. Cropper questioned Debaca about the company’s policies, and Debaca confirmed he was fully aware of the importance of age verification and the consequences of failing to follow procedures. Chairman Nichols asked Debaca about overriding the system. Debaca confirmed that long-term employees had previously been able to override ID entry requirements, but younger/new employees could not. James Hughes, Jr., stated that the override function has now been removed for all employees, and customers must present a driver’s license to complete alcohol purchases. Passports are no longer accepted. Cropper questioned salaried manager Patrick Spicer, who testified that he strictly enforces underage alcohol policies and ensures all employees ID customers purchasing alcohol. Cropper also noted that the business is family operated and that Lund’s daughter is expected to eventually take over operations at this location. Chairman Nichols entered into the record this establishment has passed 19 compliance checks and has had four violations at this property. Board Attorney Hank Fisher., noted that the next page of the report reflected five additional “no sale” checks. Sgt. Bissman stated that body camera footage corroborated Debaca’s account and that Debaca was fully cooperative.

Chairman Nichols requested the Board will go into closed session. The Board is acting in its Quasi-Judicial capacity and is not subject to the Open Meeting Act pursuant to Section 3-103 of the General Provisions Articles of the annotated Code of Maryland. The Board reconvened and the following motion was made.

The Board found that the violation did occur on March 5, 2026, a \$2,000 fine was imposed, with payment due by Friday, April 17, 2026, by 12 p.m., failure to pay by the deadline would result in suspension of the license until payment was made. The fine was paid in full on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

<b>Motion:</b>	1st	Ms. Pusey	2nd	Mr. Esham	<b>Approved:</b>	<b>X</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<b>Restrictions:</b> SAME RESTRICTIONS									
<b>Time Hearing Ended:</b> 2:03 p.m.									

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
 MINUTES FOR NEWARK STATION – LICENSE #394  
 APRIL 15, 2026

<b>Members Present:</b>		R. Charles Nichols, Chairman		X	Marty W. Pusey	X	Reese Cropper, III	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Alternate Board Member:</b> William E. Esham, III		X				
<b>Staff Present:</b>		April Payne, Administrator		X	Joe Pembroke, Inspector		X	
		Hank Fisher III, Esq., Board Attorney		X	<b>Alternate Board Attorney:</b> Name:			
		Stacey Odell, Administrative		X	Court Reporter, Kathy Zeve		X	
<b>License #:</b>	394	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	April 15, 2026		<b>Hearing Start Time:</b>	2:05 p.m.		
<b>Class:</b>	"A"	<b>Type:</b>	B/W		<b>Day:</b>	7 Day License		
<b>For:</b> Dunya, Inc.		<b>T/A:</b> Newark Station		<b>Address:</b> 7167 Worcester Highway Newark, Maryland 21841				
<b>New Application:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Transfer:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Meeting:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Violation:</b> X Yes
<b>Items to be discussed:</b> Class "A" B/W 7 Day License violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 (Sale to a Minor).								
<b>Applicants:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensees:</b>	X		<b>Representative:</b>			
1. Sultan Mahmood					1. David Moore, Esquire			
<b>Witnesses:</b>					<b>Protestants:</b>			
1. Zeeshan Siddique					1. Sgt. Paul Bissman			
2. Arthar Warraich – Store Manager					2. Cadet B. Sisson			
<b>Exhibits:</b>					<b>Exhibits:</b>			
1. Licensee's Exhibit #1 – Zeeshan Siddique TIPS/TAMS Certificate					1. Board's Exhibit #1 – Board's Investigation Report Dated March 5, 2026, Compliance Check History Report, Violation Report and Worcester County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Incident Report #26-0000186.			
<p><b>Hearing Minutes:</b> The witnesses Zeeshan Siddique and Arthar Warraich along with their attorney David Moore, Esquire, appeared before the Board for a Class "A" B/W 7 Day License violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 (Sale to a Minor). The witnesses were sworn in. Board Attorney Hank Fisher., submitted (Board's Exhibit #1) Board Investigation Report dated March 5, 2026, and Compliance Check History report, violation report, and Worcester County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Incident Report #26-0000186. Moore stated to the Board that employee Zeeshan Siddique has worked for the business for a little over a year and had previously taken TIPS/TAMS training upon hire and again after the incident. Moore expressed that the business operates seven days a week, thirteen hours per day, and emphasized a desire for the business to remain compliant and operational. Commissioner Esham questioned Siddique about his TIPS/TAMS training history. Siddique stated he had taken the training twice, with the most recent occurring after the incident. Chairman Nichols noted the investigation report indicated Siddique was not certified at the time of the violation. Arthar Warraich, store manager stated Siddique was certified at the time of the incident. Chairman Nichols reiterated that the documentation did not support this. The Board requested verification. Moore requested a quick recess to discuss privately with Siddique and Warraich. Commissioner Esham stated this Board requires documented proof of training. Moore returned and stated to the Board after discussion with Siddique he acknowledged he did not have TIPS/TAMS training prior to being hired and was not certified at the time of the incident. Moore introduced (Licensee's Exhibit #1) – Zeeshan Siddique TIPS/TAMS certificate dated March 30, 2026. Chairman Nichols emphasis honesty under oath, stating the Board would not tolerate false testimony. Board attorney Hank Fisher had Siddique identify himself as the individual on the certificate, and Siddique spelled his full name for the record. Administrator, April Payne confirmed Siddique's address. Chairman Nichols stated to Warraich under oath you were not on the property and Siddique was not TIPS/TAMS certified at the time of the incident. Warraich agreed, under oath, that he recognized the seriousness of the situation.</p>								

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Chairman Nichols highlighted the responsibility that rests with the manager. Warraich stated he has upgraded the system so that all IDs must be scanned for alcohol purchases. Moore added that Warraich has twenty years of experience selling alcohol, six of them at this location. Sgt. Paul Bissman gave testimony that he had reviewed body-camera footage confirming Siddique did not request identification, no age inquiry was made, and Siddique stated on camera that he was not TIPS/TAMS trained. Cadet Sisson also heard Siddique state he was not trained. Commissioner Pusey asked whether ID scanners were available; Warraich confirmed they were. Moore stated the system was in place, but the system was not being used properly. Chairman Nichols inquired about the address of Warraich; at that time Sultan Mahmood was recognized as the licensee of the property. Mahmood was sworn in and acknowledged he was the owner and license holder for this property. Chairman Nichols asked Mahmood how much time he spent at the license property. Mahmood stated he is onsite sometimes during weekends, and Warraich is there most hours of operation. Chairman Nichols asked Mahmood where his resident agent Debra Wells is today. Mahmood stated she was absent today due to an important prior commitment.

Chairman Nichols requested the Board will go into closed session. The Board is acting in its Quasi-Judicial capacity and is not subject to the Open Meeting Act pursuant to Section 3-103 of the General Provisions Articles of the annotated Code of Maryland. The Board reconvened and the following motion was made.

The Board found that a violation did occur and suspended the license for 30 days to begin at 5 p.m. on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and imposed a fine in the amount of \$1,000 to be paid by the end of the suspension (Friday, May 15, 2026) and if not paid the suspension will remain in effect.

<b>Motion:</b>	1st	Mr. Esham	2nd	Ms. Pusey	<b>Approved:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b>
<b>Restrictions:</b> SAME RESTRICTIONS									
<b>Time Hearing Ended:</b> 2:34 p.m.									

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
 MINUTES FOR SHORE LIQUOR – LICENSE #912  
 APRIL 15, 2026

<b>Members Present:</b>		R. Charles Nichols, Chairman		X	Marty W. Pusey	X	Reese Cropper, III	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Alternate Board Member:</b> William E. Esham, III <b>(RECUSED HIMSELF)</b>		X				
<b>Staff Present:</b>		April Payne, Administrator		X	Joe Pembroke, Inspector			X
		Hank Fisher III, Esq., Board Attorney		X	<b>Alternate Board Attorney:</b> Name:			<input type="checkbox"/>
		Stacey Odell, Administrative		X	Kathy Zeve, Court Reporter			X
<b>License #:</b>	912	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	April 15, 2026		<b>Hearing Start Time:</b>	2:35 p.m.		
<b>Class:</b>	"A"	<b>Type:</b>	B/W/L		<b>Day:</b>	7 Day		
<b>For:</b> Manalis, Corp.		<b>T/A:</b> Shore Liquor		<b>Address:</b> 122 Newtowne Boulevard Pocomoke, Maryland 21851				
<b>New Application:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Transfer:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Meeting:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Violation:</b> X Yes
<b>Items to be discussed:</b> Class "A" B/W/L 7 Day License violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-311 (Purchases from other than a MD Wholesaler).								
<b>Applicants:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensees:</b>	X		<b>Representative:</b>			
1. Parth D. Patel				1. Mark S. Cropper, Esquire				
<b>Witnesses:</b>				<b>Protestants:</b>				
1. Vinod Patel				1. Agent Rodger Bennett - ATCC				
2. Alkaben Patel				2.				
<b>Exhibits:</b>				<b>Exhibits:</b>				
1.				1. Board's Collective Exhibit #1 – Board's Investigation Report Dated March 17, 2026, ATCC Report # 26-ATCC-0074, Photos, Notice of Seizure Receipt.				
<p><b>Hearing Minutes:</b> The licensee Parth Patel and witnesses Vinod Patel, Alkaben Patel along with their Mark S. Cropper, Esquire appeared before the Board for a Class "A" B/W/L 7 Day License violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-311 (Purchases from other than a MD Wholesaler). The licensees and witnesses were sworn in. Hank Fisher, Board Attorney submitted (Board's Collective Exhibit #1) Board's Investigation Report dated March 17, 2026, ATCC Report #26-ATCC-0074, photos, notice of seizure receipt. Board attorney Hank Fisher request Agent Bennett to give testimony with his findings. Agent Bennett stated that on March 10, 2026, he was conducting surveillance in Pocomoke, Maryland, Worcester County. While observing the establishment known as Shore Liquor, he noticed unusual activity: a minivan with Maryland registration plates parked near the rear delivery door with its hatch open. Bennett noted that it is not common to see items being removed from the delivery door area, especially using a minivan. Bennett parked nearby and observed a male later identified as Vinod Patel exiting the store carrying a liquor box, place it into the back of the minivan, close the hatch, and drive away. Agent Bennett followed Vinod Patel to a liquor store in Somerset County, a business owned by Vinod Patel. After waiting several minutes, Bennett observed Patel exit the vehicle, enter the store without the box, then return to the vehicle, retrieve the liquor box, and bring it inside. When Bennett entered the store, Patel was coming from the back room. Bennett identified himself; Patel was familiar with him from prior inspections. Bennett asked Patel what was in the box. After initial hesitation, Patel stated it contained liquor he had placed in the storage room. Patel identified the box as New Amsterdam Vodka (375ml) and acknowledged that the liquor came from Shore Liquor. Bennett inspected the cardboard box, which bore distributor stickers matching Shore Liquor inventory. Patel explained that a customer had purchased several bottles, and he believed he did not have enough stock to meet demand until his next shipment. The box contained 10 bottles. At Bennett's direction, Patel called Shore Liquor. Bennett then spoke with a female employee, later identified as Alkaben Patel, though communication which was difficult due to a language barrier.</p>								

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Bennett seized the liquor, photographed Patel’s driver’s license, and proceeded to Shore Liquor. At Shore Liquor, Bennett interviewed, Alkaben Patel photographed her identification and the store liquor license, and documented the shelf space where the liquor had been stored. Alkaben stated that Vinod had come in earlier, said he needed the liquor, retrieved it from behind the counter, and left. She confirmed this happened just before Bennett observed him. Chairman Nichols asked if both parties had been cooperative; Bennett confirmed they were. Commissioner Pusey asked whether they understood that transferring liquor between commercial establishments is prohibited. Vinod stated he did not know. Cropper provided the following information: Parth Patel is the licensee holder and 100% stockholder of Shore Liquor, Vinod (Parth’s uncle) often assists at the store, so his presence there is not unusual, Alkaben, is Vinod’s wife, works for Parth and was present during the incident, Parth was not present at the time and had no prior knowledge that Vinod was taking liquor to Somerset County. Cropper stated that Parth is aware that liquor cannot be transferred between establishments. If Parth had known, he would have stopped Vinod from doing so. Cropper affirmed that Vinod now understands the violation. Cropper also noted that Parth, Vinod, and Alkaben are all TIPS/TAMS certified, and that Vinod is Parth’s landlord. Cropper asked everyone to confirm the accuracy of his statements; all responded “Yes.” Cropper also stated that Parth plans to sell his interest in Shore Liquor soon. Administrator Payne asked what percentage of ownership would be transferred; noting that if 100%, a Board Hearing will be required. Under oath, Chairman Nichols asked Vinod had he done this before stressing he is under oath. Vinod replied that this was his first time, he acted alone, no one instructed or authorized him to take the liquor, he accepts full responsibility. Cropper stated that he would like to add he found it unusual that Agent Bennett happened to be at the Shore Liquor location at that time by coincidence and he had no prior knowledge or suspicion that this was occurring or had occurred previously.

Chairman Nichols requested the Board will go into closed session. The Board is acting in its Quasi-Judicial capacity and is not subject to the Open Meeting Act pursuant to Section 3-103 of the General Provisions Articles of the annotated Code of Maryland. The Board reconvened and the following motion was made.

The Board found that the violation did occur on March 17, 2026, and imposed a fine in the amount of \$500 to be paid by Friday, April 17, 2026, by 12 noon and if not paid the license will be suspended until paid. The fine was paid in full on April 17, 2026.

<b>Motion:</b>	1st	Ms. Pusey	2nd	Mr. Nichols	<b>Approved:</b>	X	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<b>Restrictions:</b> SAME RESTRICTIONS									
<b>Time Hearing Ended:</b> 3:01 p.m.									

