



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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Chairman

DECISION

**FATHER & SON'S PIZZA INC. D/B/A SOPHIA'S PIZZA
465 BRECKWOOD BOULEVARD
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01109
LICENSE#: 00028-RS-1226
VIOLATION DATE: 2/06/2025
HEARD: 4/08/2025**

Father & Son's Pizza Inc. d/b/a Sophia's Pizza ("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: Ch. 138, § 34C – Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of age (1 Count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Smiddy's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of S. Smiddy;
2. Photograph of Fraudulent License;
3. ABCC Form 43, New License Approval, 7/21/1988;
4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Thursday February 6, 2025, at approximately 11:10 p.m., Investigators Fleming, Guarino, Keefe, and Smiddy ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of Father & Son's Pizza Inc. d/b/a Sophia's Pizza ("Licensee").
2. At approximately 11:18 p.m., Investigators Keefe and Smiddy observed a youthful appearing female patron in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 6/12/2004 (age 20), was in possession of a can of orange Nutr1 Vodka Seltzer. She presented Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.

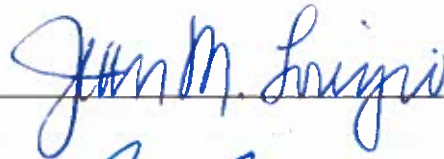
4. Investigators informed the bartender of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further review
5. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 1988.

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: Ch. 138, § 34C – Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of age (1 Count). As a result, the Commission issues a **WARNING**.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Deborah Baglio, Commissioner



Dated: April 8, 2025

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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