



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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DECISION

**THE BLANDFORD COUNTRY STORE INC.
D/B/A/THE BLANDFORD COUNTRY STORE
98 MAIN STREET
BLANDFORD, MA 01008
LICENSE#: 89305-PK-0110
VIOLATION DATE: 9/04/2019
HEARD: 2/25/2020**

The Blandford Country Store Inc. d/b/a The Blandford Country Store (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("Commission" or "ABCC") held a hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2)- Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch.138 § 34- Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Gould's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigator Gould's Compliance Check Field Report;
2. Licensee Stipulation of Fact;
3. Copy of License Transfer Application Summary Review Approval, 4/27/2018.

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

FACTS

1. On Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at approximately 5:08 p.m., Investigators Kujawski and Gould ("Investigators") conducted an investigation of the business operation of The Blandford Country Store Inc. d/b/a The Blandford Country Store.
2. An underage operative, working with Investigators, purchased from the Licensee an alcoholic beverage, a 12-ounce container of Bud Light beer, for two dollars and four cents (\$2.04). The underage operative was not asked for identification.
3. Jennifer Girard, the Licensee and manager of record, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified that employees are trained to request identification prior to making a sale.

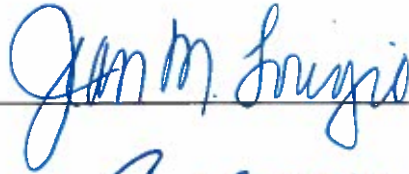
4. Ms. Girard informed the Commission that there is a calendar at the register indicating the date by which a person must have been born in order to be 21 years of age, and allowed to purchase alcohol.
5. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 since 2018 with no prior violations.

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: M.G.L. Ch.138 § 34- Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. The Commission issues a **WARNING**.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Dated: February 26, 2020

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Superior Courts under the provisions of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision.

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