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES FOR CARUSO PIZZA & WILD BILL'S – LICENSE #816  
APRIL 15, 2026

<b>Members Present:</b>		R. Charles Nichols, Chairman		X	Marty W. Pusey	X	Reese Cropper, III	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<b>Alternate Board Member:</b> William E. Esham, III		X					
<b>Staff Present:</b>		April Payne, Administrator		X	Joe Pembroke, Inspector		X		
		Hank Fisher III, Esq., Board Attorney		X	<b>Alternate Board Attorney:</b> Name:		<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Stacey Odell, Administrative		X	Kathy Zeve, Court Reporter		X		
<b>License #:</b>	816	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	April 15, 2026		<b>Hearing Start Time:</b>	3:02 p.m.			
<b>Class:</b>	"B"	<b>Type:</b>	B/L/W		<b>Day:</b>	7 Day License			
<b>For:</b> OC Taco Truck, Inc.		<b>T/A:</b> Caruso Pizza & Wild Bill's		<b>Address:</b> 15 Somerset Street & Boardwalk Ocean City, Maryland 21842					
<b>New Application:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Transfer:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<b>Meeting:</b>	X Yes		<b>Violation:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Items to be discussed:</b> Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License Md. Code, Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Article 4-406.									
<b>Applicants:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Licensees:</b>	X		<b>Representative:</b>				
1. William H. Purnell, III					1. Ashley Bosche, Esquire				
<b>Witnesses:</b>					<b>Protestants:</b>				
1.					1.				
<b>Exhibits:</b>					<b>Exhibits:</b>				
1. Licensee's Exhibit #1 - Plat of licensed property					1. Board's Collective Exhibit #1 – Aerial photo of exterior of property, Site plan, Interior layout of Caruso Pizza & Wild Bill's, 2026 Renewal Application, Executed lease.				
<p><b>Hearing Minutes:</b> The licensee William Purnell III along with his attorney Ashley Bosche, Esquire appeared before the Board for a Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License Md. Code, Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Article 4-406. The licensee was sworn in. Board Attorney Hank Fisher states this is a renewal hearing due to some questions about the perimeter of the licensed premises and the site plans of the licensed premises. Board attorney Fisher enters (Board's Exhibit #1) aerial photo of exterior of property, site plan, interior layout of Caruso Pizza &amp; Wild Bill's, 2026 renewal application, and executed lease. Bosche asked Purnell to review and explain to the Board the licensed premises using the submitted site plan. Purnell explained the following: noting the highlighted map; 400 South Atlantic Avenue; is the hotel, Wild Bill's is located at 403 and Caruso Pizza at 420, the hotel is highlighted because several other businesses operate underneath it; however, those stores are not included in the licensed premises. The decks of the hotel serve as roofs for the stores, the large gray area shown is the parking lot, the space between 400 and 403 represents the swimming pool, remaining storefronts are leased to unrelated tenants. Bosche clarified that the licensed premises would include Caruso Pizza, Wild Bill's, the parking lot, and the hotel. Purnell stated "Yes". Board Attorney Fisher asked for clarification that the Board had previously received the floor plan for Wild Bill's, and that the floor plan for Caruso Pizza was newly submitted. Fisher asked whether the Board had any questions. Chairman Nichols noted that the Board typically receives more formal plans, Purnell stated that he attempted to photograph the blueprints, but they were bolted down, preventing a complete picture. Bosche asked whether anything essential from the blueprints was missing. Chairman Nichols responded that nothing appeared missing; the Board simply prefers highly accurate plans such as surveys or as-built drawings. Bosche commented that Purnell has been licensed for a long time, and that newly opened bars over the years may complicate the clarity of his site plans. Board Attorney Fisher noted that the existing plan on file for Caruso Pizza depicted an unenclosed Boardwalk storefront. Board Attorney Hank Fisher submitted (Licensee's Exhibit #1) Plat of Licensed Property, which now shows Caruso Pizza as enclosed. Chairman Nichols stated the purpose was to ensure the Board's records are accurate. Commissioner Esham asked whether the lease covered both restaurants. Purnell replied that each restaurant has its own</p>									

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
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 APRIL 15, 2026

separate lease. Board Attorney Fisher confirmed the leases are in proper order. Commissioner Esham asked about service to the pool area, Purnell stated there is a carry-out service window at the pool. Board Attorney Fisher noted that the site plan indicates the hotel is part of the licensed premises. Commissioner Esham asked about transporting alcoholic beverages across the parking lot, Board Attorney Fisher clarified this is not allowed and explained that licensing the parking lot helps establish who is responsible for any violations occurring in that area. Commissioner Esham added that special events would still require a separate application, Board Attorney Fisher agreed. Commissioner Pusey asked whether Wild Bill's is connected to Caruso Pizza and whether patrons may walk between them with alcoholic beverages, Purnell stated that the two establishments are not connected, patrons must walk around to the back on the Boardwalk to enter through a side door, and that alcoholic beverages may not be carried between the two. Board Attorney Fisher asked whether Caruso Pizza is connected to the hotel and Purnell replied, "No." Board Attorney Fisher confirmed that customers cannot carry alcoholic beverages out of Caruso Pizza to the hotel or Wild Bill's because they would need to walk through the pool area and then to the sidewalk, and Purnell stated they do not allow this. Administrator Payne asked which sidewalk Purnell was referencing, Purnell clarified it was the sidewalk leading up to Wild Bill's and past the hotel. Administrator Payne clarified that the sidewalk is not part of the licensed premises, and therefore any patron leaving with alcoholic beverages would be a violation; Purnell acknowledged and agreed. Commissioner Esham stated that having two licenses does not enhance available services, Board Attorney Fisher clarified that it is not two licenses, but rather one connected licensed premises. Commissioner Esham reiterated that the pool area is licensed and that alcohol may not leave that area or go to the hotel. Board Attorney Fisher confirmed that alcohol could not be transported through the parking lot without a special exception. Chairman Nichols suggested that Administrator Payne conduct an on-site visit with Purnell to walk the premises and gain a clearer understanding. Commissioner Esham asked Administrator Payne whether all matters for this hearing had been covered. Administrator Payne stated she was confident the Board had addressed; alcoholic beverage restrictions for Wild Bill's, sidewalk and off-premise limitations, the service window operations for the enclosed pool area, requirement that alcohol remain within the licensed perimeter, restrictions on taking alcoholic beverages into the hotel absent a special exception, and Caruso Pizza being a separate building from the hotel, preventing alcohol from leaving that establishment, and the parking lot is controlled by the Board through a special exception.

The Board approved the submitted site plan which illustrates the boundaries of the entire licensed property which includes Caruso Pizza, Wild Bill's, pool area, parking lot and the hotel, the board applied the following restriction to both Caruso Pizza and Wild Bill's – No Off Sale.

<b>Motion:</b>	1st	Mr. Esham	2nd	Ms. Pusey	<b>Approved:</b>	X	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<b>Restrictions:</b> THE BOARD APPLIED THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTION TO BOTH CARUSO PIZZA AND WILD BILL'S – NO OFF SALE									
<b>Time Hearing Ended:</b> 3:18 p.m.									



## Worcester County

### *BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS*

1:05 - Application for Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License  
T/A: Cypress River Inn & Spa  
201 East Market Street/Snow Hill



**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
FOR WORCESTER COUNTY  
NARRATIVE**

Type: *New Application*

DATE: *4/29/2026*

License No: *N/A*

Class: *"B"*

Type: *Beer – Wine – Liquor 7 day*

APPLICANT(S):      1. Tammie Faille              2. Jeffrey Faille  
                                 3. Catherine Casto            4. Darren Casto

TRADE NAME: *Cypress River Inn and Spa*

CORP: *Cypress River Inn and Spa, LLC.*

LOCATION: *201 East Market Street, Snow Hill*

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Restrictions: <i>N/A</i>
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Tammie Faille is the Resident agent and did obtain the signatures on the application. Ms. Tammie Faille will hold 25% of the L.L.C., Mr. Jeffrey Faille will hold 25% of the L.L.C., Ms. Catherine Casto will hold 25% of the L.L.C and Mr. Darren Casto will hold 25% of the L.L.C.

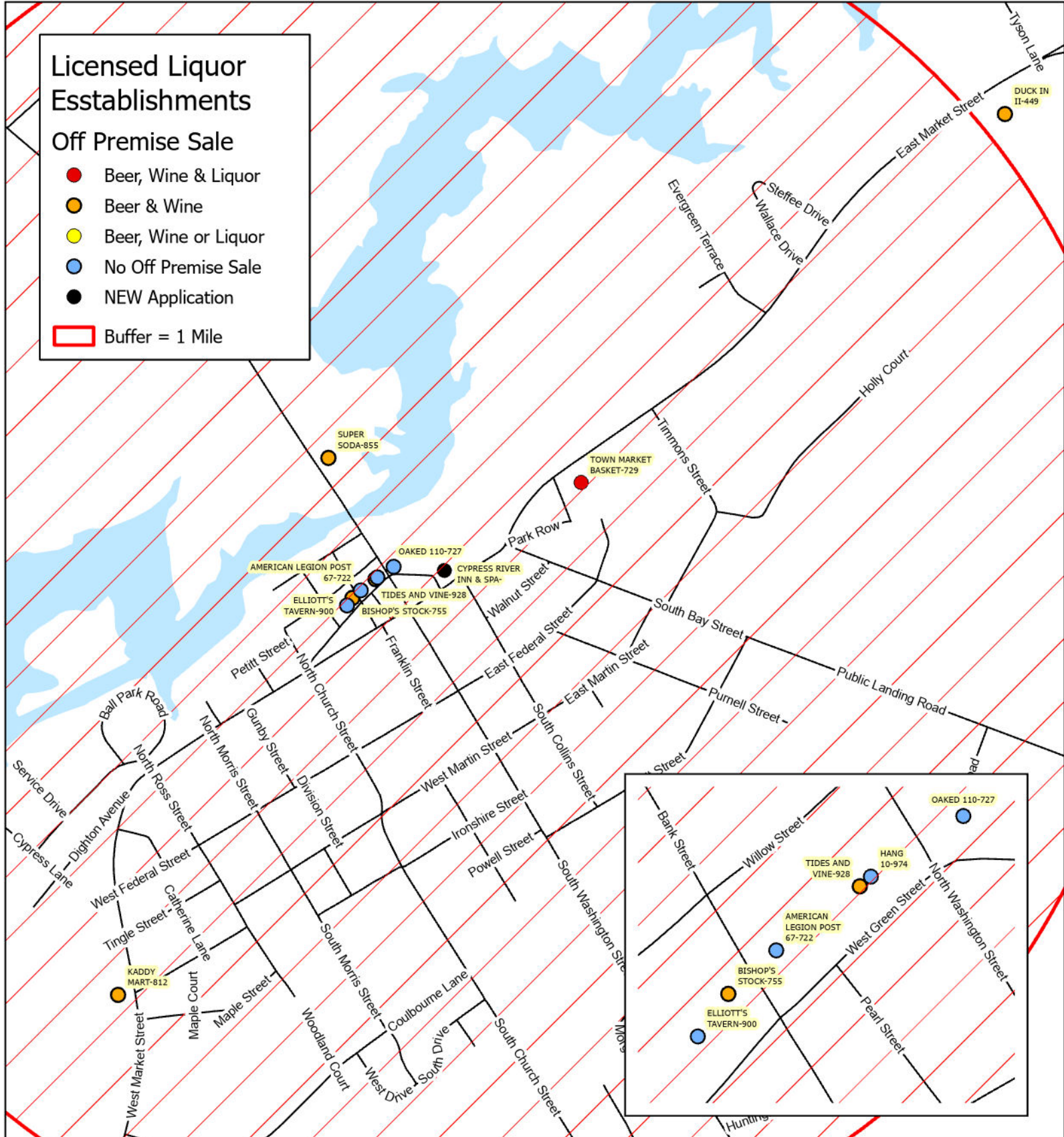
Mrs. Faille and Mr. Faille do have experience with alcoholic beverages working with Berlin Beer Company. Mr. Casto and Ms. Casto have prior experience in the past serving alcoholic beverages .The applicants do not have any prior alcohol violations. The first floor will consist of a commercial kitchen and a small bar that measures eight (8) feet with seating for four (4) at stools. The inside first floor will have five (5) dining room areas with seating for 58 at tables. The outside porch area will be enclosed to make a three-season room and have seating for 12 at tables. The second floor will have four (4) updated bedrooms.

The premises would feature fine dining, and the hours of operation would be 11 A.M. until 9 P.M. The applicants would like to change the rear yard inground pool into a koi pond with additional outdoor seating around the pond area. The applicants would like to have an outdoor bar under the pavilion with background music playing through speakers.

The applicants would like to host special events (weddings) and extend the hours to 10 P.M. during these events. These events would take place outside in the back of the property near the river. During these special events, the applicants would like to have a disc jockey and live entertainment. Ms. Faille is TIPS/TAMS certified.

Joseph Pembroke  
Liquor License Inspector

April Payne  
Liquor License Administrator



Worcester County Board of License Commissioners

New Application

Class "B" B/W/L - 7 Day

Cypress River Inn & Spa - License No. N/A

Information & Technology - GIS Division - April 2026



**New Application - Cypress River Inn & Spa**

License No.	Class	License Type	Off Premise Sale	Trading As...	Distance (Linear Feet)
727	B	BWL	NEW	CYPRESS RIVER INN & SPA	0
727	B	BWL	N	OAKED 110	386
974	B	BWL	N	HANG 10	511
928	D	BW	BW	TIDES AND VINE	527
722	C	BWL	N	AMERICAN LEGION POST 67	653
755	D	BW	BW	BISHOP'S STOCK	729
900	B	BWL	N	ELLIOTT'S TAVERN	786
855	A	BW	BW	SUPER SODA	1226
729	D	BWL	BWL	TOWN MARKET BASKET	1235
812	A	BW	BW	KADDY MART	4060



Aerial View of property



**Front entrance to Cypress Inn and Spa from East Market Street.**



**Side view of premises from Green Street and East Market Street.**



Side entrance from Green Street-Parking area



Commercial kitchen area -#1



Commercial kitchen/ Sink area - #2



Additional view of commercial kitchen area - #3



Additional part of expanded commercial kitchen -#4



**Proposed 8 ft Bar area with 4 stools**



**Proposed dining area (three season enclosure) with approximately 6 tables seating up to 12 - #1**



Looking towards dining area (three season room) from proposed bar area - #2



**Additional dining area - #3**



**Additional dining room area - #4**



**Additional dining room area - #5**



**Rear of property looking towards back open porch/Employees only**



**Entrance to rear inground pool area/Pool would be a koi pond/ Proposed outdoor bar with speakers playing background music**



Looking from proposed outside area towards parking area



**Proposed outdoor bar with outside speakers playing background music with tables and chairs**



**Outdoor Pavillion where proposed bar area looking towards parking area.**



**Rear yard area looking towards River/Applicant would like to hold Special Events (Weddings) have a disc jockey and entertainment**



**Rear Yard looking towards Cypress Inn and Spa's rental Cottages from river**



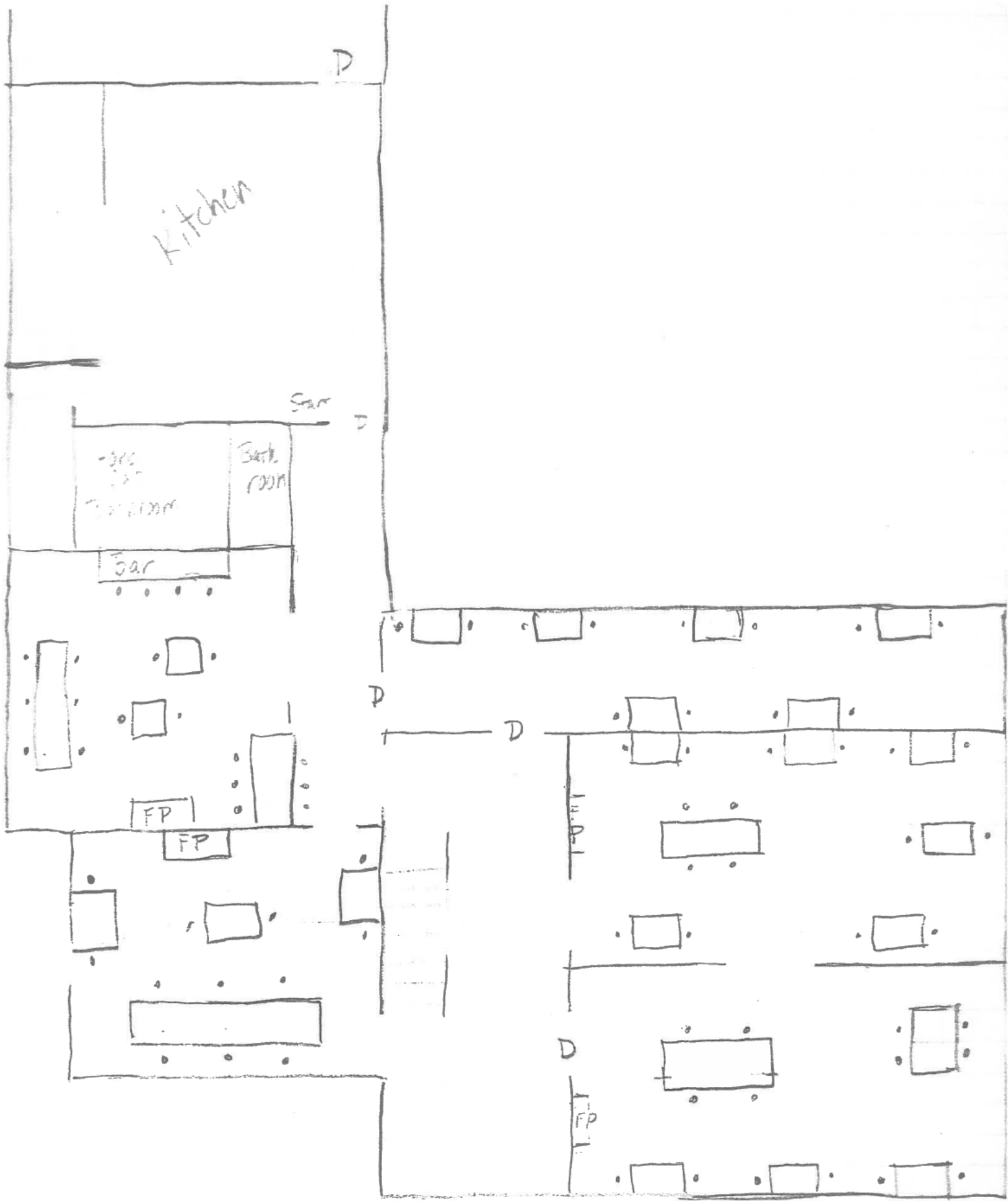
Looking towards the left side from the rear of the property walking up to the property from river



Looking towards the left of the rear property walking towards the river, special events area- weddings



**Walking towards the river from the rear of the property here the applicants would like to have special events (weddings)**



Tables 24x30

Block = 21

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April 17, 2026

Mrs. April Payne, License Administrator  
Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County  
Room 1201, Government Center  
One West Market Street  
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

Re: New Application / Cypress River Inn & Spa, LLC  
201 E. Market St., Snow Hill, MD 21863

Dear April,

Enclosed, please find the application of Cypress River Inn & Spa, LLC and the company's members, Tammie Faille, Jeffrey Faille, Catherine Casto, and Darren Casto, for a Class "B" Beer, Wine and Liquor License. My clients are seeking a license for the property located at 201 E. Market Street, in Snow Hill, which was formerly known as the River House Inn. Please add this application for consideration by the Board at the hearing scheduled for May 20, 2026.

