

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTERS OF

Bach Dor Café

Michael E. Haddad, Sr., Permittee

Michael E. Haddad, Sr. and

Michael E. Haddad, Jr., Backers

Liquor Permit LCA.6482

Case No. 2007-8506

Docket No. 2008-707

July 15, 2008

AND

Mickey's River Club Café

Joseph Macknicki, Permittee

River Entertainment, Inc., Backer

Liquor Permit LCA.5465

Case No. 2007-8505

Docket No. 2008-708

July 15, 2008

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

This matter involves two renewal applications, the first for Bach Dor Café, 9 Willimantic Road, Chaplin, Liquor Permit LCA.6482 (hereinafter Bach Dor”), and the second for Mickey’s River Club Café, 75 Bridge Street Plaza, Willimantic, Liquor Permit LCA.5465 (hereinafter “Mickey’s). A formal administrative hearing was held before the Department of Consumer Protection on July 3, 2008, at which time Michael E. Haddad, Sr., appeared. Mr. Haddad is the backer and permittee of Bach Dor and the sole shareholder in the backer corporation for Mickey’s.

The hearing was held in accordance with Section 30-47(5), Connecticut General Statutes, questioning the suitability of Mr. Haddad

to hold liquor permits based upon a criminal conviction. At the outset of the hearing, the matters were consolidated.

Based upon the evidence adduced at the hearing, we find the following facts: The 2007-2008 renewal application for Mickey's disclosed that either the permittee or backer had been convicted of a crime since the last renewal. The department investigated and determined that on October 23, 2005, Michael S. Haddad, Sr., was arrested, and subsequently convicted of violating Sec. 53a-102 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 53a-62 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Sec. 53a-117 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Department's Liquor Control Division did an exhaustive investigation including a review of the police reports concerning the October 23, 2005 incident. The incident occurred in an apartment building owned by Mr. Haddad located approximately 50 yards from Mickey's. The incident did not occur inside either Bach Dor or Mickey's and was not related to Mr. Haddad's interest in either Bach Dor or Mickey's. Mr. Haddad was not incarcerated as a result of this conviction. Department staff met with Mr. Haddad's probation officer and reviewed the files. Mr. Haddad sees his probation officer on a monthly basis and there have been no problems. Mr. Haddad submitted numerous letters of personal and professional recommendation from municipal officials and other members of the community attesting to his character and charitable works.

We have carefully reviewed the criteria set forth in Section 46a-80, Connecticut General Statutes. We find that the nature and circumstances of the 2007 conviction do not relate to Mr. Haddad's ability to hold a liquor permit; he has complied with all of the terms of his probation and is active in his community, specifically concerning issues of homelessness; and he submitted numerous letters of recommendation.

Based upon the testimony and documents presented at the hearing, and mindful of the provisions of Sec. 46a-80, Connecticut General Statutes, we do not find that Mr. Haddad is unsuitable to hold a liquor permit and we grant the pending the renewal applications for LCA.5465 and LCA.6482.

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

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