



Jenny B. Dempsey  
Planning and Zoning Officer

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 27, 2024

**TO:** Judy Hagner, Board of License Commissioners

**FROM:** Joan A. Jenkins, Office of Planning and Zoning, Zoning Division

**SUBJECT:** Liquor License Application

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**APPLICANT:** Hitching Post Spirits, LLC; Amy Ricker, Johanna Ricker, Kevin Elden

**TRADE NAME:** Lothian Beverage Co.

**ADDRESS:** 5078 Solomons Island Road, Lothian

**LICENSE REQUESTED:** UPGRADE TO Class D Liquor License (ON AND OFF-SALE)  
(Beer/Wine/Liquor) Growler, Entertainment (Restricted to Multiple  
TVs ONLY), and Sunday License

The subject property is zoned C1 – General Commercial District. This is a stand-alone building. The proposed use is a package goods store. §18-5-102 of the Anne Arundel County Zoning Ordinance allows package goods stores as a conditional use in the C1 District.

Upon review of the subject application, this Office finds that the proposed use meets the conditional use requirements for alcoholic beverage uses under Section 18-10-145 of the Code as well as the general requirements for alcoholic beverage licenses under 18-2-109. The applicant has provided an exhibit that shows the location 1000 feet or greater from a nearby religious facility (measured entrance to entrance). Accordingly, this Office would have **no objection** to the issuance of the requested upgrade to the existing liquor license.

The applicant is advised that building permits and grading permits are required for all renovation and/or new construction. Additionally, a Zoning Certificate of Use is required for the subject use.

Please contact this Office at 410-222-7437 with any questions concerning this matter.

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**APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE CLASS:** D-BWL, Tavern, on and off sales

If transfer, formerly trading as: A-BWL, BWT, Sunday Lic

Sunday Sales, Entertainment, Crows/la  
Beer, Wine, Liquor  
☐ Outdoor Dining

For the use of: (Check one)

☐ Individual

☐ Partnership

☒ LLC

☐ Corporation

☐ Unincorporated Association

To the Board of License Commissioners  
Anne Arundel County, State of Maryland

Date: February 6, 2024

Application is made by the undersigned under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, for the above license, and the applicant (s) submit (s) and certify (ies) to the following information required by the Article:

1. Applicant(s)

- (1) Name: Kevin M. Elden Address: 6 President Point, Annapolis, MD 21403  
Date of Birth: 02/21/1977 Naturalized at: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth: Maryland Sex: Male  
Phone Number: 410-991-1868 Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Name: Johanna E. Ricker Address: 318 Riding Ridge, Annapolis, MD 21403  
Date of Birth: 03/18/1977 Naturalized at: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth: Maryland Sex: Female  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Name: Amy M. Ricker Address: 5 Romar Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403  
Date of Birth: 01/05/1981 Naturalized at: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth: Maryland Sex: Female  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The applicant(s) (is, are) a citizen(s) or permanent resident(s) of the United States. The applicant(s) (if applying as a qualifying individual for a corporation, unincorporated association, or LLC) (is, are) a resident of the State of Maryland at the time of the filing of this application. The license remains valid only for as long as the resident applicant remains a resident of the State.

The applicant (s) thus qualified (is, are): ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3 (Check number to correspond with name (s) listed above)  
If not a resident of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, the Applicant(s) appoint \_\_\_\_\_  
to serve as resident agent and accept service on behalf of the applicant(s).

3. Corporate name if applicable: Hitching Post Spirits, LLC

4. The trade name if applicable (s) is: Lothian Beverage Company

and the location and address where license is desired is: 5078 Solomons Island, Road, Lothian, Maryland 20711

5. Describe premises: Lot size: 157,790 sq. ft.

Square feet of area and type of building applied for: 2,300

6. The name of the owner of the premises described above: Soco Station, LLC

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7. The applicant (s) (has, have) never been convicted of a felony. ☒ True ☐ False
8. The applicant (s) (has, have) never been adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages or for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland as follows. ☒ True ☐ False  
If false, State name(s) of applicant, date, and offense: \_\_\_\_\_
9. (Has, have) the applicant (s) ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages. ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, in what state, at what location, and name of license establishment: \_\_\_\_\_
10. The applicant (s) (has, have) not had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages revoked. ☒ True ☐ False
11. The applicant (s) (has, have) a financial interest in the business to be conducted under said license. ☒ True ☐ False
12. The applicant (s) (is, are) not financially interested in any other place of business in the county, counties or Baltimore City where, or for which, a license has been applied for, granted or issued under Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. ☒ True ☐ False
13. No person except the applicant (s) is in any way peculiarly interested in the license applied for or in the business to be conducted there under during the continuance of the license, if issued. ☐ True ☒ False
14. The applicant (s) (has, have) not been adjudged guilty of any offense against the laws of the State or of the United States.  
☒ True ☐ False
15. No manufacturer, brewer, distiller, or wholesaler, directly or indirectly, has any financial interest in the premises or business of the applicant. ☒ True ☐ False
16. The applicant (s) will not convey or grant to any manufacturer, brewer, distiller, or wholesaler any financial interest, except as otherwise permitted in the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.  
☒ True ☐ False
17. The applicant (s) (has, have) at the time of filing this application no indebtedness or other financial obligation and will not incur any such indebtedness or other financial obligation, directly or indirectly, to any manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler other than for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. ☒ True ☐ False
18. The applicant (s) will, if granted a license, conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business in which the applicant (s) propose (s) to engage. ☒ True ☐ False
19. The applicant(s) hereby submit(s) a duly executed and acknowledged statement from the premises owner where the proposed business will operate. This statement expresses consent for the issuance of the requested license, granting authority to the State Comptroller, Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission, and the Board of License Commissioners of the respective county where the business is situated. Additionally, this authorization extends to their duly authorized deputies, inspectors, clerks, agents, and employees, as well as any peace officer within the county. This authorization allows for the inspection and search, without the need for a warrant, of both the business premises and any and all parts of the building where the business will be conducted, at any time and without limitations. ☒ True ☐ False

