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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

October 15, 2015

TAYLOR'S TAVERN INC. 238 MAIN ST. GREENFIELD, MA 01301 LICENSE#: 047000017

VIOLATION DATE: 06/25/2015

HEARD: 10/13/2015

After a hearing on October 13, 2015, the Commission finds Taylor's Tavern Inc. violated M.G.L. c. 138, §69 Sale or Delivery of an Alcoholic Beverage to an Intoxicated Person (1 Count).

The Commission suspends the licensee's license for a total of two (2) days to be served with the balance of two (2) days suspended for 2 years. The suspension shall commence on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 and terminate on Thursday, December 3, 2015. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on Friday, December 4, 2015.

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

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DECISION

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Taylor's Tavern Inc. (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, §12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, regarding an alleged violation of 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 violations alleged in Investigator Keefe's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Keefe's Investigative Report dated June 25, 2015; and
- Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

The Commission took Administrative Notice of the Licensee's record.

FACTS

- 1. On Thursday, June 25, 2015, at approximately 8:45 p. m., Investigators Lordan, Kujawski and Keefe ("Investigators") investigated the business operation of Taylor's Tayern Inc. to determine the manner in which the business was being conducted.
- 2. Investigators entered the licensed premises and observed a female individual, Reneee Reynolds, who appeared to be intoxicated.
- 3. Investigators observed that Ms. Reynolds spoke loudly, at times shouting and screaming as she spoke to those around her, her speech was slurred, and she swayed from side to side when she stood and walked throughout the bar area.

- 4. Investigators also observed Ms. Reynolds bump into the wall in the hallway from the restroom area and lose her balance.
- 5. At approximately 8:30 p.m., Ms. Reynolds left the bar area and walked up the stairs to the main floor, out of sight of Investigators. At approximately 8:40 p.m., Investigators observed Ms. Reynolds come back down the stairs and return to the bar area. Investigators observed Ms. Reynolds had difficulty navigating the stairway, and held on to both railings for support.
- 6. Ms. Reynolds then attempted to hang her pocketbook on a hook beneath the bar. Investigators observed she missed in three attempts before successfully hanging her pocketbook. Investigators observed Ms. Reynolds appeared to have difficulty sitting on the barstool, losing her balance while seated.
- 7. Based on their training and experience, Investigators formed the opinion that Ms. Reynolds was intoxicated.
- 8. Investigators overheard Ms. Reynolds speak to her friend, Laurie, that she wanted another drink. Laurie thought Ms. Reynolds had had enough and did not need another drink. Another patron seated to the right of Ms. Reynolds suggested she have a glass of water instead. This conversation occurred in front of or within five feet of the bartender on duty, Meaghan Cullen.
- 9. Investigators observed Ms. Reynolds order drinks, speaking with slurred speech, and pay with a \$20 bill.
- 10. At approximately 8:45 p.m., Investigators observed Ms. Cullen pour two glasses of white zinfandel and place them on the bar, directly in front of Ms. Reynolds and Laurie.
- 11. Investigators contacted the Greenfield Police Department for assistance.
- 12. Investigators interviewed the bartender, Meaghan Cullen, and asked her how many drinks she had served Ms. Reynolds and Laurie. Ms. Cullen stated she was aware that Ms. Reynolds had had too much to drink and earlier in the evening she had given Ms. Reynolds a glass of water. Ms. Cullen further stated she was aware that Ms. Reynolds had previously been drinking at the bar located on the main floor of the establishment and she knew Ms. Reynolds was not driving, which was why she served Ms. Reynolds another drink.
- 13. Greenfield Police Officer Chris Sumner arrived and entered the licensed premises.
- 14. Investigators spoke with Ms. Reynolds and Laurie and recommended that both women be provided with safe transportation home. Laurie called her husband who stated he would pick up both women.
- 15. While waiting for her ride, Ms. Reynolds went outside the premises to have a cigarette. Investigators accompanied her for her own safety.
- 16. While outside, Investigators observed Ms. Reynolds have a verbal altercation, for no apparent reason, with a family who walked by the premises. Ms. Reynolds started swearing at the child and the parents. Officers separated the parties.
- 17. Investigators informed Ms. Cullen of the violation and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for review.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated 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 with two (2) days to be served, and two (2) days to be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years, provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner ZUM(1))

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have reviewed the hearing record and concur with the above decision.

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner Authleen McNally)

Dated: October 15, 2015

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