

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

February 20, 2025

JMAR LLC D/B/A 107 TAP 107 WATER STREET WORCESTER, MA 01604 LICENSE#: 06886-RS-1508 VIOLATION DATE: 3/7/2024 HEARD: 6/25/2024

After a hearing on June 25, 2024, the Commission finds JMAR LLC d/b/a 107 Tap 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 (8 Counts). The Commission suspends the license for a period of five (5) days to be served.

The suspension shall commence on Monday, April 7, 2025, and terminate on Friday, April 11, 2025. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on April 12, 2025.

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

JMAR LLC D/B/A 107 TAP 107 WATER STREET WORCESTER, MA 01604 LICENSE#: 06886-RS-1508 VIOLATION DATE: 3/7/2024 HEARD: 6/25/2024

JMAR LLC d/b/a 107 Tap ("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, regarding alleged violations 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 (8 Counts). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Special Investigator McDonough's report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigative Report of D. McDonough;
- 2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification, New License Approved 6/29/2022;
- 3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts;
- 4. Photographs of Fraudulent Identifications.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- On Thursday March 7, 2024, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Investigators Di Cicco, Fleming, Keefe, Smiddy, and McDonough ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of JMAR LLC d/b/a 107 Tap ("Licensee").
- 2. Investigators Fleming and McDonough approached two youthful appearing female individuals in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages, identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.

- 3. Underage #1, actual date of birth 12/30/2002 (age 20), was in possession of a vodka lemonade mixed drink. She provided Investigators with a fraudulent Maine driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date and stated that she used the identification to gain entrance into the establishment.
- 4. Underage #2, actual date of birth 7/07/2005 (age 18), was in possession of a vodka & soda mixed drink. She provided Investigators with a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date and stated that she used the identification to gain entrance into the establishment.
- 5. Investigators Keefe, DiCicco and Smiddy observed a youthful appearing female individual in possession of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess an alcoholic beverage.
- 6. Underage #3, actual date of birth 6/10/2003 (age 20), was in possession of an Angry Orchard Hard Cider. She provided Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
- 7. Investigators Fleming and McDonough observed two youthful appearing individuals in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages
- 8. Underage #4, actual date of birth 6/30/2003 (age 20), was in possession of a vodka mixed drink. She provided Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.
- 9. Underage #5, actual date of birth 7/21/2003 (age 20), was in possession of a bottle of Bud Light beer. He provided Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing his name but a different birth date.
- 10. Investigators Fleming and McDonough observed a group of youthful appearing female individuals in possession of what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Investigators approached the group, identified themselves and requested proof of legal age to possess alcoholic beverages.
- 11. Underage #6, actual date of birth 1/22/2005 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka and cranberry mixed drink. She provided Investigators with a fraudulent Rhode Island driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she stated she used to gain entrance into the establishment.
- 12. Underage #7, actual date of birth 12/20/2004 (age 19), was in possession of a vodka and cranberry mixed drink. She provided Investigators with a fraudulent Connecticut driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date which she stated she used to gain entrance into the establishment.
- 13. Underage #8, actual date of birth 5/02/2003 (age 20), provided Investigators with a fraudulent New Hampshire driver's license bearing her name but a different birth date.

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- 14. Investigators showed the manager on duty, Garo Bekiarian, the fraudulent identifications which had been confiscated and gave him an opportunity to review them.
- 15. Investigators informed Mr. Bekiarian of the violations and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for review.
- 16. Jeff Mararian, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing along with Mr. Bekiarian. Mr. Mararian testified regarding efforts to prevent minors from obtaining alcohol. He purchased an identification scanner which updates regularly. Patrons presenting an out-ofstate identification must produce a backup identification.
- 17. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2022 with no prior violations.

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 (8 Counts).

As a result, the Commission suspends the license for a period of eleven (11) days of which five (5) days will be served and six (6) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission regulation are found by this Commission.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Deborah Baglio, Commissioner

Dated: February 20, 2025

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