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### NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

April 30, 2018

ADOLFO'S RESTAURANT, INC. D/B/A ADOLFO'S RESTAURANT 254 WORTHINGTON ST SPRINGFIELD, MA 01103

LICENSE#: 1226-00357 HEARD: 4/03/2018

After a hearing on April 3, 2018, the Commission finds Adolfo's Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Adolfo's Restaurant violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, § 34C- Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (7 counts).

The Commission suspends the license for a period of twenty-nine (29) days of which ten (10) days will be served, and nineteen (19) days will 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, June 20, 2018 and terminate on Friday, June 29, 2018. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the Licensee on June 30, 2018.

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** 

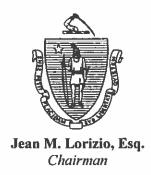
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### **DECISION**

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HEARD: 4/03/2018

Adolfo's Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Adolfo's Restaurant (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, April 3, 2018, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, § 34C-Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (7 counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Di Cicco's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Di Cicco's Investigative Report; and
- 2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

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

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Thursday, October 5, 2017, at approximately 11:40 p.m., Investigators Keefe, Kujawski, Velez, and Di Cicco ("Investigators"), conducted an investigation of the business operation of Adolfo's Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Adolfo's Restaurant to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.
- 2. Upon entering the licensed premises, Investigators observed youthful appearing individuals in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 10/26/1998 (age 19) was in possession of a can of Bud Light beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license.

- 4. Underage #2, actual date of birth 5/05/1998 (age 19) was in possession of a can of Bud Light beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license.
- 5. Underage #3, actual date of birth 10/22/1996 (age 20) was in possession of a mixed drink, vodka and Red Bull energy drink. She stated to Investigators that she was not asked for identification when she gained entry to the premises and obtained an alcoholic beverage.
- 6. Underage #4, actual date of birth 4/25/1998 (age 19) was in possession of a mixed drink, vodka and lemonade. She stated to Investigators that she was not asked for identification, and that she had friends who worked at the licensed premises.
- 7. Underage #5, actual date of birth 3/11/1999 (age 18) was in possession of a can of Bud Light beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license.
- 8. Underage #6, actual date of birth 7/21/1999 (age 18) was in possession of a can of Bud Light beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license.
- 9. Underage #7, actual date of birth 9/15/1998 (age 19) was in possession of a vodka drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license.
- 10. Investigators identified all the underage individuals to staff members. Staff members informed Investigators that they would ensure safe transport home for all the minors in possession of alcoholic beverages.
- 11. Investigators also contacted the owner, Victor Bruno, and informed him of the violations and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for review.

# **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, § 34C- Possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (7 counts). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of twenty-nine (29) days of which ten (10) days will be served, and nineteen (19) 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

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman + M 11. JWW

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

Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner <u>ElWAULTU A YOUNNAY</u>

Dated: April 30, 2018

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