Tammie Faille will serve as the resident agent for liquor license purposes. Please note that [REDACTED] on line 7.D of the application.

[REDACTED] She is requesting to be excused from the Board's hearing. [REDACTED] most of which were scheduled a few months ago.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Very truly yours,



Christopher T. Woodley

Enclosures

cc: Cypress River Inn & Spa, LLC

443-414-0594 / 765-253-5391  
Business Phone No.

Received 4-17-06  
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WORCESTER COUNTY  
STATE OF MARYLAND

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAW  
APPLICATION FOR A CLASS Class "B" 7-Day B-w LICENSE

"NEW APPLICATION"

For the use of:

(Check one) An Individual  Partnership  Corporation  Unincorporated Association  Limited Liability Co.

To the Board of License Commissioners Worcester County.

Date April 12, 2026

Application is made by the undersigned under the provisions of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, title "Alcoholic Beverages," for the above license, and the applicant(s) submit(s) and certify(ies) to the following information required by the Article.

Fill in all the blanks:

Applications will NOT be accepted without all Applicant information, including middle name.

1. Applicant(s)

- (1) Full Name Tammie Failla Residence [Redacted]  
 Date of Birth [Redacted] Period of Residence 22 yrs in Wor. County 38 yrs  
 Place of Birth [Redacted] Naturalized at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number [Redacted] Race white Sex F
- (2) Full Name Jeffrey J. Failla Residence [Redacted]  
 Date of Birth [Redacted] Period of Residence 22 yrs in Wor. County 35 yrs  
 Place of Birth [Redacted] Naturalized at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number [Redacted] Race white Sex M
- (3) Full Name Catherine Casto Residence [Redacted]  
 Date of Birth [Redacted] Period of Residence 55 yrs in Wor. County 55 yrs  
 Place of Birth [Redacted] Naturalized at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number [Redacted] Race white Sex F

2. The applicant(s) is/are citizen(s) of the United States, and (if the application is for an individual or a partnership), has/have been for two years next preceding the filing of this application (a) resident(s) of Worcester County. The applicant(s) (if applying as a qualifying individual for a corporation) is a registered voter and taxpayer in Worcester County and shall also have resided there for at least two years prior to the filing of this application. The applicant(s) thus qualified is/are: 1(  ) 2(  ) 3(  ) (Check number to correspond with name(s) listed above.)

3. State the Retail Sales Tax No.: [Redacted]

4. If a corporation, state corporate name and trade name, if any: Cypress River Inn & Spa, LLC  
If other than a corporation, state trade name to be used: Cypress River Inn & Spa

5. Address of place to be licensed (Give street number or accurate description):  
201 E Market St. Snow Hill, Md 21863

- A. Nearest intersecting street: Glenc St. Approximate distance: 1 feet
- B. Tax District where located: 02 Is this an application for a new license? YES
- C. Is this a transfer from a present licensee? no From Whom? \_\_\_\_\_

(This Board must be furnished releases by the State Comptroller's Office approving the bulk sales transfer and clearing all tax accounts before any license will be transferred.)

D. Are you represented by an attorney? Whom: Chris Woodley Tel. No.: 410-289-3553 Ext 204  
Address: 3509 Coastal Hwy Ocean City md. 21842  
12800 Hospitality Way,

E. Describe premises to be licensed: Full Service Restaurant

F. If this is a new or proposed building or a building not previously licensed, a copy of the bona fide plans must be filed with this application or presented at the time of the hearing.

6. State name and address of owner of record of premises: Luxury Property Ventures LLC  
1530 Cedertown Rd Snow Hill, Md. 21863

7. Have you ever been:

A. Convicted of a misdemeanor? 1 [redacted] 2 [redacted] 3 [redacted]

B. Adjudged guilty of violating alcoholic beverage laws by a court, administrative agency or Board of License Commissioners?  
1 no 2 no 3 no

C. Adjudged guilty of violating gambling laws? 1 no 2 no 3 no

D. Adjudged guilty of any offense against the laws of the United States? 1 nr 2 no 3 no

If so, when and where [redacted]

E. Convicted of a felony or offered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony indictment and charge was subsequently accepted by a court?  
1 no 2 no 3 nr

8. A. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages? 1 nr 2 no 3 no

If yes, state when and where: \_\_\_\_\_

B. If so, has such license been suspended or revoked? 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

If answer is yes, give full details: \_\_\_\_\_

C. If so, were you ever found in violation of any alcoholic beverage law? 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you ever applied for an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland? 1 nr 2 no 3 no

If answer is yes, state when and where: \_\_\_\_\_

10. What financial interests do you have in the business to be conducted under this license?

1 owner 25% 2 25% 3 25%

11. Are you financially interested in any other alcoholic beverage business for which a license has been applied for, granted or issued?

1 no 2 no 3 no

If so, give details: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Is your wife or husband, as the case may be, a licensee and does her or she have any financial interest in any other alcoholic beverage business in the State of Maryland? 1 nr 2 no 3 no

If so, give details: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Is there now, or will there be, during the continuance of the license applied for, any other person financially interested in said license or the business to be conducted thereunder? 1 yes 2 yes 3 yes

If so, state name, address, telephone no., age, percent of interest and state whether or not an interest is held in any other alcoholic beverage license: \_\_\_\_\_

14. A. Does any manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler have any financial interest in the premises or business to be conducted under this license? nr

B. Will any such interest be hereafter conveyed or granted to any such manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler?  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you now have, or will you hereafter have, any indebtedness or other financial indebtedness, directly or indirectly, to any manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler, other than for purchase of alcoholic beverage? nr

16. A. If granted a license, will you conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business in which you propose to engage? yes

B. If granted a license, will you agree to keep current all state and local tax obligations including, but not limited to, state sales and use tax, withholding tax and admissions tax? yes

I/We consent to the Board of License Commissioners being furnished with a copy of my/our arrest record, if any, by any state, local, or federal law enforcement or judicial agency. App. #1 yes App. #2 yes App. #3 yes

LIMITED LIABILITY MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

Tammie Faillie
Name
22 years
Period of Residence
Choose F
Sex
Residence Address
Home Telephone No.
Office Telephone No.
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Social Security No.

Naturalized Yes ( ) No (X)
Where Naturalized
Petition No.

The Street Kitchen
Place of Employment
115 Broadst. Berlin md 21811
Address of Employer
8 yrs
Length of Employment

1b. What is your ownership interest in LLC? 25%
Percent of Ownership
2b. What is your capital contribution to LLC? 25%
Percent of Ownership

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony, or have you been adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of any alcoholic beverages or for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland or adjudged guilty of any offense against the United States laws?

Yes ( ) No (X) If yes, please detail.

3. State whether you have had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages denied or revoked.

Yes ( ) No (X) If yes, please detail.

4. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages and if so in what State and what location?
NO

5. Are you financially interested in any other place of business that has an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland?

Yes ( ) No (X) If yes, please detail.

6. As a member, how much time will you spend on the licensed premises?

90% Part time

7. What profit will you derive in proportion to the percentage of ownership?

25%

8. As a member have you read the Rules and Regulations of the Board?

Yes (X) No ( )

9. If you are a qualified Resident Agent, are you a Worcester County, Maryland

resident? Yes (X) No ( )

PROVIDE COPY(ies) OF ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS relative to the operation of the business to be conducted under the alcoholic beverage license. (Inclusive of managerial agreements and/or sales contracts.)

Tammie Faillie
Signature of Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland, County of Worcester, personally appeared Tammie Faillie In said County and State on this 14th day of April, 2026 and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts in the foregoing Affidavit are true and that they would in fact comply with all statements made therein.

WITNESS my hand and official Seal this 14th day of April, 2026



[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 11/14/29

LIMITED LIABILITY MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

Name Jeffrey Failla, Residence Address [redacted], Zip Code [redacted], Period of Residence 22 years, Home Telephone No. [redacted], Office Telephone No. [redacted], Date of Birth [redacted], Sex M, Place of Birth [redacted], Social Security No. [redacted]

Naturalized Yes ( ) No (X), Where Naturalized The Street Kitchen, Petition No. [redacted]

Place of Employment 115 Broad St. Berlin md. 21811, Length of Employment 8 yrs, Address of Employer [redacted]

1b. What is your ownership interest in LLC? 25%, 2b. What is your capital contribution to LLC? 25%

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony, or have you been adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of any alcoholic beverages or for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland or adjudged guilty of any offense against the United States laws?

Yes ( ) No (X) If yes, please detail. [redacted]

3. State whether you have had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages denied or revoked. Yes ( ) No (X) If yes, please detail.

4. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages and if so in what State and what location? NO

5. Are you financially interested in any other place of business that has an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland?

Yes ( ) No (X) If yes, please detail.

6. As a stockholder, how much time will you spend on the licensed premises? Part Time 90%

7. What profit will you derive in proportion to the percentage of ownership? 25%

8. As a stockholder, have you read the Rules and Regulations of the Board? Yes (X) No ( )

9. If you are a qualified Resident Agent, are you a Worcester County, Maryland resident? Yes (X) No ( )

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Signature Jeffrey Failla, Office Held in Corporation [redacted]

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**LIMITED LIABILITY MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

Catherine Casto

Name [Redacted] Residence Address [Redacted] Zip Code [Redacted]  
Period of Residence [Redacted] Home Telephone No. [Redacted] Office Telephone No. [Redacted]  
Date of Birth [Redacted] Sex [Redacted] Place of Birth [Redacted] Social Security No. [Redacted]

Naturalized Yes  No  Where Naturalized Tidal Health OB/GYN Petition No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment 145 E. Carroll St., Suite 1A-102 Salisbury MD 21801 Length of Employment 1 year  
Address of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

1b. What is your ownership interest in LLC? 25% Percent of Ownership  
2b. What is your capital contribution to LLC? 25%

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Yes  No  If yes, please detail. \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes  No  If yes, please detail. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages and if so in what State and what location?  
no

Are you financially interested in any other place of business that has an alcoholic beverage license the State of Maryland?  
Yes  No  If yes, please detail. \_\_\_\_\_

6. As a member, how much time will you spend on the licensed premises?  
40% Part Time

7. What profit will you derive in proportion to the percentage of ownership?  
25%

8. As a member have you read the Rules and Regulations of the Board?  
Yes  No

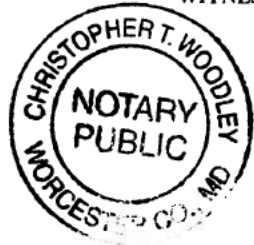
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Catherine Casto  
Signature of Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland, County of Worcester, personally appeared Catherine Casto In said County and State on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts in the foregoing Affidavit are true and that they would in fact comply with all statements made therein.

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As of 03/30/2018

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Updated 11/6/2019

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Tammie Farille

Print Name

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Signature

April 14, 2026

Date

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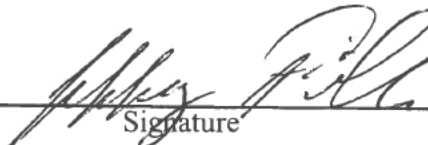
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Jeffrey Failla

Print Name



Signature

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Catherine Casto

Print Name

Catherine Casto

Signature

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Date

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I/We hereby authorize the Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners of Worcester County, its duly authorized agents and employees, any peace officer of Worcester County, to inspect without warrant, the premises upon which said business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the building in which said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours, and further state that I/We have personally obtained the signatures of the ten citizens to the certificate which is a part hereof.

(Extract from the law: If any affidavit or oath required under the provisions of this Act shall contain any false statements, the offender shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon indictment and conviction thereof shall be subject to the penalties provided by the law for that crime.)

Give name(s) and address(es) of officers:

Tammie Faille <small>(name)</small>	owner <small>(title)</small>	[Redacted] <small>(residence)</small>
Jeffrey Faille <small>(name)</small>	owner <small>(title)</small>	[Redacted] <small>(residence)</small>
Jeffrey Faille Catherine Casto <small>(name)</small>	owner <small>(title)</small>	[Redacted] <small>(residence)</small>

If applicant is a Corporation, President or Vice-President must sign:

All Applicants must sign:

1. Tammie Faille  
(Signature of applicant)

2. [Signature]  
(Signature of applicant)

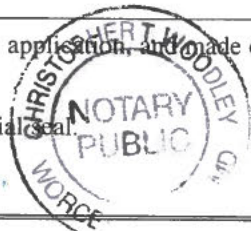
3. Catherine Casto  
(Signature of applicant)

(Signature of Pres. or Vice-Pres.)

STATE OF MD COUNTY OF Worcester TO WIT:  
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the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application, and made oath in due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of his/their knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.



[Signature]

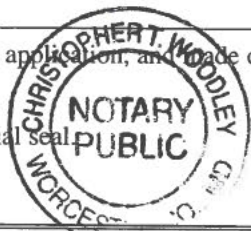
NOTARY PUBLIC

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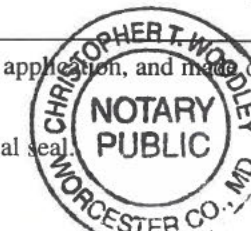
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[Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC

(Seal)

**STATEMENT OF OWNER OF PREMISES REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAW OF MARYLAND**

I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That I am/we the owner(s) of record of the property known as

Cypress River Inn and Spa 201 E. Market St. Snow Hill MD 21863

named in the foregoing application made to the Board of License Commissioners under the Alcoholic Beverage Laws of Maryland; that I/we assent to the granting of the license applied for; that I/we hereby authorize the State Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of such county to inspect and search, without warrant, the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the building in which said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours.

WITNESS, our/my hand(s) and seal(s) this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 2026

(seal) \_\_\_\_\_ (seal) \_\_\_\_\_ (seal) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (seal) Darren Casto, Mgr. (seal) \_\_\_\_\_  
Luxury Property Ventures, LLC

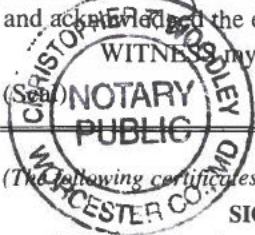
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MD personally appeared Darren Casto, Manager of

Luxury Property Ventures, LLC and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing statement to be his act.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.



