LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION HEARS CASES REGARDING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS

(COLUMBUS, Ohio, October 9, 2020) – The Ohio Liquor Control Commission (Commission) conducted administrative hearings this week (October 5th through 9th) for liquor permit holders cited with violations related to Ohio’s health and safety regulations aimed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state.

There were 18 cases heard by the Commission. Charges included engaging in various forms of improper conduct and disorderly activities, which encompass violating social distancing requirements, in violation of Ohio Department of Health orders.

The following are the details of the charges for each case and the Commission’s decisions:

SWIGGYS LLC
DBA: WINKIN WILLYS
608 DELAWARE ST & PATIO
WASHINGTON C H, OH 43160
PERMIT #87401870005

Violation:
On or about August 14, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) sold beer for on premises consumption between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered an admission as to violation 1. Violation 2 was dismissed upon motion of the Ohio Attorney General. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 3-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $300 in lieu of serving the suspension.
PVO INC
DBA: N/A
12800 SUPERIOR AVE
EAST CLEVELAND, OH 44112
PERMIT #6619816

Violation:
On or about Friday, August 7, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES, in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violation, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 5-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $500 in lieu of serving the suspension.

SHAZAM INC
DBA: MIDWAY BAR & GRILLE
20670 LAKELAND BLVD
EUCLID, OH 44119
PERMIT #8045912

Violations:
No. 1: On or about Friday, August 7, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) allowed consumption of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).
No. 2: On or about Friday, August 7, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES as defined in Rule 4301:1-1-52(A)(1) and as further set forth in Section 2917.11 (A)(5) of the Revised Code, in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered an admission as to violation 1. Violation 2 was dismissed upon motion of the Ohio Attorney General. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 3-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $300 in lieu of serving the suspension.
Violations:
No. 1: On or about Saturday, August 15, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) sold beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises Monday to Sunday between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).
No. 2: On or about Saturday, August 15, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) allowed the consumption of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises Monday to Sunday between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).
No. 3: On or about Saturday, August 15, 2020, your permit premises were not in a sanitary condition, to wit: THE FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TABLES, COUNTERS, COOLERS/REFRIGERATORS, AND/OR UTENSILS WERE NOT CLEAN OR SANITARY, in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-17(E) (“unsanitary conditions”).
No. 4: On or about Saturday, August 15, 2020, your permit premises were not in a sanitary condition, to wit: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES HELD OR OFFERED FOR SALE WERE NOT MAINTAINED IN A POTABLE CONDITION, in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-17(J) (“debris in a bottle”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, a denial was entered on behalf of the permit holder as to the violations. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 10-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $1,000 in lieu of serving the suspension.

Violation:
On or about August 6, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) sold beer, to wit: 2 MILLER LIGHT BEERS between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violation, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 3-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $300 in lieu of serving the suspension.
OLD SCHOOL ENTERPRISES INC
DBA: LONDON AIRE TAVERN
2903 BROOKPARK RD 1ST FL
PARMA, OH 44134
PERMIT #6530070

Violations:
No. 1: On or about Thursday, August 13, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) allowed consumption of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).
No. 2: On or about Thursday, August 13, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) failed to display your permit in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises and produce same upon request in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-21 (“permit not posted”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to violation 1, but stipulated to the facts. Violation 2 was dismissed upon motion of the Ohio Attorney General. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 3-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $900 in lieu of serving the suspension.

JAWBONE PARTNERS LLC
DBA: N/A
1059-1075 OLD RIVER RD
CLEVELAND, OH 44113
PERMIT #4254640

Violation:
On or about Friday, July 17, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES as defined in Rule 4301:1-1-52(A)(1) and as further set forth in Section 2917.11 (A)(5) of the Revised Code, in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violation, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 5-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $500 in lieu of serving the suspension.

