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# DECISION

## JEH RESTAURANTS INC. D/B/A BARRETT'S ALE HOUSE 425 BEDFORD STREET BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324 LICENSE#: 00001-RS-0136 VIOLATION DATE: 12/14/2019 HEARD: 7/27/2021

JEH Restaurants Inc. d/b/a Barrett's Ale House (the "Licensee") holds an all alcoholic beverages license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission" or "ABCC") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an Illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, § 69 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to an intoxicated person (1 Count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the violation in Investigator Watson's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- I. Investigator Watson's Report;
- 2. ABCC Form 43 License Transfer Approval, 1/23/2014;
- 3. ABCC Decision, 6/28/2018;
- 4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On Friday, December 13, 2019, at approximately 11:25 p.m., Investigators Binienda and Watson ("Investigators") investigated the business operation of JEH Restaurants Inc. d/b/a Barrett's Ale House to determine the manner in which their business was being conducted.
- 2. Investigators entered the licensed premises where their attention was drawn to a female patron who was stumbling on the dance floor. She had glassy eyes and a vacant stare.
- 3. Investigators observed the female patron fall on the dance floor. When she stood up, she fell into a table and needed assistance getting to her feet. She appeared to have no control over her body movements.

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- 4. Based on their training and experience, Investigators formulated the opinion that the patron was intoxicated.
- 5. Investigators observed the female patron go to the back bar area for several minutes. A friend came looking for her and Investigators observed the two patrons standing for several minutes at the bar behind two patrons seated at the bar, but in direct sight of the bartender.
- 6. Investigators observed the female patron was holding onto a barstool for support. She was blinking very slowly, swaying, and appeared drowsy.
- 7. At approximately 12:09 a.m., Investigators observed the female patron and her friend order and be served two Lagunitas draft beers.
- 8. Investigators spoke to the manager on duty, Drew Brissett, informed him of the violation, and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further review.
- 9. Francis Michael Barrett appeared at the Commission hearing with Counsel. Mr. Barrett runs the day-to-day operation at the licensed premises. The Commission was informed staff had been retrained in an effort to ensure this type of incident does not occur in the future. In addition, the Commission was asked to take into consideration that beginning in the Spring of 2020 the Licensee was closed for approximately 6 months. They reopened and attempted to operate with take-out business only but were unsuccessful. Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Barrett's employed 75 people. They now employ 45 people and report sales are down approximately 35 to 40%.
- 10. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2014 with one previous violation.

### 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. c. 138, § 69 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to an intoxicated person (1 Count). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of four (4) days which are hereby deemed served.

By decision dated June 28, 2018, the Commission had previously suspended the Licensee's license for a period of three (3) days to be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur. Based on the violation found above, the Commission, in its discretion, hereby orders that 3-day suspension shall be imposed and further orders said suspension is hereby deemed served.

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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Dated: August 13, 2021

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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