\_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

(The following certificates must be signed by at least ten persons.)

**SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED BY THE RESIDENT, IF APPLICATION IS FOR CORPORATION.**

We the undersigned reputable citizens (real estate owners, registered voters with Worcester County and reside within the tax district in which the business covered by the foregoing application is to be conducted) certify that each of us has been personally acquainted with the applicant for the length of time indicated after our respective names; that we have examined the application of the applicant and that we have good reason to believe that all of the statements contained in said application are true, and that we are familiar with the premises upon which the proposed business is to be conducted and we believe such premises are suitable for the conduct of the business of retail dealer in alcoholic beverages, and that we are of the opinion that the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license applied for:

(Print name above signature)

Address

Length of time acquainted with applicant(s). If not acquainted prior to application filing, indicate "Just Met." (All three blanks must be filled in.)

Name	Address	App. 1	App. 2	App. 3
<u>Ashley Kane</u>	<u>02 Voting Residence</u>	<u>2yrs</u>	<u>2yrs</u>	<u>2yrs</u>
<u>Ashley Kane</u>	<u>7631 Scotland Rd.</u>	<u>2yrs</u>	<u>2yrs</u>	<u>2yrs</u>
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<u>Kelsey Brichacek</u>	<u>203 W. Market St</u>	<u>2yrs</u>	<u>2yrs</u>	<u>2yrs</u>
<u>Susan Dyer</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Ashley Brown</u>	<u>207 Walnut St</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Ashley Brown</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>10yrs</u>	<u>10yrs</u>	<u>10yrs</u>
<u>Lachary Robinson</u>	<u>7402 S. Morris St Snow Hill MD 21863</u>	<u>10yrs</u>	<u>10yrs</u>	<u>10yrs</u>
<u>Zachary Robinson</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Doug Creet</u>	<u>231 E. Market St Snow Hill, 21863</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Doug Creet</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Mary Pruitt</u>	<u>246 East Fed. St. Snow Hill 21863</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Mary Pruitt</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Stacey Dunne</u>	<u>218 S Washington St 21863</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Stacey Dunne</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Amy Seibert</u>	<u>212 W. Federal St. 21863</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Amy Seibert</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>DURICE J. LELEUX III</u>	<u>5805 Evergreen Tr 21863</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Zach Breen</u>	<u>5805 EVERGREEN TR 21863</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Zach Breen</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Stephen Baranovics</u>	<u>209 W Martin St 21863</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Stephen Baranovics</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>
<u>Stephen Baranovics</u>	<u>406 W. MARKET ST. SNOW HILL 21863</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>	<u>Just met</u>

Names and addresses of signers must be printed or typewritten above signatures.

Business Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

WORCESTER COUNTY  
STATE OF MARYLAND  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAW

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS B-7-day B-w-L LICENSE

For the use of:

(Check one) An Individual  Partnership  Corporation  Unincorporated Association  Limited Liability Co.

To the Board of License Commissioners Worcester County.

Date April 13, 2026

Application is made by the undersigned under the provisions of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, title "Alcoholic Beverages," for the above license, and the applicant(s) submit(s) and certify(ies) to the following information required by the Article.

Fill in all the blanks:

Applications will NOT be accepted without all Applicant information, including middle name.

1. Applicant(s)

(1) Full Name DARREN S. CASTO  
Date of Birth [REDACTED]  
Place of Birth [REDACTED]  
Telephone Number [REDACTED]

Residence [REDACTED]  
Period of Residence 18 yrs in Wor. County 18 yrs  
Naturalized at BORN IN USA  
Race WHITE Sex MALE

(2) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Period of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ in Wor. County \_\_\_\_\_  
Naturalized at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Period of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ in Wor. County \_\_\_\_\_  
Naturalized at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

2. The applicant(s) is/are citizen(s) of the United States, and (if the application is for an individual or a partnership), has/have been for two years next preceding the filing of this application (a) resident(s) of Worcester County. The applicant(s) (if applying as a qualifying individual for a corporation) is a registered voter and taxpayer in Worcester County and shall also have resided there for at least two years prior to the filing of this application. The applicant(s) thus qualified is/are: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) (Check number to correspond with name(s) listed above.)

3. State the Retail Sales Tax No.: [REDACTED]

4. If a corporation, state corporate name and trade name, if any: Cypress River Inn & Spa LLC  
If other than a corporation, state trade name to be used: Cypress River Inn & Spa

5. Address of place to be licensed (Give street number or accurate description): 201 E Market St. Snow Hill md. 21867

A. Nearest intersecting street: Green St + Market St. Approximate distance: 2 feet  
B. Tax District where located: 62 Is this an application for a new license? yes  
C. Is this a transfer from a present licensee? no From Whom? \_\_\_\_\_

(This Board must be furnished releases by the State Comptroller's Office approving the bulk sales transfer and clearing all tax accounts before any license will be transferred.)

D. Are you represented by an attorney? Whom: Chris Woodley Tel. No.: 410-289-3553  
Address: 12800 Hospitality Way Ocean City md. 21842

**LIMITED LIABILITY MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

DARREN S. CASTO Name  
18 yrs Period of Residence  
Residence Address [Redacted] Zip Code [Redacted]  
Home Telephone No. [Redacted] Office Telephone No. [Redacted]  
Date of Birth [Redacted] Choose M Sex [Redacted] Place of Birth [Redacted] Social Security No. [Redacted]

Naturalized Yes  No   
Where Naturalized CASTLE FARM INC. Petition No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment CASTLE FARM INC.  
Address of Employer 7530 CEDARSTOWN RD 21863 Length of Employment 15 YRS

1b. What is your ownership interest in LLC? 25% Percent of Ownership  
2b. What is your capital contribution to LLC? 25%

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony, or have you been adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of any alcoholic beverages or for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland or adjudged guilty of any offense against the United States laws?  
Yes  No  If yes, please detail. \_\_\_\_\_

3. State whether you have had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages denied or revoked.  
Yes  No  If yes, please detail. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages and if so in what State and what location?  
NO

5. Are you financially interested in any other place of business that has an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland?  
Yes  No  If yes, please detail. \_\_\_\_\_

6. As a member, how much time will you spend on the licensed premises?  
40 HRS WEEKLY

7. What profit will you derive in proportion to the percentage of ownership?  
ESTIMATED 250K 25%

8. As a member have you read the Rules and Regulations of the Board?  
Yes  No

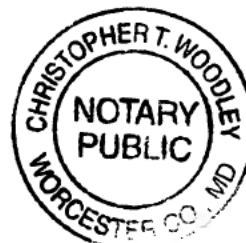
9. If you are a qualified Resident Agent, are you a Worcester County, Maryland resident? Yes  No

PROVIDE COPY(ies) OF ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS relative to the operation of the business to be conducted under the alcoholic beverage license (Inclusive of managerial agreements and/or sales contracts.)

[Signature]  
Signature of Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland, County of Worcester, personally appeared Darren Custo In said County and State on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts in the foregoing Affidavit are true and that they would in fact comply with all statements made therein.

WITNESS my hand and official Seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026



[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 11/1/29

## Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

Principal Purpose: Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

Routine Uses: During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

As of 03/30/2018

## NONCRIMINAL JUSTICE APPLICANT'S PRIVACY RIGHTS

As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for employment or a license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights which are discussed below. All notices must be provided to you in writing.<sup>1</sup> These obligations are pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 552a, and Title 28 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 50.12, among other authorities.


- You must be provided an adequate written FBI Privacy Act Statement (dated 2013 or later) when you submit your fingerprints and associated personal information. This Privacy Act Statement must explain the authority for collecting your fingerprints and associated information and whether your fingerprints and associated information will be searched, shared, or retained.<sup>2</sup>
- You must be advised in writing of the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or update of your FBI criminal history record as set forth at 28 CFR 16.34.
- You must be provided the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in your FBI criminal history record (if you have such a record).
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you the employment, license, or other benefit based on information in the FBI criminal history record.
- If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. If agency policy does not permit it to provide you a copy of the record, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks> and <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>.
- If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI by submitting a request via <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.)
- You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.<sup>3</sup>

Updated 11/6/2019

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I acknowledge receipt of the FBI Privacy Act Statement and Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights.

DARREN S. CASTO  
Print Name

  
Signature

4/13/2026  
Date

<sup>1</sup> Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification. <sup>2</sup> <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>  
<sup>3</sup> See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 34 U.S.C. § 40316 (formerly cited as 42 U.S.C. § 14616), Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d) and 906.2(d).

- E. Describe premises to be licensed: inn, Restaurant, Wedding Venue - Full Service Restaur
- F. If this is a new or proposed building or a building not previously licensed, a copy of the bona fide plans must be filed with this application or presented at the time of the hearing.
6. State name and address of owner of record of premises: Catherine Casto, Darren Casto, Tammie Faile and Jeffrey Faile
7. Have you ever been:
- A. Convicted of a misdemeanor? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Adjudged guilty of violating alcoholic beverage laws by a court, administrative agency or Board of License Commissioners? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Adjudged guilty of violating gambling laws? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Adjudged guilty of any offense against the laws of the United States? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, when and where: \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Convicted of a felony or offered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony indictment and charge was subsequently accepted by a court? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
8. A. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, state when and where: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. If so, has such license been suspended or revoked? 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
If answer is yes, give full details: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. If so, were you ever found in violation of any alcoholic beverage law? 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you ever applied for an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
If answer is yes, state when and where: \_\_\_\_\_
10. What financial interests do you have in the business to be conducted under this license? 1 25% OWNER 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you financially interested in any other alcoholic beverage business for which a license has been applied for, granted or issued? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, give details: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is your wife or husband, as the case may be, a licensee and does her or she have any financial interest in any other alcoholic beverage business in the State of Maryland? 1 NO 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, give details: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Is there now, or will there be, during the continuance of the license applied for, any other person financially interested in said license or the business to be conducted thereunder? 1 JEFF + TAMMY FAILE 2 CATHERINE CASTO 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, state name, address, telephone no., age, percent of interest and state whether or not an interest is held in any other alcoholic beverage license: \_\_\_\_\_
14. A. Does any manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler have any financial interest in the premises or business to be conducted under this license? NO
- B. Will any such interest be hereafter conveyed or granted to any such manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you now have, or will you hereafter have, any indebtedness or other financial indebtedness, directly or indirectly, to any manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler, other than for purchase of alcoholic beverage? NO
16. A. If granted a license, will you conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business in which you propose to engage? Yes
- B. If granted a license, will you agree to keep current all state and local tax obligations including, but not limited to, state sales and use tax, withholding tax and admissions tax? Yes

I/We consent to the Board of License Commissioners being furnished with a copy of my/our arrest record, if any, by any state, local, or federal law enforcement or judicial agency. App. #1 Yes App. #2 \_\_\_\_\_ App. #3 \_\_\_\_\_

I/We hereby authorize the Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners of Worcester County, its duly authorized agents and employees, any peace officer of Worcester County, to inspect without warrant, the premises upon which said business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the building in which said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours, and further state that I/We have personally obtained the signatures of the ten citizens to the certificate which is a part hereof.

(Extract from the law: If any affidavit or oath required under the provisions of this Act shall contain any false statements, the offender shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon indictment and conviction thereof shall be subject to the penalties provided by the law for that crime.)

Give name(s) and address(es) of officers:

X DARREN S. CASTO (name) [Signature] OWNER/PARTNER (title) SNOW HILL MD 21867 (residence)

(name) (title) (residence)

(name) (title) (residence)

If applicant is a Corporation, President or Vice-President must sign:

All Applicants must sign

1. [Signature] (Signature of applicant)

2. (Signature of applicant)

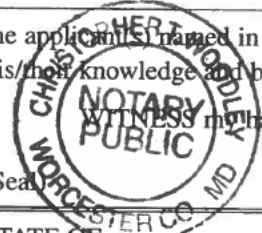
3. (Signature of applicant)

STATE OF MD COUNTY OF Worcester TO WIT:

THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 14th day of April, 2026, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of MD personally appeared Darren Casto

the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application, and made oath in due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.



[Signature] NOTARY PUBLIC

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(Seal)



## **Worcester County**

### ***BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS***

1:15 - Application for Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License  
T/A: Tide to Table  
7805 Coastal Highway/Ocean City



**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
FOR WORCESTER COUNTY  
NARRATIVE**

Type: *New Application*

DATE: *4/29/2026*

License No: *N/A*

Class: *"B"*

Type: *Beer – Wine – Liquor 7 day*

APPLICANT(S):      1. Kevin Decker                      2. Jason Elliott  
                                 3. Michael Wroten                      4.

TRADE NAME: *Tide to Table*

CORP: *Wisewell Ct. LLC.*

LOCATION: *7805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City*

Restrictions: This property was most recently licensed as Midtown Roadhouse and the restrictions were as follows: **Live entertainment allowed inside amplified with a maximum of four pieces four nights per week from 6 P.M. until 11 P.M., live entertainment allowed outside non amplified with a maximum of one piece (guitarist) four nights per week from Noon until 9 P.M. on either the first or second floor deck, outside bar allowed on the first floor deck, two ceiling mounted speakers allowed on the first and second floor decks with background music only, no games allowed, no disc jockey allowed, no off sale, no pool tables allowed**

Mr. Kevin Decker is the Resident agent and did obtain the signatures on the application. Mr. Decker will hold 25% of the LLC, Mr. Jason Elliott will hold 25% of the LLC. and Mr. Michael Wroten will hold 50% of the LLC. Mr. Decker has been on five liquor licenses in Worcester County. Mr. Decker stated that he has had two (2) violations for serving a minor as a license holder, but not personally. Mr. Wroten holds a license in Annapolis Maryland at the Dock Street Bar and Grill and does so since 2005 with one violation 15 years ago (serving a minor). Mr. Elliott has served alcoholic beverages in the past.

The premises has two floors with a total of 5,000 SF. The first floor has one inside bar with seating for 10 bar stools. The inside will seat 53 at tables, with additional seating for 18 at high top tables. The outside first floor area will seat up to 18 at tables. The second floor has one inside bar with seating for 18 bar stools. The inside second floor will seat 46 at tables and the outside second floor area will seat up to 81.

The hours of operation will be from 8 A.M. until 2 A.M. to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner seven (7) days a week. The applicants do not want Off- Sale, any games or live entertainment. Mr. Decker said they would have speakers outside of the first floor and outside on the second-floor seating area with background music. They will supervise the volume of the speakers. The premises will have approximately 20 employees and a manager. The employees who serve alcoholic beverages will be TIPS/TAMS trained and the applicants will discuss having an I.D. scanner.

Joseph Pembroke  
Liquor License Inspector

April Payne  
Liquor License Administrator

# Licensed Liquor Establishments

## Off Premise Sale

- Beer, Wine & Liquor
- Beer & Wine
- Beer, Wine or Liquor
- No Off Premise Sale
- NEW Application



Worcester County Board of License Commissioners

New Application  
 Class "B" B/W/L - 7 Day  
 Tide to Table - License No. N/A

Information & Technology - GIS Division - April 2026



NEW Application - Tide to Table					
License Number	Class	License Type	Off Premise Sale	Business Name	Linear Distance (feet)
N/A	B	BWL	NEW	TIDE TO TABLE	0
967	B	BWL	NEW	MIDTOWN ROADHOUSE	0
481	B	BWL	N	BAYSIDE SKILLET	400
802	B	BWL	N	HOOKEED RESTAURANT	606
273	B	BWL	N	HOBBIT RESTAURANT	775
949	A	BW	BW	O.C. BEER & WINE	1090
78	B	BWL	N	SALTWATER 75	1184
359	B	BWL	N	ROPEWALK ON THE BAY	1260
530	B	BWL	N	LITTLE HOUSE OF PANCAKES, RIBS & PIZZA	1464
65	D	BWL	BWL	BIG PECKERS BAR & GRILL	1600
76	B	BW	BW	SEASIDE DELI BEER & WINE	1755
560	A	BW	BW	WINE RACK 85	2029
334	B	BWL	N	OCEAN LANES	2081
14	B	BWL	N	BONFIRE RESTAURANT	2366
377	B	BWL	N	ROUTE 66 DINER	2686
879	D	BW	BW	MARISOL'S MARKET AND CAFE	3296



Front entrance to premises from Coastal Highway



Looking to the front entrance from 79<sup>TH</sup> Street



Looking from front entrance towards bar area, on the first floor.



