

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of the State Treasurer Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Deborah B. Goldberg Treasurer and Receiver General Kim S. Gainsboro, Esg. Chairman

<u>AMENDED</u> NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

February 12, 2016

CRAFT BEER GUILD LLC D/B/A CRAFT BREWERS GUILD 170 MARKET STREET EVERETT, MA 02149 LICENSE#: WI-298

VIOLATION DATE: 03/18/2015

HEARD: 09/02/2015

After a hearing on September 2, 2015, the Commission finds Craft Beer Guild LLC d/b/a Craft Brewers Guild violated:

- 1) 204 CMR 2.08: No licensee shall give or permit to be given money or any other thing of substantial value in any effort to induce any person to persuade or influence any other person to purchase, or contract for the purchase of any particular brand or kind of alcoholic beverages, or to persuade or influence any person to refrain from purchasing, or contracting for the purchase of any particular brand or kind of alcoholic beverages.
- 2) M.G.L. C. 138, §25A: No licensee authorized under this chapter to sell alcoholic beverages to wholesalers or retailers shall: Discriminate, directly or indirectly, in price, in discounts for time of payment, or in discounts on quantity of merchandise sold, between one wholesaler and another wholesaler, or between one retailer and another retailer purchasing alcoholic beverages bearing the same brand or trade name of like age and quality.

On the first violation, 204 C.M.R. 2.08, the Commission suspends the license for fifteen (15) months, with ninety (90) days to be served and the balance of 12 months held in abeyance for two years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

On the second violation, M.G.L. C. 138, § 25A, the Commission suspends the license for fifteen (15) months with ninety (90) days to be served and the balance of 12 months held in abeyance for two years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur. This suspension is to run concurrently with the penalty imposed for 204 C.M.R. 2.08.

In total the Commission suspends the license for a period of ninety (90) days to be served, and the balance of 12 months to be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years, provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

The suspension shall commence on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 and terminate on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. The license will be delivered to the Alcoholic Beverages Control on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the Licensee Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

You are advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.138 §23, you may petition the Commission to accept an offer in compromise in lieu of suspension within twenty (20) calendar days following such notice of such suspension. If accepted, you may pay a fine using the enclosed form which must be signed by the Licensee and a Massachusetts Licensed Accountant.

You are advised that you have the right to appeal this decision under M.G.L. c. 30A to Superior Court within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this notice.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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