The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Department of the State Treasurer Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Boston. Massachusetts 02114

Steven Grossman Trasurer and Receiver General

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Kim S. Guinsboro, Esq Cheurman October 9, 2013

#### VALLEY SPIRITS, INC DBA FOUR SEASONS WINE & LIQUOR STORE 333 RUSSELL STREET HADLEY, MA 01035 LICENSE#: 048200024 HEARD: 10/08/2013

After a hearing on October 8, 2013, the Commission finds Valley Spirits, Inc. dba Four Seasons Wine & Liquor Store in violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an Illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: c. 138 §34 Sale or Delivery of an Alcoholic Beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

The Commission suspends the licensee's license for a total of two (2) days to be served. The suspension shall commence on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, and terminate on Thursday, November 21, 2013. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee Friday, November 22, 2013.

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. All checks must be certified and accompanied by 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

Kim S. Gainsboro Chairman

cc: Local Licensing Board Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator Michael Teehan, Investigator Mark Kenny, Investigator Administration File

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DECISION

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Valley Spirits, Inc. dba Four Seasons Wine & Liquor Store (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, §15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an Illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: c. 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 violation alleged in Investigator Kenny's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts; and
- 2. Investigator Kenny's Compliance Check Field Report dated April 24, 2013.
- A. Email regarding enrollment in MA Responsible Retail Program;
- B. TIPS Certificates; and
- C. Mass. Package Store Certificates.

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

### FACTS

- 1. On April 24, 2013 at approximately 7:00 p.m., Investigators Teehan and Kenny conducted an investigation of the business operation of Valley Spirits, Inc. dba Four Seasons Wine & Liquor Store.
- 2. An underage operative working with investigators purchased an alcoholic beverage, a Budweiser can, for one dollar and fifty-five cents (\$1.55). The underage operative was not asked for identification.

### 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: c. 138 §34 Sale or Delivery of an Alcoholic Beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for four (4) days of which two (2) days will be served and two (2) days will 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

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner / athlam Sulat Susan Corcoran, Commissioner

Dated: October 9, 2013

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.

cc: Local Licensing Board Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator Michael Teehan, Investigator Mark Kenny, Investigator Administration File