Looking towards the bar area from front of premises, on the first floor.



Looking from bar area to side door towards 79<sup>th</sup> St.



Front of Bar on the first floor



Additional Picture of first floor bar area



Second floor bar area



Second floor bar area/ behind the bar



Looking to the left side of the second floor bar area



Second floor looking from top of stairway looking towards the bar



**Second floor outside Area/ with steps leading to the first floor**



Second floor area looking from top of steps



**Exterior steps going from first floor to second floor**



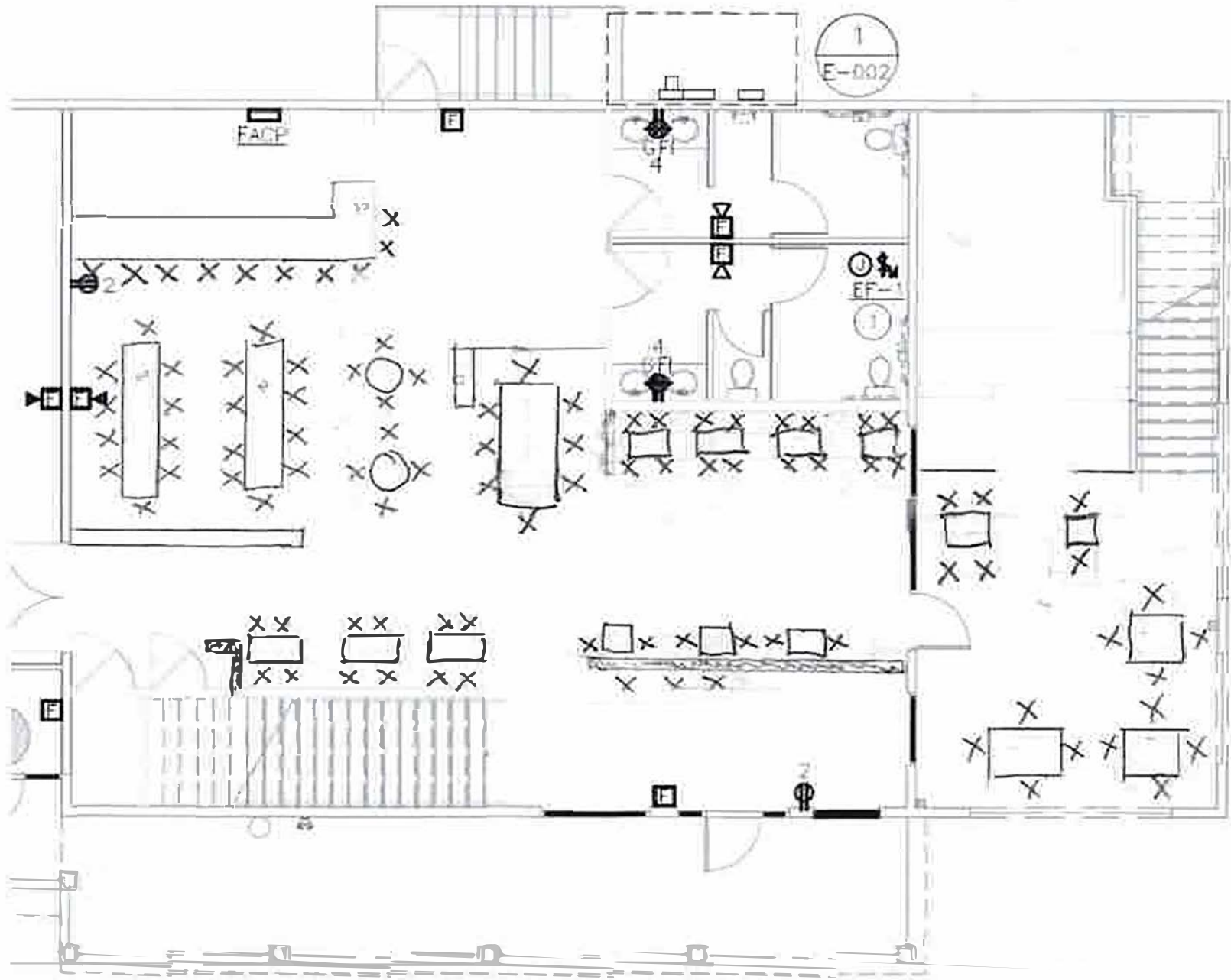
First floor exterior with gate



Picture of gate going to parking lot on the first floor

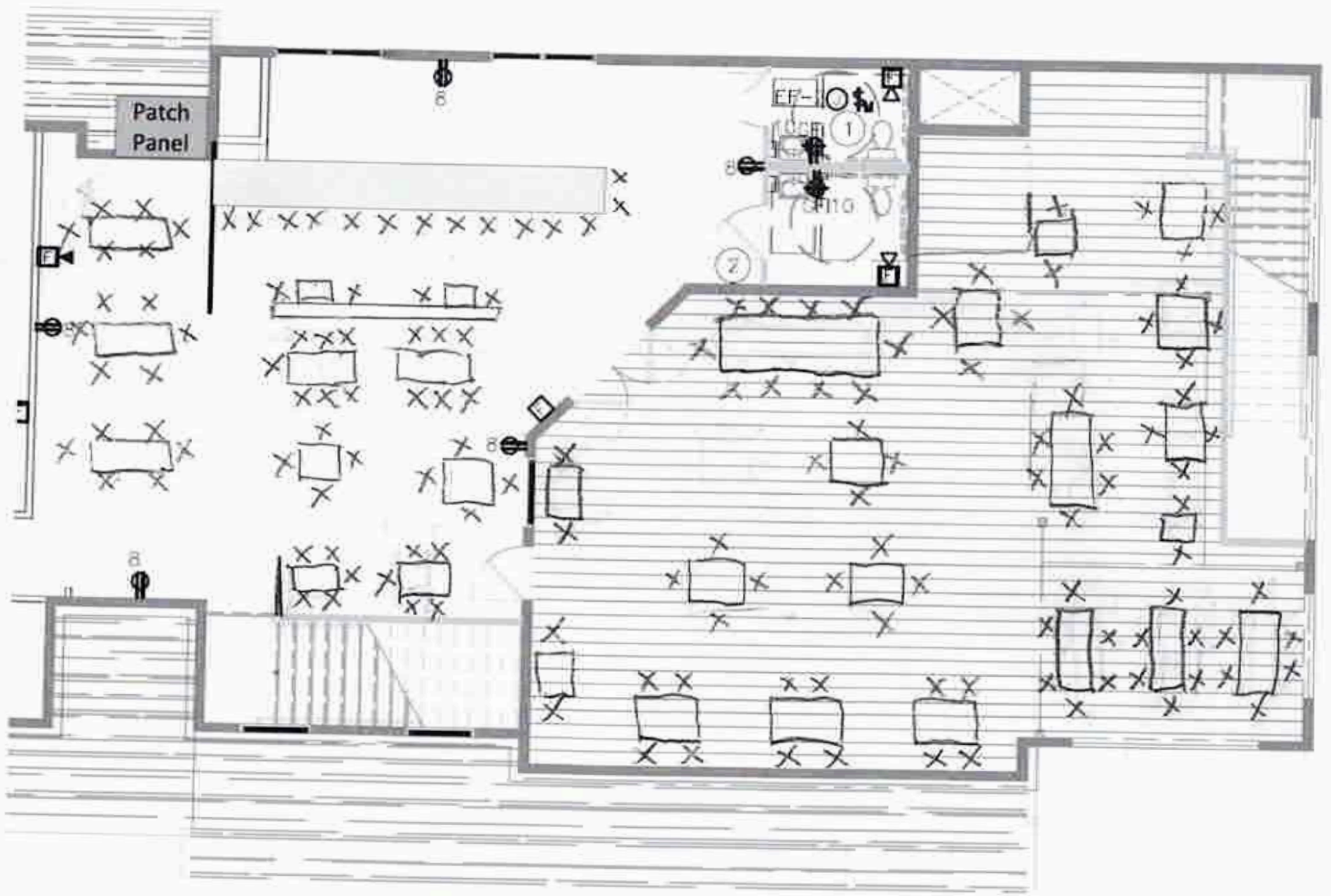
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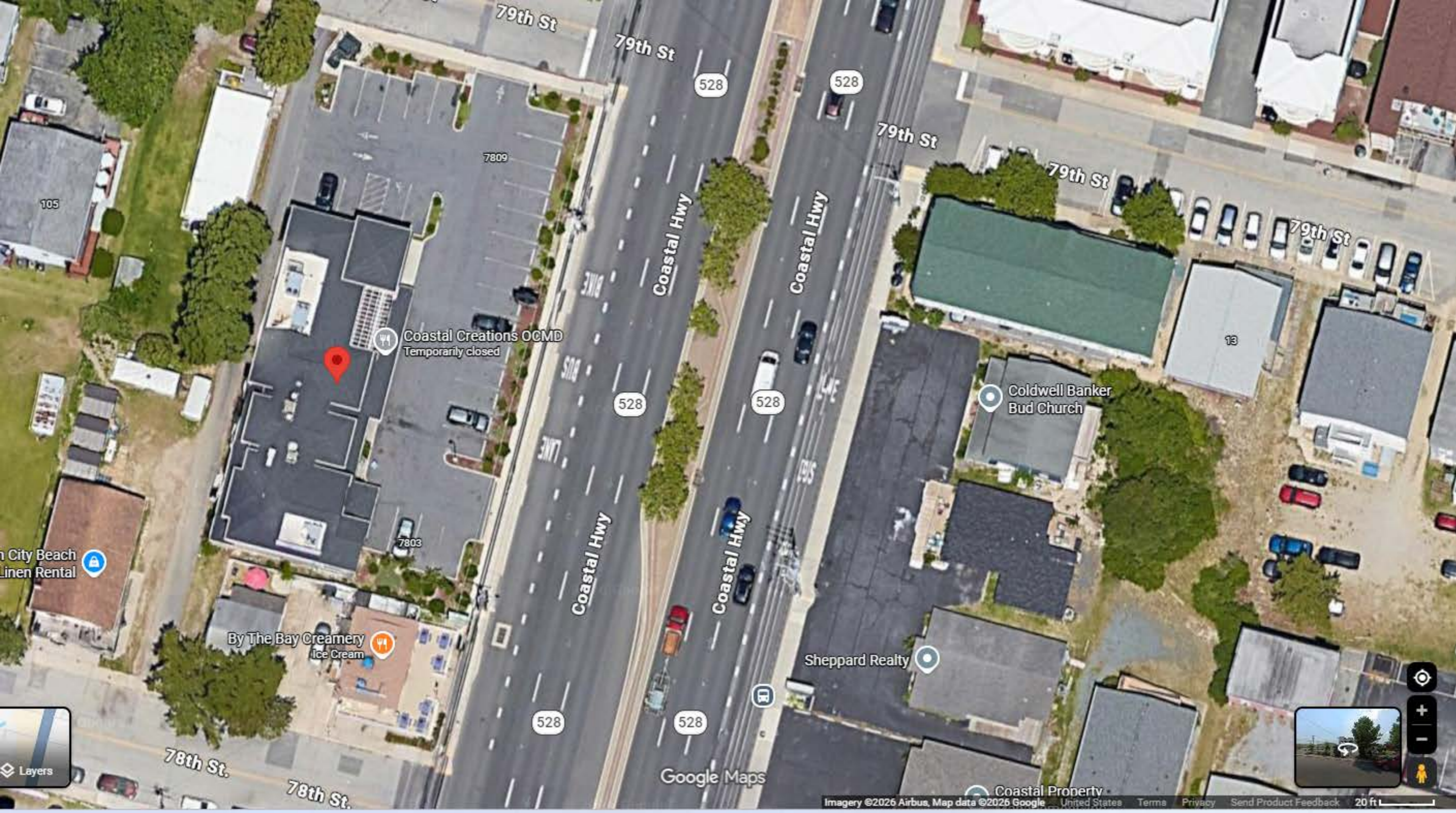
First Floor



81 outside  
67 inside

Second Floor





79th St

79th St

528

528

79th St

79th St

79th St

105

7809

Coastal Creations OCMD  
Temporarily closed

528

528

Coldwell Banker  
Bud Church

13

City Beach  
Linen Rental

7803

By The Bay Creamery  
Ice Cream

528

528

Sheppard Realty

78th St.

78th St.

Google Maps

Coastal Property



Restaurant	Starting Year	Address	County	Type of License	Persons on License	Corporate Name	Violations	Type of Violation/ outcome	Revoked License
Dock Street Bar and Grill	2005	136 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD 21401	Anne Arundel	B B/W/L	Michael Wroten Rhea Torreon Jeffery Howard	Dock Street Enterprises, Inc.	About 15 years ago	Underage service	No

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April 17, 2026

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One West Market Street- Room 1201  
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Re: Wisewell Ct., LLC  
Tide to Table  
Liquor License Application

Dear April:

On behalf of my client, Wisewell Ct., LLC., a Maryland limited liability company (the "Company") enclosed is an application for a Class "B" B/W/L 7-day liquor license for that property known as Tide to Table located at 7805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City (the "Licensed Premises"). In support of this request, enclosed are the following:

1. Completed application with supporting signatures on the last page;
2. Limited Liability Company Affidavits for the applicants;
3. Fingerprint receipts for the applicants;
4. Privacy Act Statements for the applicants;
5. Articles of Organization for the Company;
6. Operating Agreement Exhibit A;
7. Certificate of Good Standing for the Company;
8. Affidavit of Maryland Tax Compliance;
9. Lease Agreement between Lessor and the Company;
10. Floorplans of the Licensed Premises showing total seating at tables for 223; 88 seats on the first floor and 135 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Floorplans show a breakdown of inside and outside seating;
11. Information about the Class "B" B/W/L in Annapolis held by Michael Wroten;

12. A check made payable to Worcester County in the amount of \$660 for advertising costs and application processing fee; and
13. A check made payable to Worcester County in the amount of \$25 for the signature verification fee.

Mr. Kevin Decker, the Qualifying Resident Agent on this application, has been on five liquor licenses in Worcester County and one in Baltimore City. As the information will not fit into the allotted areas of the application, it is listed here.

Worcester County:

- a. #171 – Angler Restaurant (312 Talbot Street, Ocean City). Per this year’s renewal process, Mr. Decker is being removed from this license. This is multiple license #1 with #959 below.
  - No violations
- b. #959 – Topsy Taco at the Lankford Hotel (8<sup>th</sup> Street and the Boardwalk, Ocean City). Per this year’s renewal process, Mr. Decker is being removed from this license. This is multiple license #2 with #171 above.
  - One violation for serving a minor
- c. #890 – OC Eateries (12849 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City).
  - No violations
- d. #649 – Mother’s Cantina (2816 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City)
  - No violations
- e. #751 - Lazy Lizard Bar & Grill (302 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Ocean City)
  - One violation for serving a minor.

Baltimore City:

- f. Number unknown – Deckers (about 1994)
  - No violations

Should you have any questions about this letter or any of the enclosures, do not hesitate to give me a call. As always, your cooperation is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Mark Spencer Cropper

Enclosures

Business Phone No.

WORCESTER COUNTY  
STATE OF MARYLAND

Received 4-17-26  
APD

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAW

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS "B" BW/L 7-day LICENSE

"NEW APPLICATION"

For the use of:

(Check one) An Individual  Partnership  Corporation  Unincorporated Association  Limited Liability Co.

To the Board of License Commissioners Worcester County.

