



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

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In the matter of the request of)) AHHHH, LLC) Request ID No. 799173 3558 Hess) Saginaw, Michigan 48601)) Buena Vista Township Saginaw County) _____)	
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At the August 25, 2015 hearing of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (Commission) in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman
Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

LICENSING APPEAL ORDER

Article IV, Section 40, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), permits the legislature to establish a Liquor Control Commission, which shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof, subject to statutory limitations. MCL 436.1201(2) provides the Commission with the sole right, power, and duty to control the alcoholic beverage traffic and traffic in other alcoholic liquor within this state, including the manufacture, importation, possession, transportation and sale thereof.

On April 7, 2015, AHHHH, LLC (applicant) filed a request for a new Specially Designated Merchant license with Sunday Sales Permit (A.M.) to be held at the above-noted location.

At a meeting held on July 1, 2015, the Commission denied this request under administrative rules R 436.1059 and R 436.1105(2)(a) after considering the prior operating record of sole applicant member, Joseph D. Al-Bazzi, as a licensee at four (4) establishments found responsible for multiple violations of the Michigan Liquor Control Code and Administrative Rules, including eighteen (18) violations of issuing non-sufficient funds checks to the Commission, totaling over \$46,000; five (5) violations of the sale of

alcoholic liquor to a person under 21 years of age, which is contrary to MCL 436.1801(2); one (1) violation for engaging in an illegal act on the licensed premises (selling single cigarettes), which is contrary to administrative rule R 436.1011; and one (1) violation for allowing an employee under 18 years of age to sell alcoholic liquor (13 years old).

The request was also denied under administrative rule R 436.1105(2)(j) after considering the effects that issuance of a license would have on the health, welfare, and safety of the general public.

John Doyle, legal counsel on behalf of the applicant, submitted a timely request for an appeal in this matter and represented the applicant at the August 25, 2015 hearing, held at the Commission's Lansing office.

After hearing arguments, reviewing the MLCC file, and discussion of the issue on the record, the Commission finds the extensive violation history of this applicant as a licensee at multiple locations to be of great concern.

Further, the Commission finds that the applicant failed to present an adequate demonstration of policies and procedures in place to prevent future violations of the Michigan Liquor Control Code and Administrative Rules.

The Commission does not find error with the application of the MLCC Code or Administrative Rules, and for the reasons stated on the record, the previous order is affirmed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the denial order of July 1, 2015 issued in this matter is AFFIRMED.

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Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman

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Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

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