



# CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION

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## BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' JULY 6, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting started at approximately 4:06 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Nicole Murati Ferrer (Present); Commissioner Branville Bard (Present); and Chief Gerard Mahoney (Absent).

**Staff Member in Attendance:** Elizabeth Y. Lint.

1. Whether the Board of License Commissioners will adopt a temporary emergency policy due to COVID-19 on the issuance of one day alcohol licenses to existing alcohol licensees in order to allow them to open for a maximum of 30 days in a location which is not the currently licensed premises or contiguous thereto (i.e. a pop-up location). Also discuss the one-day alcohol license fee, if temporary emergency order is implemented.

**Summary:** The Board discussed how restaurants have been suffering during the pandemic, even with the Governor's orders, as licensees are limited in the number of patrons that can be serviced due to internal space and the lack of sidewalk areas in some locations. Therefore, some have submitted applications to open/extend to areas which are not currently contiguous to the licensed premises and therefore cannot be included in their license as part of the temporary extension of licensed premises. This could be done by issuing one-day alcohol licenses to current licensees, so long as all other health and safety measures are met. Licensees could only serve malt and wine and they could only obtain 30 one day licenses, during this calendar year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This would only be for existing licensees that have an annual alcohol license and not for someone who does not currently have a license, or for those who only hold CV licenses with no alcohol. The Board also discussed the one day alcohol license fee and determined that licensees are trying to find creative ways to continue their businesses during this time, and some of their locations are not conducive to outdoor space. Therefore, a fee would not be assessed for these licenses.

**Decision:** Board voted 2-0, by roll call vote, and adopted a temporary emergency policy due to COVID-19 to allow the issuance of one day alcohol licenses under G. L. c. 138, sec. 14 to existing alcohol licensees in order to allow them to open for a maximum of 30 days in a location which is not the currently licensed premises or contiguous thereto (i.e. a pop-up location). Each licensee is entitled to a maximum of 30 days, regardless of the person or location, up until December 31, 2020. The license would only be for the service of malt and wine (no full liquor or liqueurs). All current rules and regulations would apply, including the new Mandatory Safety Standards for Restaurants issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Board also voted 2-0, by roll call vote, to have no license fee associated with the issuance of such licenses for this limited period and for this limited purpose.

2. Application # 78772 Will Gilson, on behalf of Cambridge Cuisine, LLC d/b/a Puritan & Company, has applied for a total of 30 One Day Wine and Malt Licenses to be exercised at Picnic Grove across from 222 Jacobs Street on July 9-12, 16-19, 23-26, 30-31, and August 1-2, 6-9, 13-16, 20-23, 27-28

Thursdays and Fridays 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for dinner service. Maximum number of people allowed in the space at one time is 85.

**Summary:** This is an application that would be affected by the policy that was just adopted. There would be a condition that all social distancing guidelines and other guidelines issued by the Governor, would have to be complied with.

**Decision:** Granted 2-0, by roll call vote, with conditions as mentioned.

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