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NOTICE OF BOARD VOTE – APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE LICENSE TYPE

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On June 6, 2024, the Board of License Commissioners (the “Board”) discussed the notice requirements for alcohol applications regarding changes in license type (i.e. going from a restaurant to a general on premises and vice versa).

For this type of change, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (“ABCC”) application only requires a newspaper advertisement. Although the Board usually mirrors the ABCC’s application and notice requirements, in this case the Board decided to require additional notification. Specifically, the Board discussed that since this type of change significantly changes the character of a business, abutters should be notified. However, the notification procedure will not be as stringent as required for other G. L. c. 138 applications.

Accordingly, the Board voted (2-0) that for any application requesting a change in license type, in addition to the requirements as set forth on the ABCC application, the applicant will need to send notice of the application and hearing to legal abutters. Said notice is not required to be sent within three days of the publishing of the advertisement and is not required to be sent via certified mail return receipt requested. The application and hearing notice must be sent at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing on the matter.

Should any person have any questions regarding the Board’s vote, please email them to license@cambridgema.gov.