

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF

Horizon
Gary L. Tiso, Permittee
Echo Nightlife, LLC, Backer
Permit #LIR.17470
Docket No. 09-01
Case #2009-83

January 6, 2009

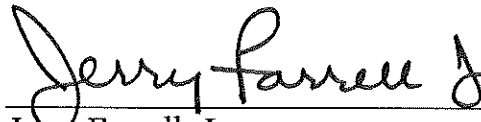
SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

This premises operates under a restaurant liquor permit issued by the Department of Consumer Protection. We find that on January 2, 2009, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Fire Marshal Weber of the Danbury Fire Department determined that approximately 500 persons, including high-schoolers, were inside Horizon, 11 Ives Street, Danbury, Connecticut, holder of restaurant liquor permit LIR.17470. The maximum occupancy for Horizon is 241 persons. Danbury Fire Marshal Weber ordered the premises vacated. Horizon had approximately 12 security personnel on duty on January 2, 2009; many security personnel failed to assist in the evacuation of Horizon patrons. In order to disperse the crowd and maintain order, it was necessary for Danbury Police to request mutual aid from state police troopers, the Western Connecticut University Police Department and off-duty Danbury police officers working private jobs. We find that this substantial disregard for the fire code, the inadequate number of security personnel hired by Horizon, and the inability of

the permittee, backer or agents to properly control its premises, imperils public health, safety or welfare.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department of Consumer Protection finds that public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action, in accordance with §4-182(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes **ORDERS** your restaurant liquor permit **suspended immediately** pending proceedings for revocation or other action.

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Commissioner of Consumer Protection
Chairperson, Liquor Control Commission

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