NOMAD HOLDINGS 2 LLC
DBA: PATIO TAVERN
15615 MADISON AV 1ST FL & BSMT
LAKEWOOD, OH 44107
PERMIT #6431522
Violations:
No. 1: On or about Friday, August 14, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) allowed the sale of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).
No. 2: On or about Friday, August 14, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES as defined in Rule 4301:1-1-52(A)(1) and as further set forth in Section 2917.11(A)(5) of the Revised Code, in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52(B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violations. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation of violation 1. Violation 2 was dismissed by the Commission. The Commission issued a 3-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $300 in lieu of serving the suspension.

PAWPURRS INC
DBA: PAWPURRS
37 N COURT ST 1ST FL & BSMT
ATHENS, OH 45701
PERMIT #6766423

Violation:
On or about Friday, August 28, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES, in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violation, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 20-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $2,000 in lieu of serving the suspension.

CHOCOLATE 7822 LLC
DBA: N/A
7822 ST CLAIR AV
CLEVELAND, OH 44103
PERMIT #1467545

Violations:
No. 1: On or about Thursday, August 20, 2020, your permit premises were not in a sanitary condition, to wit: INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF HOT/COLD RUNNING WATER, in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-17(C) (“unsanitary conditions”).
No. 2: On or about Thursday, August 20, 2020, your permit premises were not in a sanitary condition, to wit: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES HELD OR OFFERED FOR SALE WERE NOT

No. 3: On or about Thursday, August 20, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES, as defined in Rule 4301:1-1-52(A)(1) and as further set forth in Section 2917.11(A)(5) of the Revised Code, in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

No. 4: On or about Thursday, August 20, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) hindered and/or obstructed an agent or employee of the Division of Liquor Control, an enforcement agent of the Department of Public Safety and/or an officer of the law from making an investigation and/or inspection of your permit premises while in the lawful performance of his duty in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-62 (“hindering inspection/search”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered an admission as to violations 2 and 4. Violations 1 and 3 were dismissed upon motion of the Ohio Attorney General. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 5-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $500 in lieu of serving the suspension.

CHOCOLATE 7822 LLC
DBA: N/A
7822 ST CLAIR AV CLEVELAND, OH 44103
PERMIT #1467545

Violations:
No. 1: On or about Saturday, August 22, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES, as defined in Rule 4301:1-1-52(A)(1) and as further set forth in Section 2917.11 (A)(5) of the Revised Code, in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

No. 2: On or about Saturday, August 22, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) hindered and/or obstructed an agent or employee of the Division of Liquor Control, an enforcement agent of the Department of Public Safety and/or an officer of the law from making an investigation and/or inspection of your permit premises while in the lawful performance of his duty in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-62 (“hindering inspection/search”).

No. 3: On or about Saturday, August 22, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s), sold beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises Monday to Sunday between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered an admission as to violations 2 and 3. Violation 1 was dismissed upon motion of the Ohio Attorney General. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation, but issued no penalty.
F N CORP
DBA: THURSDAY LOUNGE
306 E EXCHANGE ST 1ST FL & PATIO
AKRON, OH 44304
PERMIT #2600127

Violations:
No. 1: On or about Saturday, August 22, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: recklessly caused inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another by creating a condition that presents a risk of illness, by an act or acts that served no lawful and reasonable purpose of the permit holder in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).
No. 2: On or about Saturday, August 22, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s), sold beer for on premises consumption between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1 -1-80(A)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violations, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a revocation, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $25,000 in lieu of the revocation.

R & V LLC
DBA: WAGNERS ROADHOUSE
15164 PLEASANT VALLEY RD 1ST & PATIO
CHILLICOTHE, OH 45601
PERMIT #7151447

Violations:
No. 1: On or about Saturday, August 22, 2020, your permit premises were not in a sanitary condition, to wit: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES HELD OR OFFERED FOR SALE WERE NOT MAINTAINED IN A POTABLE CONDITION, in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-17 (J) (“debris in a bottle”).
No. 2: On or about Saturday, August 22, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES, as defined in O.A.C. 4301:1-1-52(A)(1) and as further set forth in Section 2917.11(A)(5) of the Revised Code in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violations, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 7-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $750 in lieu of serving the suspension.
COLONIAL INC
DBA: BEER BARREL SALOON & DETACHED WALK-IN COOLER
324 DELAWARE AVE
PO BOX 398
PUT IN BAY, OH 43456
PERMIT #16403160005

Violation:
On or about Saturday, August 22, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: DISORDERLY ACTIVITIES, in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violation, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 15-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $2,000 in lieu of serving the suspension.

