

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

March 3, 2017 Via US Mail and Certified Mail # 7009 0080 0000 6081 1635

Thomas Sherban, Permittee JR's Cafe 18 Bridge Street East Windsor, CT 06088

RE: Liquor Permit No. LCA.73666; Case No. 2016-650

Dear Mr. Sherban:

I am enclosing the memorandum of decision Dated February 28, 2017, concerning the formal administrative hearing held on February 16, 2017.

In its decision, the Commission found you in violation of all charges alleged and imposed a 1-day suspension of your liquor permit and payment of a \$500 fine. A check in that amount, payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut," must be returned to me by March 23, 2017. Your suspension will be served on March 30, 2017.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact Attorney Caitlin Anderson at (860) 713-6064 or Caitlin.anderson@ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

Robin Densmore

Secretary 2 - Legal Division

State of Connecticut

Department of Consumer Protection

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF

JR's Cafe Thomas Sherban, Permittee JR's Ent. LLC, Backer Permit No. LCA-7366

Case No. 2016-650

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

This matter involves a cafe liquor permit issued to JR's Café, 18 Bridge Street, East Windsor, Connecticut, Permittee Thomas Sherban. A formal administrative hearing was held before the Department of Consumer Protection on February 16, 2017.

The allegations against JR's Cafe arose from an inspection by the Department of Consumer Protection's Liquor Control Division after receiving a complaint concerning JR's Cafe. The inspection resulted with the following alleged violations: no age statement forms available on the premises; sanitation violations concerning fruit flies in liquor bottles and no hand towels in the ladies room; no active liquor permit framed or hung in plain view; no liquor permit filed with the East Windsor town clerk; no food available for customers; no daily records broken down into sales of food and alcohol available for review; and no permittee sign posted adjacent to the main entrance of the permit premises.

Mr. Sherban appeared at the hearing. He did not deny any of the charges. He stated he would try to make more food available and would check the bottles more often.

Based upon the evidence presented, we hereby find the Respondent guilty of violating all charges as alleged. We remind the Respondent that dispensing liquor is a privilege and not a right. Beckanstin v. Liquor Control Commission, 140 Conn. 185, 192, 99 A.2d 1191 (1953). Additionally, the Liquor Control Act grants the Liquor Control Commission a liberal discretionary power to determine factual matters with regard to liquor permits and to suspend or revoke the permit after a hearing. Balog v. Liquor Control Commission, 150 Conn. 473, 191 A.2d 20 (1963).

The Respondent's liquor permit is suspended for a period of one (1) day and he shall pay a fine of \$500.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

BY:

Anne K. Stiber, Esq.

Designated Presiding Officer

Angelo J. Faenza, Commissioner

David A. Scribner, Commissioner

Approved, adopted and so ordered this 25th day of February, 2017.

Jonathan A. Harris

Commissioner of Consumer Protection

Non-Parties:

John Suchy, Director, Liquor Control Division

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