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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

PENNSYLVANIA STATE	:	
POLICE, BUREAU OF	:	Citation No. 06-2035
LIQUOR CONTROL ENFORCEMENT	:	
	:	Incident No. W01-336851
v.	:	
	:	LID - 53541
CH & JI INC	:	
6525 RISING SUN AVE	:	
PHILADELPHIA PA 19111-5246	:	
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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY	:	
LICENSE NO. R-SS-OPS-873	:	BEFORE: JUDGE SHENKLE

APPEARANCES:

For Bureau of Enforcement: Erik S. Shmukler, Esq.
For Licensee: Chuan Yu Liu, President of Licensee

ADJUDICATION

BACKGROUND:

The Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement of the Pennsylvania State Police issued this citation on September 5, 2006. There are three counts in the citation.

The first count alleges that Licensee violated §493(12) of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. §4-493(12), on July 25, 2006, by failing to keep records on the licensed premises.

The second count alleges that Licensee violated §493(12) of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. §4-493(12), and §5.52 of the Liquor Control Board Regulations, 40 Pa. Code §5.52, on July 25, 2006, by failing to maintain coil cleaning records.

The third count alleges that Licensee violated §102 of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. §1-102, on July 25, 2006, on the basis that the licensed premises was not a *bona fide* restaurant because there were insufficient food items.

A hearing was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The Bureau investigated Licensee on July 25, 2006, and sent notice of the results of its investigation to the licensed premises on August 8, 2006 (Exhibit B-1).
2. This citation was issued on September 5, 2006, and a copy of it was sent to the premises on the same date (Exhibit B-2).

3. Liquor enforcement officer B. Fetterolf inspected the licensed premises on July 25, 2006, and found that there were no business records kept on the premises, there was no record of coil cleaning maintained, and there was no food (N/T/ 7-10).

4. Licensee's president has corrected these problems: food sufficient for thirty persons is now maintained at all times, business records are kept on the premises, and a record of the required cleaning of beer tap equipment is now maintained (N.T. 11-14).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Sustained as charged.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF POINTS PURSUANT TO ACT 239 OF 2004

Section 479 of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. §4-479, establishes a numerical system for use in cities of the first class. Every restaurant and eating place licensee in cities of the first class who has been cited for a violation of §471 of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. §4-471, on or after February 6, 2005, must have points assessed as of the date of the final adjudication. Points are in addition to other provisions of the Liquor Code regarding license transfer and renewal. Points are required to be assigned in addition to a monetary penalty and/or suspension and/or revocation of the license by the administrative law judge.

An enhanced penalty violation requires that the administrative law judge assign five to ten points, depending upon the circumstances surrounding the violation, to a license record, for each and every enhanced penalty violation. The Board has by regulation established a point system ranging from one to five points for other violations of the Liquor Code and Regulations not specifically set forth in §479.

Section 481(a), 47 P.S. §4-481(a) provides that when any license accumulates ten points or more, the administrative law judge must require the license holder to become compliant with and remain compliant with the provisions of §471.1, 47 P.S. §4-471.1, relating to the Responsible Alcohol Management Program (R.A.M.P.). Failure to comply with such an order within ninety days will result in two additional points being assessed against the license record.

Section 481(b), 47 P.S. §4-481(b) provides that when any license accumulates fifteen points or more, the administrative law judge must place the license in safekeeping. The license can only be removed from safekeeping upon approval by the board of a transfer to a disinterested third party. Upon completion of the transfer, the points assigned to it will be reduced to ten. If, within ninety days of the transfer the new owner voluntarily becomes compliant with and remains compliant with the responsible alcohol management provisions of §471.1, two additional points will be removed from the license record.

Notwithstanding other provisions of the Act, §481(c), 47 P.S. §4-481(c), provides that when any license accumulates twenty or more points in more than one citation, the administrative law judge must revoke the license.

PRIOR RECORD:

Licensee has been licensed since September 13, 2004, and has had one prior violation:

Citation No. 05-2243. 1 day suspension and five points assessed.

1. Sales on Sunday after 2:00 a.m. October 16, 2005.

PENALTY:

Section 471 of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. §4-471, prescribes a penalty of license suspension or revocation or a fine in the \$50.00 to \$1,000.00 range, or both, for violations of the type found in this case. Penalties are assessed as follows:

Count 1 – a fine of	\$ 50.00
Count 2 – a fine of	200.00
Count 3 – a fine of	<u>200.00</u>
Total fines of	\$450.00

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that Licensee, CH & JI, Inc., License No. R-SS-OPS-873, shall pay fines totaling four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) within 20 days of the mailing date of this order. In the event the fine is not paid within 20 days, Licensee's license will be suspended or revoked. Jurisdiction is retained.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that two (2) points are assessed against the record of Licensee, CH & JI, Inc., License No. R-SS-OPS-873, as required by 47 P.S. §4-479(d)(9).

The fine must be paid by treasurer's check, cashier's check, certified check or money order. **Personal checks, which include business-use personal checks, are not acceptable.** Please make your guaranteed check payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mail to:

PLCB-Office of Administrative Law Judge
Brandywine Plaza
2221 Paxton Church Road
Harrisburg PA 17110-9661

Dated this 11th day of April, 2007.

David L. Shenke, J.

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NOTICE: MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION CANNOT BE ACTED UPON UNLESS THEY ARE IN WRITING AND RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE MAILING DATE OF THIS ORDER, ACCOMPANIED BY A \$25.00 FILING FEE.