



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

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In the matter of the request of) L FORD GROUP, LLC) f/k/a MAY & FORD GROUP LLC) 2049-51-2053 S. Division) Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507)) Kent County) _____)	Request ID No. 633334
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At the September 18, 2012 hearing of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (Commission) in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman
Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner

LICENSING APPEAL ORDER

On February 9, 2012, May & Ford Group LLC (applicant) filed a request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2011 Class C license with Sunday Sales Permit (P.M.) from the Estate of Julian Toscano with Julian Toscano III as court appointed Successor Personal Representative, held at the above-mentioned location. The license and permit were renewed in escrow for the 2012-2013 licensing year on April 3, 2012.

At a meeting held on August 15, 2012, the Commission denied the applicant's request under administrative rule R 436.1105(2)(a) and (g) after considering the management experience in the alcoholic liquor business and past conviction record of applicant member, Duane May.

Bernard Schaefer, legal counsel on behalf of the applicant, submitted a timely request for an appeal in this matter, and also submitted an amended application dated August 31, 2012 dropping Duane May as an applicant member, and changing the applicant's business name to L Lord Group, LLC, with Elsie Ford as the sole member.

Attorney Schaefer represented the applicant at the September 18, 2012 hearing,

held at the Commission's Lansing office.

After hearing arguments, reviewing the MLCC file and documents presented, and discussion of the issue on the record, the Commission finds that the applicant sufficiently demonstrated updated records removing the previous questions concerning this application.

The Commission finds sufficient reasons to reverse its denial issued in this matter and to approve the applicant's request, as amended, for the reasons stated on the record.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The denial order of August 15, 2012 issued in this matter is reversed and the applicant's request, as amended, is APPROVED, subject to the following:

1. The licensee shall pay all license fees by April 30th each year pursuant to administrative rule R 436.1107.
2. The licensee shall submit to a Final Inspection to be conducted by the Commission's Enforcement Division to determine that the seating capacity has been established and is posted; and to determine that the establishment meets all requirements of the Michigan Liquor Control Code and Administrative Rules.
3. The licensee shall submit to the Commission documentary proof that L Ford Group, LLC received a loan in the amount of \$55,000.00 from Elsie L. Ford, Jr.
4. The licensee shall submit to the Commission documentary proof that L Ford Group, LLC received a loan in the amount of \$55,001.00 from Duane A. May.
5. The licensee shall submit to the Commission form LCC-3010 "Report of Stockholders/Members/Partners".
6. The licensee shall provide proof of financial responsibility providing security for liability as required under MCL 436.1803. Failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility providing security for liability will result in the immediate suspension of the subject license and permit until the licensee

provides the Commission with proof of financial responsibility as required under MCL 436.1803.

7. The licensee shall provide documentary proof to the Commission to demonstrate that, at a minimum, supervisory personnel on each shift and during all hours in which alcoholic liquor is served have successfully completed a server training program approved by the Commission as required under MCL 436.1501(1), within 180 days from the issuance of the license and permit, as provided in administrative rule R 436.1060.
 - a. The licensee shall maintain active certification of completion for server training on the licensed premises at all times as provided in administrative rule R 436.1060.
 - b. Failure to provide this documentary proof to the Commission within 180 days of the issuance of the license and permit shall result in the licensee being charged with failure to comply with this order, under administrative rule R 436.1029, which may result in fines, suspension and/or revocation of the license and permit.
 8. The licensee shall prohibit Duane May from having any involvement in the employment or operation of the licensed establishment.
 - B. Under administrative rule R 436.1003, the licensee shall comply with all state and local building, plumbing, zoning, sanitation, and health laws, rules, and ordinances as determined by the state and local law enforcements officials who have jurisdiction over the licensee. Approval of the license and permit by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission does not waive any of these requirements.
 - C. Failure to comply with all requirements of licensure in the State of Michigan will result in the licensee being charged with a violation of the Michigan Liquor Control Code, MLCC Administrative Rules, and Commission order, which may result in fines, suspension, and/or revocation of the license and permit.
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Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman

Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner

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