



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

April 1, 2026

CREED LOUNGE INC.
41 PLEASANT STREET
WORCESTER, MA 01609
LICENSE#: 06630-GP-1508
VIOLATION DATE: 9/05/2024
HEARD: 3/11/2025

After a hearing on March 11, 2025, the Commission finds Creed Lounge Inc. 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 (18 Counts).

The Commission **suspends the license for a period of 22 days of which 11 days will be served and 11 days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission**

The suspension shall commence on Monday, May 11, 2026, and terminate on Thursday, May 21, 2026. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on May 22, 2026.

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.

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DECISION

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Creed Lounge Inc. ("Licensee" or "Creed") 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, March 11, 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 (18 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Gardner's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of R. Gardner;
 2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, Transfer of License Approved, 3/04/2022;
 3. ABCC Decision, 10/23/2024;
 4. City of Worcester License Commission Violation History for Creed Lounge, Inc., with attached Worcester Police Reports (3);
 5. Photograph of Fraudulent Identifications;
 6. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.
- A. Photographs (3) of Identification Scanner;
B. Statement of Licensee.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing. The record was left open until the end of business on March 12, 2025 to allow the parties to submit additional documents. The Licensee timely submitted documents which were marked as Exhibits A and B.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Thursday September 5, 2024, Investigators David, Fleming, Gould, Guarino, Keefe, and Gardner ("Investigators"), along with Officer Harrington of the Worcester Police Alcohol Unit, inspected the business operation of Creed Lounge Inc. ("Licensee").

2. At approximately 11:00 p.m., Investigators entered the licensed premises and observed multiple youthful appearing individuals in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment.
3. Investigators Gould and Gardner identified themselves to individuals and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 9/02/2004 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka cranberry mixed drink. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Delaware driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
5. Underage #2, actual date of birth 2/16/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a tequila soda lime mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Maryland driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
6. Underage #3, actual date of birth 12/29/2005 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka cranberry mixed drink. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
7. Investigators Fleming and David identified themselves to individuals and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
8. Underage #4, actual date of birth 9/28/2004 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka and Red Bull mixed drink. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
9. Underage #5, actual date of birth 11/25/2003 (age 20), was in possession of a tequila and soda mixed drink. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
10. Underage #6, actual date of birth 11/16/2004 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka and Red Bull mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
11. Underage #7, actual date of birth 8/26/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka cranberry mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
12. Underage #8, actual date of birth 2/03/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka soda mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent New York driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
13. Underage #9 actual date of birth 12/05/2004 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka cranberry mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Pennsylvania driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
14. Underage #10 actual date of birth 2/07/2006 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka lemonade mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Illinois driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.

15. Underage #11, actual date of birth 8/27/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka pineapple mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
16. Investigator Keefe identified himself to individuals and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
17. Underage #12, actual date of birth 5/19/2005 (age 20), was in possession of a Corona beer. He presented to the Investigator a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
18. Underage #13, actual date of birth 3/08/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a Coors Light beer. He presented to the Investigator a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing his name with a different birth date.
19. Investigator Gould and David identified themselves to individuals and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
20. Underage #14, actual date of birth 6/02/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka pineapple mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Maine driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
21. Underage #15, actual date of birth 6/07/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka cranberry mixed drink. She presented to Investigators a fraudulent Illinois driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
22. Investigator Keefe identified himself to individuals and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
23. Underage #16, actual date of birth 4/11/2006 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka cranberry mixed drink. He presented to the Investigator a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
24. Underage #17, actual date of birth 9/13/2006 (age 17), was in possession of a vodka and Red Bull mixed drink. He presented to the Investigator a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
25. Underage #18, actual date of birth 2/26/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a Corona beer. He presented to the Investigator a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
26. Investigator Guarino informed the Licensee of the Investigators' findings, and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further review.
27. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2022 with one prior violation.

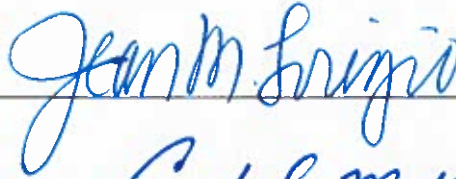
CONCLUSION

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. (18 Counts)

Therefore, the Commission **suspends the license for a period of 22 days of which 11 days will be served and 11 days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission.**

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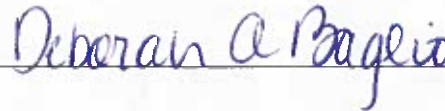
Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman



Crystal Matthews, Commissioner



Deborah Baglio, Commissioner



Dated: April 1, 2026

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