SHARON BENDOFF
DBA: N/A
60 W MAIN ST 1ST FL & BSMT
ASHVILLE, OH 43103
PERMIT #0614062

Violations:
No. 1: On or about Friday, August 21, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) hindered and/or obstructed an agent or employee of the Division of Liquor Control, an enforcement agent of the Department of Public Safety and/or an officer of the law from making an inspection and/or search of your permit premises while in the lawful performance of his duty in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.66 (“hindering inspection/search”).
No. 2: On or about Friday, August 21, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) hindered and/or obstructed an agent or employee of the Division of Liquor Control, an enforcement agent of the Department of Public Safety and/or an officer of the law from making an investigation and/or inspection of your permit premises while in the lawful performance of his duty in violation of Ohio Admin. Code. 4301:1-1-62 (“hindering inspection/search”).
No. 3: On or about Friday, August 21, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) allowed the consumption of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises Monday to Sunday between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1- 80(A)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to violations 2 and 3, but stipulated to the facts. Violation 1 was dismissed upon motion of the Ohio Attorney General. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 10-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $2,000 in lieu of serving the suspension.
MADISON INN INC
DBA: MADISON INN
101 FRONT ST & PATIO
MIDDLETOWN, OH 45042
PERMIT #54142510025

Violation:
On or about Friday, August 21, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) allowed the sale of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises Monday to Sunday between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violation, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 5-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $500 in lieu of serving the suspension.

JFB HOSPITALITY LLC
DBA: THE CLUBHOUSE 1ST FL & BSMT & PATIO
29 E FOURTH ST
MANSFIELD, OH 44902
PERMIT #41792750015

Violations:
No. 1: On or about Friday, August 21, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) knowingly and/or willfully allowed and/or engaged in improper conduct, to wit: recklessly caused inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another by creating a condition that presents a risk of illness, by an act or acts that served no lawful and reasonable purpose of the permit holder in and upon the permit premises in violation of Ohio Admin. Code 4301:1-1-52 (B)(1) (“allowing persons to engage in disorderly activities”).

No. 2: On or about Friday, August 21, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s), sold beer, to wit: BUD LIGHT BEER between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to violation 2, but stipulated to the facts. Violation 1 was dismissed upon motion of the Ohio Attorney General. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 3-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $300 in lieu of serving the suspension.

HENTRICK & EVANS INC
DBA: LITTLE YORK TAVERN PIZZA & EATERY
& PATIO & STORAGE UNIT
4120 LITTLE YORK RD
VANDALIA DAYTON, OH 45414
PERMIT #37764520001
Violation:
On or about Friday, August 21, 2020, you, your agent(s), and/or employee(s) sold beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on the premises Monday to Sunday between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. in violation of Rule 4301:1-1-80(A)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code (“limitation of hours for on-premises sales and consumption”).

Outcome:
At the hearing, the permit holder entered a denial as to the violation, but stipulated to the facts. Based on the evidence presented, the Commission found the permit holder in violation. The Commission issued a 3-day suspension beginning at noon, November 6, 2020, but gave the permit holder the option to pay a financial forfeiture in the amount of $300 in lieu of serving the suspension.

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For information regarding the ownership of businesses holding liquor permits and permit violation history, please see the Ohio Department of Commerce, Ohio Division of Liquor Control’s website at www.comapps.ohio.gov/liqr/liqr_apps/PermitLookup/Default.aspx

Information on future hearings docketed before the Commission will be posted on the Commission’s website at lcc.ohio.gov

The Liquor Control Commission is an adjudication and rule-making agency that oversees the alcohol beverage industry. The mission of the Commission is to ensure compliance with the liquor laws and regulations of the state of Ohio and to provide fair and impartial hearings for the protection of the public and liquor permit holders. The Commission works in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Investigative Unit.