The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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DECISION

## RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL INC. D/B/A LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE 59 PLAISTOW ROAD HAVERHILL, MA 01830 LICENSE#: 052000165 VIOLATION DATE: 06/22/2016 HEARING DATE: 12/13/2016

Rare Hospitality International Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Steakhouse (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, December 13, 2016, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) – Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. 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 Bailey's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Bailey's Compliance Check Field Report dated June 22, 2016; and
- 2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. Licensee's Responsible Alcohol Service Policy.

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

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

## FACTS

- On Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at approximately 6:52 p.m., Investigators Doyle and Bailey ("Investigators") investigated the business operation of Rare Hospitality International Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Steakhouse.
- 2. An underage operative, working with Investigators, purchased from the Licensee an alcoholic beverage, a bottle of Budweiser Light beer for four dollars and eighty cents (\$4.80). The underage operative was not asked for identification.

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## **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, §34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. As the Licensee has been in business for more than 10 years with no prior violations, the Commission issues a **WARNING**.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner ZUMAULA ALAMAA Kathleen McNally, Commissioner The Men Mc Mells

Dated: December 14, 2016

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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 cc: Local Licensing Board Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator Rose Bailey, Investigator Brad Doyle, Investigator Joseph H. Devlin, Esq. via facsimile 617-514-2825 Administration, File