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**EXTRACT FROM LAW:** If any affidavit or oath required under the provisions of the Act shall contain any false statement, the offender shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon indictment and conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalties provided by law for that crime.

Name(s), title(s), and address(es) of applicants:

Kevin M. Elden	Applicant/Manager	6 President Point, Annapolis, MD 21403
(Name)	(Title)	(Home Address)
Johanna E. Ricker	Applicant	318 Riding Ridge, Annapolis, MD 21403
(Name)	(Title)	(Home Address)
Amy M. Ricker	Applicant	5 Romar Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403
(Name)	(Title)	(Home Address)

\*Note: If President or Vice-President is one of the applicants, they must also sign as an applicant.

\*1. K. M. Elden  
(Signature of President or Vice President)

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(Signature of applicant)

2. [Signature]  
(Signature of applicant)

3. [Signature]  
(Signature of applicant)

THE STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY OF Anne Arundel

I hereby certify that on the 3/1/2024 before me, the subscriber, a notary public of the State of Maryland, in and for Anne Arundel Co. (here insert name of the county or City of Baltimore for which notary is appointed), personally appeared Kevin M. Elden (name(s) of person(s) swearing) and made Affirmation (oath or affirmation) in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth in the Application (here describe document to which the BETHANY CUMMINS are true).

As witness, my hand and notarial seal.

[Signature]  
Notary Public Signature

Print Name: Bethany Cummins

**BETHANY CUMMINS**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**  
**MARYLAND**  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 7 2028

My commission expires: 2-7-2028

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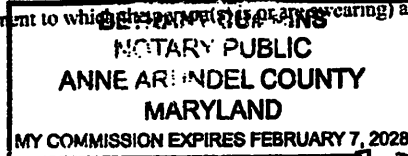
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and for Anne Arundel (here insert name of the county or City of Baltimore for which notary is appointed),  
personally appeared Johanna G. Ricker (name(s) of person(s) swearing) and  
made Affirmation (oath or affirmation) in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth in  
the Application (here describe document to which the person(s) is or are swearing) are true.  
As witness, my hand and notarial seal.

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Notary Public Signature

Print Name: Bethany Cummins



My commission expires: 2-7-2028

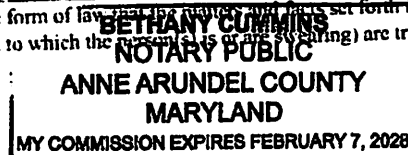
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personally appeared Amy M. Ricker (name(s) of person(s) swearing) and  
made Affirmation (oath or affirmation) in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth in  
the Application (here describe document to which the person(s) is or are swearing) are true.  
As witness, my hand and notarial seal.

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Notary Public Signature

Print Name: Bethany Cummins



My commission expires: 2-7-2028

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personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ (name(s) of person(s) swearing) and  
made \_\_\_\_\_ (oath or affirmation) in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ (here describe document to which the person(s) is or are swearing) are true.  
As witness, my hand and notarial seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

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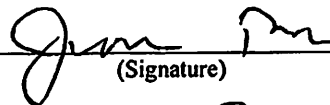
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**STATEMENT OF OWNER OF PREMISES REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAW OF MARYLAND**

(I, WE) HEREBY CERTIFY, that (I am, we are) the owner (s) of the property known as

5078 Solomons Island Rd, Suite 400, Lothian, Maryland 20711

Named in the foregoing application made to the State Comptroller under the Alcoholic Beverages Law of Maryland; that (I, we) hereby authorize the State Comptroller, Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission, and the Board of License Commissioners of the respective county where the business is situated. Additionally, this authorization extends to their duly authorized deputies, inspectors, clerks, agents, and employees, as well as any peace officer within the county. This authorization allows for the inspection and search, without the need for a warrant, of both the business premises and any and all parts of the building where the business will be conducted, at any time and without limitations.

  
(Signature)

Joseph Brown  
(Print Name)

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(Signature)

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(Print Name)

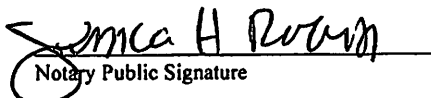
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(Print Name)

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I hereby certify that on the 2/26/2024, before me, the subscriber, a notary public of the State of Maryland, in and for Anne Arundel (here insert name of the county or City of Baltimore for which notary is appointed), personally appeared Joseph Brown (name(s) of person(s) swearing) and made affirmation (oath or affirmation) in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth in the application (here describe document to which the person(s) is or are swearing) are true.  
As witness, my hand and notarial seal.

  
Notary Public Signature

Print: Jessica H. Roberts

My commission expires: 10/22/2024

