

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150-2358

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#### **DECISION**

ANDOVER MEXICAN RESTAURANT, INC. D/B/A CASA BLANCA 10-12 MAIN STREET ANDOVER, MA 01810

LICENSE#: 00051-RS-0026 VIOLATION DATE: 4/25/2024

HEARD: 8/13/2024

Andover Mexican Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Casa Blanca ("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, regarding alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the Licensed Premises, to wit: Ch. 138, § 34C – Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Bolcome's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Bolcome's Report;
- 2. ABCC Form 43 New License Approval 2/11/2010;
- 3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Thursday, April 25, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Investigators Anderson, DiCicco, and Bolcome ("Investigators") inspected Andover Mexican Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Casa Blanca ("Licensee" or "Casa Blanca") to determine the way its business was being conducted.
- 2. Investigators entered the licensed premises, identified themselves to staff, and were introduced to Luis Vargas, Licensee. While speaking with Mr. Vargas, Investigators observed a youthful appearing individual at the bar who was consuming an alcoholic beverage.
- 3. Investigators approached the youthful appearing individual, identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage.

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- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 6/14/2004 (age 19), stated that she did not have any identification, and was not asked for identification by the bartender who served her.
- 5. Investigators then spoke to the bartender who admitted he served Underage #1 a margarita and confirmed that he had not asked her for any identification.
- 6. Investigators advised Mr. Vargas of the violation and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further review.
- 7. Mr. Vargas appeared at the Commission hearing and testified all staff members are TIPS certified and added that daily meetings are conducted wherein the subject of service of alcohol to underage individuals, amongst other topics, is discussed.
- 8. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2010 with no prior violations.

# CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the Licensed Premises, to wit: Ch. 138, § 34C – Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count). As a result, the Commission issues a **WARNING**.

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Dated: November 26, 2024

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