



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

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In the matter of the request of)
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RIDGEMONT MACK LLC) Request ID No: 719048
20915 Mack)
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236)
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Wayne County)
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At the February 19, 2015 hearing of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (Commission) in Southfield, Michigan.

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

LICENSING APPEAL ORDER

On January 8, 2014, Ridgemont Mack 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 September 23, 2014, the Commission denied this request under administrative rule R 436.1105(2)(a) after considering the operating record of applicant member, William Matouk, as a licensee of the Commission at multiple locations that have been cited and found responsible for violations of the Michigan Liquor Control Code and Administrative Rules.

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 when determining whether an applicant should be issued a license or permit.

Frank Palazzolo, legal counsel on behalf of the applicant, submitted a timely request for an appeal in this matter and represented the applicant at the February 19, 2015 hearing, held at the Commission's Southfield 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 a course of action has been taken to assist in preventing further violations of the Michigan Liquor Control Code and Administrative Rules.

Under Article IV, Section 40, of the Constitution of Michigan (1963), the Commission shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof, subject to statutory limitations. Further, the Commission shall have 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 under MCL 436.1201(2).

The licensee is authorized to do business in Michigan, as required under MCL 436.1535 for licensure. Under MCL 436.1537(1)(f), the licensee may sell beer and wine for consumption off the premises only.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The denial order of September 23, 2014 issued in this matter is reversed and the applicant's request for a new Specially Designated Merchant license is APPROVED, subject to the following:

1. The licensee shall submit to a Final Inspection to be conducted by the Commission's Enforcement Division to determine that all furniture, fixtures, and equipment have been installed; to determine that sufficient inventory has been installed to verify the true nature of the business; and to determine that the licensed premises meets all

the requirements of the Michigan Liquor Control Code and Administrative Rules.

2. The licensee shall submit to the Commission an acceptable and executed Operating Agreement for Ridgemont Mack LLC.
3. The licensee shall submit to the Commission verification that Ridgemont Mack LLC received a loan in the amount of \$110,000.00 from Woods Fine Wines & Spirits LLC.
4. The licensee shall submit to the Commission form LCC-3010 "Report of Stockholders/Members/Partners".
5. The licensee shall submit to the Commission form LCC-3012 "Closing Form for License Sale".
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.

B. The applicant's request for a permit to sell alcoholic liquor between 7 A.M. and Noon on Sundays is APPROVED, pursuant to Public Act 213 of 2010, MCL 436.2111-2115. This permit is subject to revocation by operation of law or otherwise if the Commission receives notice from a county, city, village, township, or the local governmental unit, that it prohibits or otherwise objects to the sale of spirits, mixed spirit drink or beer and wine between the hours of 7 A.M. and Noon on Sundays. If notice and supporting documentation is received by the Commission, a show cause hearing will be scheduled before the Commission under administrative rule R 436.1925(1) to determine if the permit must be revoked.

C. 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

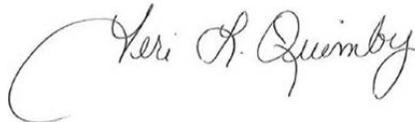
determined by the state and local law enforcements officials who have jurisdiction over the licensee. Approval of the license and permit by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission does not waive any of these requirements. The licensee shall obtain all other required state and local licenses, permits, and approvals before selling or serving alcoholic liquor.

D. 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, Administrative Rules, and Commission order, which may result in fines, suspension, and/or revocation of the license and permit.

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION



Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman



Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner

Date Mailed:

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