Date 04.17, 20 26

Application is made by the undersigned under the provisions of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, title "Alcoholic Beverages," for the above license, and the applicant(s) submit(s) and certify(ies) to the following information required by the Article.

Fill in all the blanks:

Applications will NOT be accepted without all Applicant information, including middle name.

1. Applicant(s)

(1) Full Name Kevin Decker

Residence [Redacted]

Date of Birth [Redacted]

Period of Residence 4 years in Wor. County 38 years

Place of Birth [Redacted]

Naturalized at n/a Year NA

Telephone Number [Redacted]

Race Caucasian Sex M

(2) Full Name Jason Elliott

Residence [Redacted]

Date of Birth [Redacted]

Period of Residence 14 years in Wor. County 0

Place of Birth [Redacted]

Naturalized at n/a Year n/a

Telephone Number [Redacted]

Race Caucasian Sex M

(3) Full Name Michael Wroten

Residence [Redacted]

Date of Birth [Redacted]

Period of Residence 15 years in Wor. County n/a

Place of Birth [Redacted]

Naturalized at n/a Year

Telephone Number [Redacted]

Race Caucasian Sex M

2. The applicant(s) is/are citizen(s) of the United States, and (if the application is for an individual or a partnership), has/have been for two years next preceding the filing of this application (a) resident(s) of Worcester County. The applicant(s) (if applying as a qualifying individual for a corporation) is a registered voter and taxpayer in Worcester County and shall also have resided there for at least two years prior to the filing of this application. The applicant(s) thus qualified is/are: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) (Check number to correspond with name(s) listed above.)

3. State the Retail Sales Tax No.: APPLIED FOR

4. If a corporation, state corporate name and trade name, if any: Wisewell Ct., LLC

If other than a corporation, state trade name to be used: Tide to Table

5. Address of place to be licensed (Give street number or accurate description): 7805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD

A. Nearest intersecting street: 78th Street Approximate distance: 0 feet

B. Tax District where located: 10 Is this an application for a new license? Yes

C. Is this a transfer from a present licensee? No From Whom? n/a

(This Board must be furnished releases by the State Comptroller's Office approving the bulk sales transfer and clearing all tax accounts before any license will be transferred.)

D. Are you represented by an attorney? Whom: Mark Spencer Cropper Tel. No.: (410) 723-1400

Address: 6200 Coastal Highway, Suite 200, Ocean City, MD 21842

E. Describe premises to be licensed: Full service restaurant and bar

F. If this is a new or proposed building or a building not previously licensed, a copy of the bona fide plans must be filed with this application or presented at the time of the hearing.

6. State name and address of owner of record of premises: Triple D Rentals, LLC, 9028 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD 21842

7. Have you ever been:

A. Convicted of a misdemeanor? 1 No 2 No 3 No

B. Adjudged guilty of violating alcoholic beverage laws by a court, administrative agency or Board of License Commissioners?

1 Yes, Lazy Lizard QRA 2 No 3 No

SEE COVER LETTER

C. Adjudged guilty of violating gambling laws? 1 No 2 No 3 No

D. Adjudged guilty of any offense against the laws of the United States? 1 No 2 No 3 No

If so, when and where: n/a

E. Convicted of a felony or offered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony indictment and charge was subsequently accepted by a court?

1 No 2 No 3 No

8. A. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages? 1 Yes 2 No 3 Yes

If yes, state when and where: 1. See cover letter 3. Dock Street Bar and Grill, 136 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

B. If so, has such license been suspended or revoked? 1 No 2 No 3 No

If answer is yes, give full details: n/a

C. If so, were you ever found in violation of any alcoholic beverage law? 1 Yes, See cover ltr. 2 No 3 No

9. Have you ever applied for an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland? 1 Yes 2 No 3 Yes

If answer is yes, state when and where: Dock Street Bar and Grill, 136 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

10. What financial interests do you have in the business to be conducted under this license?

1 25% 2 25% 3 50%

11. Are you financially interested in any other alcoholic beverage business for which a license has been applied for, granted or issued?

1 No 2 No 3 Yes

If so, give details: 3. Dock Street Bar and Grill, 136 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

12. Is your wife or husband, as the case may be, a licensee and does her or she have any financial interest in any other alcoholic beverage business in the State of Maryland? 1 No 2 No 3 No

If so, give details: n/a

13. Is there now, or will there be, during the continuance of the license applied for, any other person financially interested in said license or the business to be conducted thereunder? 1 No 2 No 3 No

If so, state name, address, telephone no., age, percent of interest and state whether or not an interest is held in any other alcoholic beverage license: n/a

14. A. Does any manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler have any financial interest in the premises or business to be conducted under this license? No

B. Will any such interest be hereafter conveyed or granted to any such manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler?

No

15. Do you now have, or will you hereafter have, any indebtedness or other financial indebtedness, directly or indirectly, to any manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler, other than for purchase of alcoholic beverage? No

16. A. If granted a license, will you conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business in which you propose to engage?

Yes

B. If granted a license, will you agree to keep current all state and local tax obligations including, but not limited to, state sales and use tax, withholding tax and admissions tax? Yes

I/We consent to the Board of License Commissioners being furnished with a copy of my/our arrest record, if any, by any state, local, or federal law enforcement or judicial agency. App. #1 Yes App. #2 Yes App. #3 Yes

**LIMITED LIABILITY MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

Kevin Decker [redacted] [redacted]  
Name Residence Address Zip Code  
4 years [redacted] [redacted]  
Period of Residence Home Telephone No. Office Telephone No.  
[redacted] Male  
Date of Birth Sex Place of Birth Social Security No.  
Naturalized Yes ( ) No ( ) n/a  
Where Naturalized Petition No.

COASTAL LIFE REALTY  
Place of Employment  
4600 COASTAL HWY, OCMD 21842 8 YRS  
Address of Employer Length of Employment

1a. What is your ownership interest in LLC? 25%  
Percent of Ownership  
2b. What is your capital contribution to LLC? 25%

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony, or have you been adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of any alcoholic beverages or for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland or adjudged guilty of any offense against the United States laws?

Yes ( ) No (x) If yes, please detail.

3. State whether you have had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages denied or revoked.

Yes ( ) No (x) If yes, please detail.

4. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages and if so in what State and what location?

YES. SEE COVER LETTER

5. Are you financially interested in any other place of business that has an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland?

Yes ( ) No (x) If yes, please detail.

6. As a member, how much time will you spend on the licensed premises?

AS NEEDED

7. What profit will you derive in proportion to the percentage of ownership?

25%

8. As a member have you read the Rules and Regulations of the Board?

Yes (x) No ( )

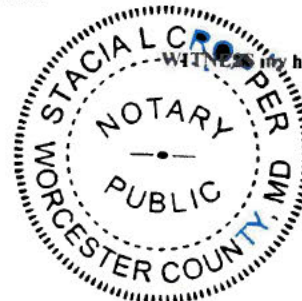
9. If you are a qualified Resident Agent, are you a Worcester County, Maryland

resident? Yes ( ) No ( )

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[Signature]  
Signature of Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland, County of Worcester, personally appeared KEVIN DECKER In said County and State on this 16<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL, 20 26, and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts in the foregoing Affidavit are true and that they would in fact comply with all statements made therein.



WITNESSE my hand and official Seal this 16<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL, 20 26

[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 04-16-2026

**LIMITED LIABILITY MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT**

Jason Elliott  
Name  
Residence Address  
Zip Code  
14 Years  
Period of Residence  
Home Telephone No.  
Office Telephone No.  
Male  
Date of Birth  
Sex  
Place of Birth  
Social Security No.

Naturalized Yes ( ) No ( ) n/a  
Where Naturalized  
Petition No. n/a

Elliott Family Dentistry (self)  
Place of Employment  
809 N. Hammonds Ferry Road, Linthicom, MD 21090  
Address of Employer  
18 years  
Length of Employment

1b. What is your ownership interest in LLC? 25%  
Percent of Ownership  
2b. What is your capital contribution to LLC? \$75,000

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony, or have you been adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of any alcoholic beverages or for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland or adjudged guilty of any offense against the United States laws?

Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, please detail.

3. State whether you have had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages denied or revoked.  
Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, please detail.

4. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages and if so in what State and what location?

No

5. Are you financially interested in any other place of business that has an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland?

Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, please detail.

As a member, how much time will you spend on the licensed premises?  
Limited (when in town) 20% of my time - AS NEEDED

7. What profit will you derive in proportion to the percentage of ownership?  
25%


8. As a member have you read the Rules and Regulations of the Board?  
Yes ( ) No ( )

9. If you are a qualified Resident Agent, are you a Worcester County, Maryland resident? Yes ( ) No ( ) Not the resident agent

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*Jason Elliott*  
Signature of Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland, County of Worcester, personally appeared Jason Elliott In said County and State on this 27 day of March, 2026 and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts in the foregoing Affidavit are true and that they would in fact comply with all statements made therein.

WITNESS my hand and official Seal this 27 day of March, 2026  
  
*Stacy L. Heath*  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 8/29/29

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Michael Wroten [redacted] [redacted]  
Name Residence Address Zip Code

15 years [redacted] [redacted]  
Period of Residence Home Telephone No. Office Telephone No.

[redacted] Male [redacted] [redacted]  
Date of Birth Sex Place of Birth Social Security No.

Naturalized Yes ( ) No ( ) n/a  
Where Naturalized Petition No.

Dock Street Bar & Grill  
Place of Employment

136 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD 21401  
Address of Employer Length of Employment 20 years + 6 months.

1b. What is your ownership interest in LLC? 50%  
Percent of Ownership

2b. What is your capital contribution to LLC? \$150,000

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony, or have you been adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of any alcoholic beverages or for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland or adjudged guilty of any offense against the United States laws?

Yes ( ) No (x) If yes, please detail.

3. State whether you have had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages denied or revoked.

Yes ( ) No (x) If yes, please detail.

4. Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages and if so in what State and what location?

Yes. Class B B/W/L Dock Street Bar & Grill, 136 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD

5. Are you financially interested in any other place of business that has an alcoholic beverage license in the State of Maryland?

Yes (x) No ( ) If yes, please detail. Dock Street Bar & Grill, 136 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD

6.

As a member, how much time will you spend on the licensed premises?

As needed in season

7. What profit will you derive in proportion to the percentage of ownership?

50%

8. As a member have you read the Rules and Regulations of the Board?

Yes (x) No ( )

9. If you are a qualified Resident Agent, are you a Worcester County, Maryland

resident? Yes ( ) No (x)

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Michael W. Wroten  
Signature of Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland, County of Worcester, personally appeared Michael W. Wroten In said County and State on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts in the foregoing Affidavit are true and that they would in fact comply with all statements made therein.

WITNESS my hand and official Seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

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NOTARY PUBLIC  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
MARYLAND  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
SEPTEMBER 27 2029  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 9/27/2029

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As of 03/30/2018

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Updated 11/6/2019

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Kevin Decker

Print Name



Signature

04.16.2026

Date

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- If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI by submitting a request via <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.)
- You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.<sup>3</sup>

Updated 11/6/2019

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I acknowledge receipt of the FBI Privacy Act Statement and Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights.

Michael W. Wroten  
Print Name

Michael W. Wroten  
Signature

4/8/26  
Date

<sup>1</sup> Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification. <sup>2</sup> <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>  
<sup>3</sup> See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 34 U.S.C. § 40316 (formerly cited as 42 U.S.C. § 14616), Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d) and 906.2(d).

I/We hereby authorize the Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners of Worcester County, its duly authorized agents and employees, any peace officer of Worcester County, to inspect without warrant, the premises upon which said business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the building in which said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours, and further state that I/We have personally obtained the signatures of the ten citizens to the certificate which is a part hereof.

(Extract from the law: If any affidavit or oath required under the provisions of this Act shall contain any false statements, the offender shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon indictment and conviction thereof shall be subject to the penalties provided by the law for that crime.)

Give name(s) and address(es) of officers:

Member, [redacted] (title) [redacted] (residence)
Member, [redacted] (title) [redacted] (residence)
Managing Member, [redacted] (title) [redacted] (residence)

If applicant is a Corporation, President or Vice-President must sign:

[Signature of Michael Wroten]
(Signature of Pres. or Vice-Pres.) Michael Wroten
Managing Member

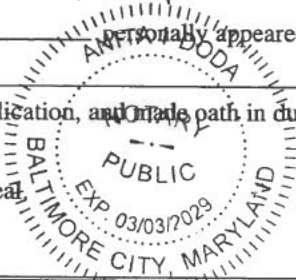
All Applicants must sign:

1. [Signature of Kevin Decker] (Signature of applicant) Kevin Decker
2. [Signature of Jason Elliott] (Signature of applicant) Jason Elliott
3. [Signature of Michael Wroten] (Signature of applicant) Michael Wroten

STATE OF Maryland COUNTY OF Baltimore City TO WIT:
THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 12 day of April, 2026, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland personally appeared Jason Elliott

the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application, and made oath in due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of his/their knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal

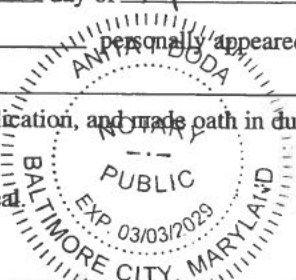


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NOTARY PUBLIC

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THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 12 day of April, 2026, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland personally appeared Michael Wroten

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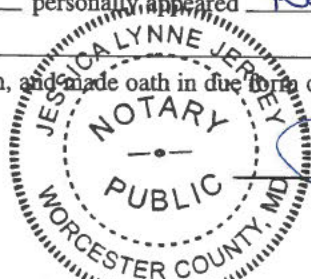


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NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF Maryland COUNTY OF Worcester TO WIT:
THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 15 day of April, 2026, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland personally appeared Kevin Decker

the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application, and made oath in due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of his/their knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal



[Signature of Jessica Lynne Jervey]
NOTARY PUBLIC

(Seal)

**STATEMENT OF OWNER OF PREMISES REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAW OF MARYLAND**

I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That I am/we the owner(s) of record of the property known as 7805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD

named in the foregoing application made to the Board of License Commissioners under the Alcoholic Beverage Laws of Maryland; that I/we assent to the granting of the license applied for; that I/we hereby authorize the State Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of such county to inspect and search, without warrant, the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the building in which said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours.

