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OLCC Commissioners Hear Contested Case, Ratify Stipulated Alcohol and Licensing Settlements, Make Retail Appointments

PORTLAND, OR. – At its monthly meeting Feb. 20, 2020, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission heard the contested case for **Taylor's Bar & Grill** (894 E 13th Ave., Eugene). Commissioners voted to have its Full On-Premises sales license cancelled due to a history of serious and persistent problems. Licensee is Zedan Outdoors, LLC; Ramzy Hattar, Managing Member.

Commissioners also voted to ratify the alcohol violation fines and suspension for **The Ugly Truth Bar & Grill** (145 E Main Street, John Day) based on stipulated settlement. Under the stipulated settlement, the licensee will pay a \$7,095 civil penalty or serve a 43 day suspension for several violations, which include:

- 1. Licensee's employees, agents or representatives failed to verify the age of a minor before allowing him to buy or be served an alcoholic beverage when he reasonably appeared to be under 26 years of age;
- 2. Licensee's employees, agents or representatives permitted a minor to drink alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises;
- 3. Licensee's employees, agents or representatives permitted a minor to be in an area of the licensed premises prohibited to minors;
- 4. Licensee's employees, agents, servants or representatives destroyed, damaged, altered, removed or concealed potential evidence, or attempted to do so, and/or refused to give Oregon State Police officers evidence when lawfully requested;
- 5. Licensee's employees, agents, servants or representatives destroyed, damaged, altered, removed or concealed potential evidence or attempted to do so, and/or refused to give an Oregon State Police officer evidence when lawfully requested, specifically, video surveillance footage.

Staff added ten days of aggravation because the licensee personally committed violations three and four, and violations one, two and three involved more than one employee. Licensee is The Ugly Truth Bar & Grill, Inc.; Ali Lenz, President/Director/Stockholder.

Commissioners additionally ratified the following alcohol violation fines and suspensions based on stipulated settlement:

Darsalam, 2921 NE Alberta St., Portland, will pay a \$1,485.00 civil penalty or serve a nine-day suspension for licensee permitting their employee, agent or representative to mix, sell or serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid service permit issued by the Commission. Licensee is DarSalam, LLC; Ghaith Sahib, Managing Member; Tiffany Sahib, Member.

Stop and Go Mini Mart, 2699 NE Highway 20, Bend, will pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a nine-day suspension for licensee permitting their employee, agent or representative to mix, sell or serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid service permit issued by the Commission. Licensee is Couch Investments, LLC; Kent Couch, Managing Member.

Cornelius Fast Serv, 990 N Adair, Cornelius, will pay a \$1,485.00 civil penalty or serve a nine-day suspension for licensee's employee, agent or representative failing to verify the age of a minor before allowing him to buy or be served alcohol when he reasonably appeared to be under 26 years of age. Licensee is Cornelius Fast Serv, Inc.; Robert Barman, President/Director/Stockholder; Mary Barman, Secretary/ Director/Stockholder.

Safeway, will pay a \$1,980 civil penalty for licensee's employee, agent, servant or representative soliciting from manufacturers and wholesalers as defined in ORS 471.392(1)(a) and (b) tickets for Oregon State Beavers and/or Portland Trailblazers sporting events in a manner not allowed under OAR 845-103-0010(1), (4)(a) and (b). Staff added \$330 of aggravation because the violation was repeated. Licensee is Safeway, Inc.; Jim Donald, President; Robert Gordon, Vice President/Secretary/Director; Gary Morton, Vice President/Treasurer/Secretary; Robert Dimond, Vice President; Lisa Gray, Director; Robert Miller, Director; Albertson's Companies, Inc., Stockholder; Albertson's Investor Holdings, LLC, Stockholder; Cerberus Iceberg, LLC, Member; Jubilee ABS Holding, Member.

The Shack Bar & Grill, 2865 Liberty Street NE, Salem, will pay a \$2,970 civil penalty or serve a 18-day suspension for licensee and/or its employees, agents or representatives permitting disorderly activities, as defined in OAR 845-006-0347(1)(c) on the licensed premises or in areas the licensee controls that are adjacent to or outside the premises, when they failed to take reasonable steps to quell a multi-patron fight that broke out inside the premises and eventually spilled out into the parking lot. Additionally, the licensee and/or its employees, agents or representatives permitted multiple patrons during an on-going fight to drink alcohol in the premises' parking lot, and area not approved for the sale or service of alcoholic beverages. Staff added four days of aggravation because the violations involved more than one patron and/or employee. Licensee is The Shack, LLC; Josiah Schroeder, Managing Member.

Diversity Café, 2104 Main Street, Forest Grove, will pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a nine-day suspension for licensee and/or licensee's employees, agents or representatives permitting disorderly activity on the licensed premises or in areas the licensee controls that are adjacent to or outside the premises when a fight involving multiple patrons occurred at about 9:47 pm. Staff added two days of aggravation because this violation involved multiple employees or patrons. Licensee is Diversity Café and Catering, LLC; Richard Lafave, Member; Carey Lafave, Member.

The Arcade, 135 Alabama Street SE, Bandon, will pay a \$1,815 civil penalty or serve an 11 day suspension for licensee and/or licensee's employees, agents or representatives selling, giving or otherwise making alcoholic liquor available to a visibly intoxicated person. Additionally, licensee or licensee's employees, agents or representatives permitted a patron to take an open container of alcoholic beverage from the licensed premises. Staff added two days of aggravation because two employees were involved in violation number one. Licensee is Riverside Enterprise, Inc.; Mitchell McCullough, Director/Stockholder; Katherine McCullough, Director/Stockholder.

Commissioners ratified the following licensing stipulated settlement:

Club Tease, 4523 NE 60th Ave, Portland, will have its Full On-Premises Sales license issued with nine restrictions. Licensee is MUP & Tax, LLC; Tamara Kempinski, Managing Member.

Commissioners appointed the following incoming retail liquor store agent at a traditional retail liquor location. The store is pre-existing:

Bend North #1163 - Christine Milstid

Retail liquor agents are private, independent contractors; they are not state employees. The Retail Services Division of the OLCC works closely with liquor agents to help them understand and follow liquor regulations and store operating procedures.

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