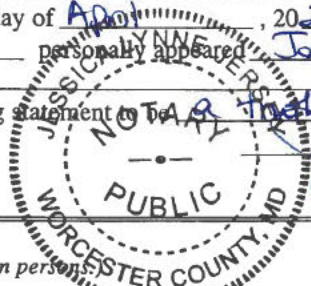
WITNESS, our/my hand(s) and seal(s) this 15 day of April 2026  
John C. Demickson, II (seal) \_\_\_\_\_ (seal)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (seal) \_\_\_\_\_ (seal)

STATE OF Maryland COUNTY OF Worcester TO WIT:

THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 15 day of April, 2026, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland personally appeared John C. Demickson, II

and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing statement to be a truthful act act.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.  
 (Seal) \_\_\_\_\_ NOTARY PUBLIC



(The following certificates must be signed by at least ten persons)

**SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED BY THE RESIDENT, IF APPLICATION IS FOR CORPORATION.**

We the undersigned reputable citizens (real estate owners, registered voters with Worcester County and reside within the tax district in which the business covered by the foregoing application is to be conducted) certify that each of us has been personally acquainted with the applicant for the length of time indicated after our respective names; that we have examined the application of the applicant and that we have good reason to believe that all of the statements contained in said application are true, and that we are familiar with the premises upon which the proposed business is to be conducted and we believe such premises are suitable for the conduct of the business of retail dealer in alcoholic beverages, and that we are of the opinion that the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license applied for:

(Print name above signature)	Name	Address	Voting Residence	Length of time acquainted with applicant(s). If not acquainted prior to application filing, indicate "Just Met." (All three blanks must be filled in.)
<u>Jason Pappas</u>	<u>Jason Pappas</u>	<u>10524</u>	<u>15 years</u>	App. 1 <u>15 years</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Dawn Pappas</u>	<u>Dawn Pappas</u>	<u>10524</u>	<u>15 years</u>	App. 1 <u>15 years</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Dawn Pappas</u>	<u>Dawn Pappas</u>	<u>12547 Ocean Reef Dr. Berlin, MD 21811</u>	<u>20</u>	App. 1 <u>20</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Brooks Decker</u>	<u>Brooks Decker</u>	<u>9815 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>29 years</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>JOSEPH WILSON</u>	<u>JOSEPH WILSON</u>	<u>617 BAYSWEG DR #47, Ocean City, MD 21842</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>14</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Daniel Robinson</u>	<u>Daniel Robinson</u>	<u>313 Bayshore Drive Ocean City, MD 21842</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>22</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Maretha Moore</u>	<u>Maretha Moore</u>	<u>12949 Windy Drive Ocean City, MD 21842</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>25</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>DAWN HARMAN</u>	<u>DAWN HARMAN</u>	<u>12949 Windy Drive Ocean City, MD 21842</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>25</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>RYAN HOURIHAN</u>	<u>RYAN HOURIHAN</u>	<u>10249 Broken Sound Blvd</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>9</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Megan Foley</u>	<u>Megan Foley</u>	<u>10521 SUSSEX RD OC MD 21842</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>20</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Jean E. Foley</u>	<u>Jean E. Foley</u>	<u>12503 Deer Point Cir Berlin MD 21811</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>19</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Robert G. Foley</u>	<u>Robert G. Foley</u>	<u>12503 Deer Point Cir Berlin MD 21811</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>19</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____
<u>Jessica Jersey</u>	<u>Jessica Jersey</u>	<u>12147 Landings Blvd #103, Berlin, MD 21811</u>	<u>10</u>	App. 1 <u>20 yrs</u> App. 2 _____ App. 3 _____

Names and addresses of signers must be printed or typewritten above signatures.



## **Worcester County**

### **BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

- 1:25 - Meeting/Embers Restaurant & Blu Crabhouse – (License #18)  
Class “B” B/W/L 7 Day License  
Request off-sale of liquor from the third-floor area once per week during organized tasting events restricted to the specific alcoholic beverages offered at the event  
2305 Philadelphia Avenue/Ocean City



# Licensed Liquor Establishments

## Off Premise Sale

- Beer, Wine & Liquor
- Beer & Wine
- Beer, Wine or Liquor
- No Off Premise Sale
- NEW Application



Worcester County Board of License Commissioners

Request for Off Premise Sale of Liquor  
Weekly Organized Tasting Events

Embers Restaurant & Blu Crabhouse - License No. 18

Information & Technology - GIS Division - April 2026



## Request Off-Sale of Liquor - Weekly Tasting Events - Embers Restaurant &amp; Blu Crabhouse

License No.	Class	License Type	Off Premise Sale	Business Name	Distance (Linear Feet)
18	B	BWL	BW	EMBERS RESTAURANT & BLU CRABHOUSE	0
919	B	BWL	N	SATELLITE CAFE AND BAR	229
11	C	BWL	N	AMERICAN LEGION SYNEPUXENT POST #166	259
945	B	BW	N	FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	520
865	B	BWL	N	BARRACUDA'S BAR & GRILL	523
827	A	BW	BW	21ST STREET BEER AND WINE	821
45	D	BWL	BW	BAHIA MARINA & FISH TALES	849
717	B	BWL	BWL	ANCHORS	886
930	B	BWL	N	PAPI'S OCEAN CITY	896
953	B	BW	N	SURFIN' BETTY'S BURGER BAR	902
607	B	BWL	N	STOWAWAY GRAND	1017
103	B	BWL	N	JONAH & THE WHALE RESTAURANT	1023
937	D	BW	N	COMMANDER HOTEL POOL BAR	1031
885	B	BWL	N	OMEGA EATS	1034
275	A	BW	BW	7-11 STORE	1171
244	B	BWL	N	28TH STREET PIT AND PUB	1345
968	B	BWL	N	BAI-TEE BAKERY	1345
281	D	BWL	BW	BUXY'S SALTY DOG SALOON	1363
664	B	BWL	N	MOTHER'S CANTINA	1674
649	B	BWL	BW	MOTHER'S TORTILLA SHOP	1719
187	B	BWL	N	COIN'S PUB & RESTAURANT	1751
338	B	BWL	N	HILTON GARDEN INN	1785
222	A	BWL	BWL	VILLAGE MARKET BEER WINE & LIQUOR	1852
60	B	BW	BW	P.G.N. CRAB HOUSE	2058
153	B	BWL	N	BISTRO AND LOUNGE	2090
605	B	BWL	N	HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES	2296
227	B	BWL	W	RISTORANTE ANTIPASTI	2628
353	B	BWL	N	COASTAL SALT	2663
403	B	BWL	N	HIGGINS CRAB HOUSE SOUTH	2681
7	A	BW	BW	MINIT MARKET	2830
880	H	BWL	N	HYATT HOTEL	2855
898	B	BW	BW	ASIAN GARDEN	2884
735	B	BWL	N	CAPTAIN'S TABLE RESTAURANT	3008
686	B	BWL	N	HILTON HOTEL SUITES	3100
859	B	BWL	N	OCEAN 13	3170
326	B	BWL	N	DAVINCI'S BY THE SEA	3185



Entrance



Bar Area – Third Floor



Bar area - Third Floor



Bar area - Third Floor



Bar Area – Third floor



Dining Area – Third floor



Dining area – Third Floor



Dining area – Third floor

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March 23, 2026

April R. Payne  
Liquor License Administrator  
Worcester County  
One West Market Street, Room 1201  
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

RE: *Embers Restaurant*

Dear Mrs. Payne:

Please accept this correspondence as a new (and revised) application on behalf of Embers Restaurant.

On February 18, 2026, I appeared before the Board of License Commissioners, with Cole Taustin, requesting an upgrade to the existing Class B License to allow liquor sales, in factory sealed containers, from the retail shop on the first floor of the premises. In addition, we requested off-premises liquor sales from the Embers Restaurant.

In the current new request, there will be no retail sales from the first floor commercial space. Those shelves will include beer and wine only.

In the current new request, liquor in factory sealed containers will be permitted to be sold from the Embers Restaurant, but only at special events. The number of special events shall not exceed one (1) per week.

The request, and the reasons therefore, are more fully explained in Mr. Taustin's letter attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Please withdraw my March 19, 2026 letter. You should already have my check in the amount of \$200.00.

Thank you very much, and I hope you have a great day.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'H' and 'C' followed by 'IV'.

Hugh Cropper IV

HC/tgb  
Enclosure  
CC: Cole Taustin



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cole@embers.com

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Embers Restaurant Inc.

**Proposal to the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners  
Request for Limited Off-Premise Sales Privilege  
Embers Restaurant – Ocean City, Maryland**

Date: 3/16/2026

To:  
Worcester County Board of License Commissioners  
Worcester County, Maryland

Re: Request for Limited Off-Premise Sales of Alcoholic Beverages in Factory-Sealed Containers  
Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor License – Embers Restaurant Inc.

Dear Members of the Board,

This letter respectfully requests approval from the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners for a **limited off-premise sales privilege** under the establishment's **Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor License**.

Under the Worcester County Rules and Regulations governing alcoholic beverage licenses, a **Class B license holder may sell alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption and may also conduct off-premise sales when specifically authorized by the Board of License Commissioners**. In accordance with that authority, the license holder respectfully requests that the Board grant a **restricted off-premise sales privilege** subject to the conditions outlined below.

### **Purpose of the Request**

The Embers Restaurant Inc. intends to host periodic **educational tasting events** featuring premium wines and spirits. These events are structured hospitality experiences designed to pair food service with guided tastings and educational discussions regarding the featured beverages.

The requested privilege will serve a limited but meaningful public need by allowing guests attending curated tasting events to purchase the specific wines or spirits presented during the educational program. Many of these products are specialty items that guests are introduced to during the tasting experience and may not otherwise be readily available to them locally. Allowing the purchase of the featured products in factory-sealed containers provides guests with the opportunity to continue enjoying the products they have learned about during the event.

This request is intentionally limited in scope to ensure that the establishment does not operate as a retail liquor store or compete with existing off-premise license holders. Off-premise sales would occur only during organized tasting events, would be restricted to the featured products from the event, and would not exceed one event per week. These limitations ensure that the privilege remains incidental to the restaurant's hospitality programming while enhancing the experience available to residents and visitors of Ocean City.



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Embers Restaurant Inc.

Given Ocean City's strong tourism economy and the growing interest in culinary and beverage education, these events provide an opportunity to enhance the hospitality offerings while maintaining full compliance with the regulatory framework governing Class B license holders.

### **Requested Scope and Operational Limitations**

In order to ensure that the privilege remains consistent with the intent of a **Class B restaurant license**, the license holder voluntarily proposes the following limitations:

#### **1. Licensed Premises Restriction**

Off-premise sales and point of sale will occur **only within the portion of the licensed premises designated as the third-floor restaurant known as 1945 Steak & Seafood.**

#### **2. Event-Based Sales Only**

Off-premise sales will occur **only in conjunction with organized tasting events hosted by the restaurant.**

#### **3. Product Limitation**

Off-premise sales will be **strictly limited to the alcoholic beverages being featured as part of the tasting event**, and no other products will be offered for off-premise sale.

#### **4. Frequency Limitation**

Such tasting events will **not exceed one (1) event per calendar week.**

#### **5. Incidental Nature of Sales**

The establishment will continue to operate primarily as a **restaurant with full food service**, and any off-premise sales authorized by the Board will remain **incidental to the restaurant's hospitality programming and tasting events.**

### **Public Need**

These tasting events will enhance Ocean City's culinary and hospitality offerings by providing guests with experiences focused on high-quality wines and spirits. Allowing guests to purchase the featured products in sealed containers following the tasting event will provide an opportunity to continue enjoying those products while maintaining compliance with the County's regulatory framework.

### **Commitment to Compliance**

We are committed to operating in full compliance, as we always have, with all **Maryland Alcoholic Beverages Article provisions and the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners Rules and Regulations.** The establishment will comply with any additional conditions or limitations that the Board may deem appropriate in granting this request.



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Embers Restaurant Inc.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. We respectfully request the Board's approval of this limited and carefully controlled off-premise sales privilege and would welcome the opportunity to appear before the Board to discuss the request further.

Respectfully submitted,

Cole Taustin  
Partner/CEO

Embers Restaurant Inc.  
Ocean City, Maryland

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
 MINUTES FOR EMBERS RESTAURANT & BLU CRABHOUSE - LICENSE #18  
 FEBRUARY 18, 2026

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>R. Charles Nichols, Chairman</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Marty W. Pusey</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reese Cropper, III</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Alternate Board Member: William E. Esham, III</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Staff Present:</b>	<b>April Payne, Administrator</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Joe Pembroke, Inspector</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Hank Fisher III, Esq., Board Attorney</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Alternate Board Attorney: Name:</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Stacey Odell, Administrative Assistant</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Valarie Dawson, Court Reporter</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>License #:</b>	18	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	February 18, 2026	<b>Hearing Start Time:</b>	3:00 p.m.
<b>Class:</b>	"B"	<b>Type:</b>	B/W/L	<b>Day:</b>	7 Day
<b>For:</b>	The Embers Restaurant, Inc.	<b>T/A:</b>	Embers Restaurant & Blu Crab House	<b>Address:</b>	2305 Philadelphia Avenue Ocean City, Maryland 21842
<b>New Application:</b>		<b>Transfer:</b>		<b>Meeting:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
				<b>Violation:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

**Items to be discussed:** Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License request for off sale of liquor in factory sealed containers and request to modify the licensed premises.

<b>Applicants:</b>		<b>Licensees:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Representative:</b>	
1. Cole Taustin				Hugh Cropper, Esquire	
<b>Witnesses:</b>				<b>Protestants:</b>	
1. Marlon Dale - Manager				1. Azezeh Ramadan – Village Market Beer, Wine & Liquor (Opposed)	
2.				2. Ace Owies – 21 <sup>st</sup> Street Beer & Wine (Opposed)	
3.				3. Sara Hambury – West O Bottle Shop (Opposed)	
<b>Exhibits:</b>				<b>Exhibits:</b>	
1.				1.	

**Hearing Minutes:** The licensee Cole Taustin appeared before the Board with attorney Hugh Cropper, Esquire, in connection with a Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License, requesting approval for off-sale of liquor in factory-sealed containers and a modification of the licensed premises. The licensee was sworn. Cropper stated that Embers Restaurant is a multi-use complex consisting of Embers Restaurant, Blu Crab House, outdoor dining areas, Jay's Café, an arcade, and a miniature golf course. He explained that the complex spans three stories, includes exterior elevators, and is supported by a large parking lot. Cropper advised that the licensee was presenting three separate requests. The first request, the licensee seeks approval to cover approximately 1,425 square feet of the existing deck to provide shade and weather protection for patrons, noting that the floor plan, seating, and ground-level layout would remain unchanged. The second request is permission to sell liquor in factory-sealed containers from the Embers bar for patrons attending tasting events, pairing dinners, and similar functions, with ID verification conducted at the point of sale. The third request, the licensee seeks approval to sell factory-sealed liquor containers from Jay's Café, which currently offers beer and wine to-go and has an existing point-of-sale register. The licensee confirmed that no other operational changes were proposed and that an ID scanner would be used at Jay's Café. The licensee provided background on business, stating that the building was constructed in the 1940s and purchased by his family in the 1960s. He testified that he is the third generation to operate the business, which has maintained a clean compliance record. The licensee stated that patrons frequently request the ability to purchase specialty products featured at tasting events, as well as ready-made cocktails, which have become increasingly popular. He testified that all managers are TIPS/TAMS certified and that employees responsible for alcohol service receive extensive training in ID verification and responsible service. He noted that approximately 90 % of patrons enter from the rear parking lot and move among the various venues, with additional foot traffic from nearby condominiums and boat access. He emphasized that the requested off-sale privileges are intended to serve existing patrons and not to create a stand-alone liquor store, and that the selection would be limited and focused on specialty items associated with events. The Board then heard testimony from business owners in opposition. Azezeh Ramadan, license holder for Village Market Beer, Wine & Liquor, stated that there is no need for an additional liquor outlet, noting that sales percentages have declined

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in recent years. She expressed concern about potential expansion of products once off-sale privileges are granted and stated that Ocean City does not need another liquor store. Ace Owies, owner of 21st Beer & Wine located two blocks from Embers, noted that his prior application for a liquor license was denied and stated that another liquor outlet is unnecessary. Sanil Ramadan, a liquor store owner, testified that the request would negatively impact his business and stated that Embers should remain a family-oriented establishment. Sara Hambury, owner of West OC Bottle Shop, stated that her business regularly fulfills special orders and that allowing Embers to sell liquor would adversely affect existing retailers. The Board discussed other restaurants with similar off-sale permissions, and Liquor Board Administrator April Payne read aloud the list of establishments authorized for off-sale of beer, wine, and liquor.

The Board denied the request for off sale of liquor in factory sealed containers for Embers Restaurant & Blu Crabhouse Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License. The motion to deny passed with vote of 2-1, with Commissioner Cropper voting opposition. The Board approved the request to modify the licensed premises.

<b>Motion:</b>	1st	Ms. Pusey	2nd	Mr. Cropper	<b>Approved:</b>	X	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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**Restrictions:** RESTRICTION TO REMAIN THE SAME OFF SALE OF BEER AND WINE IN FACTORY SEALED CONTAINERS

**Time Hearing Ended:** 3:40 p.m.



## Worcester County

### *BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS*

- 1:40 - Meeting/View – (License #954)  
Class “B” B/W/L 7 Day License  
Request for live entertainment with a maximum of four pieces from 4 p.m.  
until 10:30 p.m. seven days per week  
13 St. Louis Avenue/Ocean City



**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
FOR WORCESTER COUNTY  
NARRATIVE**

Type: Request for inside live entertainment

DATE: 4/29/2026

License No: 954

Class: "B"

Type: Beer – Wine – Liquor 7 day

APPLICANT(S): 1. Anjeeb Shrestha 2.  
3. 4.

TRADE NAME: View

CORP: Cambria Liquor, LLC.

LOCATION: 13 St. Louis Avenue, Ocean City

Restrictions: **No live entertainment, no outside live entertainment, no dance floor allowed, no disc jockey allowed, background music inside allowed**, background music outside allowed until 10 p.m., license includes first floor dining and bar service area including the market/sundry area located in the lobby of the hotel together with service to all rooms in the hotel and all areas of the hotel but does not include the 8th floor, no off sale, no games allowed.

The licensee is requesting to be allowed to have live entertainment consisting of three instruments plus a singer for a total of four pieces. The bar opens at 4 P.M. and closes at 11 P.M. and therefore the licensee is asking for live entertainment to be allowed from 4 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. The entertainment would be as often as seven (7) days a week, although mainly during their seasonal period.

The proposed area is open to the entrance and the check-in lobby but is behind a full story partition. The location of the live entertainment has been positioned to allow entertainment for the dining and bar area patrons. There will not be a dance floor in this area.

Joseph Pembroke  
Liquor License Inspector

April Payne  
Liquor License Administrator



## Request for Live Entertainment - View

License No.	Class	License Type	Off Premise Sale	Trading As...	Linear Distance (feet)
954	B	BWL	N	VIEW	0
904	B	BWL	N	SPAIN WINE BAR	0
751	B	BWL	BW	LAZY LIZARD BAR & GRILL	357
171	B	BWL	BWL	ANGLER RESTAURANT	489
458	D	BWL	BWL	M.R. DUCKS	633
90	B	BWL	N	OYSTER & SCALES	745
668	A	BW	BW	OC DOLLAR STORE	898
16	A	BW	BW	WEAVER'S BEER & WINE	944
32	D	BWL	BW	HARBOR INN	1012
535	B	BWL	BW	FAT DADDY'S SUB SHOP AND THE TREEHOUSE	1205
113	B	BWL	N	FLAMINGO COAST - VAULT AND LAGUNA ROOFTOP LOUNGE	1242
762	B	BWL	N	GUIDO'S BURRITOS	1250
178	A	BW	BW	O.C. FOOD MARKET	1251
192	D	BWL	N	PURPLE MOOSE SALOON	1319
242	B	BWL	N	MUG & MALLET	1352
102	B	BWL	N	CABANAS BEACH BAR AND GRILLE102	1407
831	D	BW	N	MONTE CARLO SURF INN	1411
938	B	BWL	N	TOAST	1413
951	D	BWL	N	PARK PLACE HOTEL	1442
40	B	BW	N	PIEZANO'S PIZZA	1520
41	A	BW	BW	MITCHELL'S MARKET	1554
97	B	BWL	N	BULL ON THE BEACH	1556
52	B	BWL	N	DOUGH ROLLER	1586
816	B	BWL	N	CARUSO PIZZA & WILD BILL'S	1644
10	D	BWL	BWL	BEARDED CLAM	1738
761	D	BWL	N	CRAWL STREET TAVERN	1775
139	B	BWL	N	SHENANIGAN'S IRISH PUB & SEAFOOD HOUSE	1796
31	D	BWL	BW	CORK BAR	1864
958	B	BWL	N	HOOK UP	1927
91	B	BWL	N	DOUGH ROLLER	2093
941	B	BW	N	PLANET WINGS RESTAURANT	2119
747	B	BWL	N	HOOTER'S OF THE BOARDWALK	2168
594	B	BW	N	FLAVORS OF ITALY	2378
72	B	BWL	BW	INLET LODGE	2535
392	D	BWL	BWL	PICKLES PUB	2631
286	B	BWL	N	HARRISON'S HARBORWATCH	2715
759	B	BW	N	PIEZANO'S PIZZA	2800
440	A	BW	BW	8TH STREET BEER & WINE	2803
959	B	BWL	N	TIPSY TACO AT LANKFORD HOTEL	3254
437	A	BW	BW	9TH STREET MARKET	3383
957	B	BWL	N	BIRD DOG TAVERN	3385
672	B	BWL	BWL	HAMMERHEADS RAW BAR & GRILL	3647



Front entrance to Cambria Hotel/ The View.



Proposed entertainment area



Proposed entertainment area coming from lobby



Looking from the other side of Hotel seating area.



Proposed entertainment area



Looking from proposed entertainment area towards bar area.



Proposed entertainment area looking towards hotel lobby



Event area to have dance floor/ Next door area is the same



Bar looking northwest closed glass surround



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Bar looking to interior



Seating in Bar area



Seating in bar area

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Music location Seating looking across room-Partitioned from lobby



Minimal seating in proposed music location

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April 16, 2026

Ms. April R. Payne, License Administrator  
Worcester County Board of License Commissioners  
Government Center  
1 West Market Street, Room 1201  
Snow Hill, MD 21863  
Re: Cambria Hotel request for entertainment

license #954  
THA View

Dear April,

Our office represents Cambria Liquor LLC, the holder of multiple license #2 which, except for special occasions in the hotel area, does not allow live entertainment.

The Cambria has a full-service bar with seating at the bar and at tables, and request is made for live music.

I enclose herewith several photographs of the lobby area which I have designated showing the bar area, the bar seating, and an area adjacent to the bar seating which has very little use due to the lack of seating. I have also enclosed a floor plan showing the location of the proposed live entertainment area adjacent to the bar seating. The area is open to the entrance and the check-in lobby, but is behind a full-story partition and therefore is amenable to live entertainment for the bar patrons who are also able to acquire food at the location.

It is requested that we be allowed to have basically three instruments plus a singer for the allowance of four pieces.

The bar opens at 4:00pm and closes at 11:00pm and therefore request is made for the live entertainment to be allowed from 4:00pm to 10:30pm, possibly as often as seven days a week, although that is mainly during the seasonal period.

At a meeting held on April 16, 2025, the Board heard testimony and as a result of the hearing made the following finding: "The property is allowed to request live entertainment for special events – actual alcoholic beverage license will not be impacted – restrictions remain in place."

The only change is for the Board to authorize the live entertainment not to exceed four pieces as often as seven days a week from 4:00pm to 10:30pm.

I also enclose a check payable to "Worcester County" in the amount of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for the hearing for entertainment.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Moore



## April Payne

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**From:** Joe Moore <jmoore@whmsh.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2026 1:41 PM  
**To:** April Payne ~~#934~~ #954  
**Subject:** Cambria Liquor LLC request for entertainment-License #934 multiple license #2

April; I have submitted our request for live entertainment for the Cambria first floor, by a letter which included exhibits.

I want to explain for the Board that the floor plan exhibit shows a dance floor, BUT THAT IS ONLY IN THE EVENT HALL, which is used only for special events,, not the general public.

The Event Hall is separated from the rest of the first floor and is not open at any time except for events.

Our request does NOT include a dance floor.

I want to make sure that I have adequately explained that.

Thanks, Joe.

We have moved! As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the firm relocated to the following address in West Ocean City, behind the Kalamata Meze Bar restaurant:

Williams Moore, L.L.P.  
12800 Hospitality Way  
Ocean City, MD 21842

Our phone number (410) 289-3553 will stay the same.

Joseph E. Moore, Esq.

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## **Worcester County**

### ***BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS***

1:50 - Meeting/Burley Oak – (License #770)  
Class “D” B/W/L 7 Day License  
Request for four games  
10016 Old Ocean City Boulevard/Berlin



**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS  
FOR WORCESTER COUNTY  
NARRATIVE**

Type: Request to add one (1) Golden Tee Golf game  
Request to add two (2) Claw machines  
Request to add one (1) Pinball game

DATE: 4/29/2026

License No: 770

Class: "D"

Type: Beer – Wine – Liquor 7 day

APPLICANT(S): 1. Bryan Brushmiiler 2.  
3. 4.

TRADE NAME: Burley Oak Brewery

CORP: Burley Oak, LLC.

LOCATION: 10016 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin

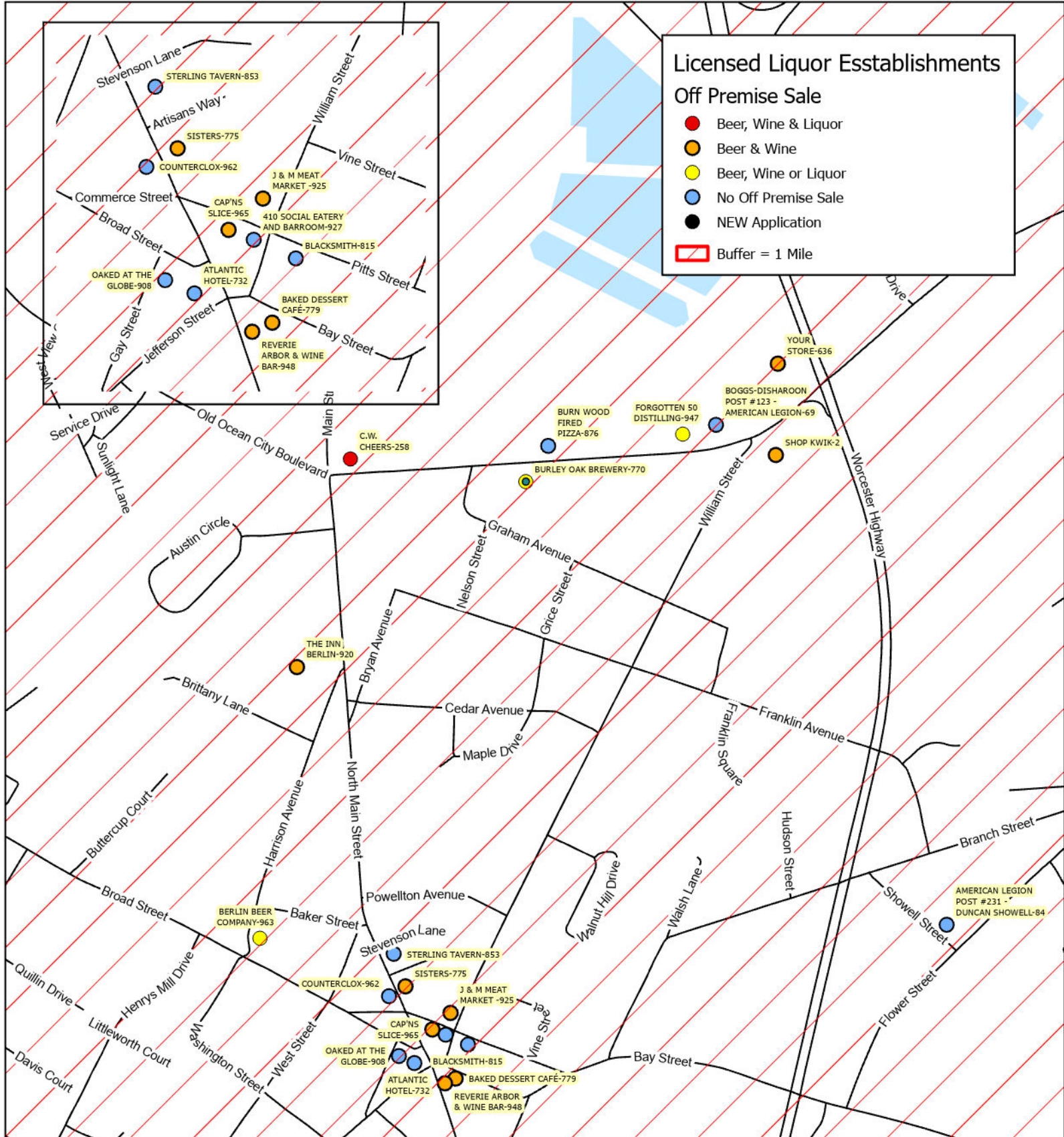
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Restrictions: Live entertainment allowed with a maximum of six pieces or a disc jockey seven days per week inside only within the brewery taproom and the cannery taproom, live entertainment allowed outside with a maximum of six pieces from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday live entertainment allowed outside with a maximum of six pieces from 12 p.m. until 10 p.m., no disc jockey allowed outside, inside and outside live entertainment cannot be at the same, off sale of produced beer in factory sealed containers, off sale of liquor distilled at the property only, no off sale of third-party beer, wine or liquor, **one ping pong table allowed, one shuffleboard allowed, ring toss allowed, corn hole allowed, no pool tables allowed**, outside deck must close by 11 p.m.

The licensee, Bryan Brushmillier, is requesting to add four (4) arcade games to his premises. The licensee would like to add – one (1) Golden Tee Golf game, two (2) Claw Machines and one (1) Jurassic Park pinball game. The games would be located inside the premises to the left of the bar area in a room that was used for storage. The licensee stated, through industry research, that games will help the overall business and increase customer traffic.

Joseph Pembroke  
Liquor License Inspector

April Payne  
Liquor License Administrator



Worcester County Board of License Commissioners

Request to Modify Entertainment  
 Class "D" B/W/L - 7 Day  
 Burley Oak - License No. 770

Information & Technology - GIS Division - April 2026



**Request to Modify Entertainment - Burley Oak**

License No.	Class	License Type	Off Premise Sale	Trading As...	Distance (Linear Feet)
770	D	B	B	BURLEY OAK BREWERY	0
876	B	BWL	N	BURN WOOD FIRED PIZZA	239
947	D	BWL	BWL*	FORGOTTEN FIFTY <b>*Only On-Site Distilled Liquor*</b>	941
258	D	BWL	BWL	C.W. CHEERS	1009
69	C	BWL	N	BOGGS-DISHAROON POST #123 - AMERICAN LEGION	1139
2	A	BW	BW	SHOP KWIK	1443
636	A	BW	BW	YOUR STORE	1595
920	B	BW	N	THE INN BERLIN	1685
853	B	BWL	N	STERLING TAVERN	2802
775	D	BW	BW	SISTERS	2965
925	B	BW	BW	J & M MEAT MARKET	3006
963	B	BWL	B	BERLIN BEER COMPANY	3019
785	B	BWL	N	COUNTER CLOX	3072
965	B	BW	BW	CAP'NS SLICE	3172
927	B	BWL	N	410 SOCIAL EATERY AND BARROOM	3193
815	B	BWL	N	BLACKSMITH	3233
908	B	BWL	N	OAKED AT THE GLOBE	3361
732	B	BWL	BWL	ATLANTIC HOTEL	3382
779	D	BW	BW	BAKED DESSERT CAFÉ	3434
948	B	BW	N	REVERIE ARBOR & WINE BAR	3468
84	C	BWL	N	AMERICAN LEGION POST #231 - DUNCAN SHOWELL	3500



Front entrance of Burley Oak Brewing Company



Entrance looking towards proposed Game area



Looking into proposed game area from side entrance



Looking into proposed game area from side of bar.



Inside proposed game area.

April 15, 2026

License #770  
TIA Burley Oak Brewery

April,

This letter of request is being submitted to add arcade games to liquor license 077, Burley Oak brewing company, 10116 old Ocean City Rd., Berlin, MD.

We are working with Mike Strickland amusements to add some arcade games at our place of business. These will be placed in our licensed bar footprint.

With the change in the economy and less customers each year, we have found the need to create experiences for customers to continue to visit our establishment. We have found, through industry research, arcade games help the overall business and increase customer traffic. This need to create a better customer experience is the reason of this request.

We are requesting the Worcester County liquor board to allow us to place and operate the following at our establishment.

- (1) Golden Tee golf game
- (2) Claw Machines
- (1) Jurassic Park pinball game

Please feel free to contact me with any questions in reference to this request.

Best regards,



Bryan Brushmiller

Owner

Burley Oak LLC