



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

DATE: January 21, 2020

FROM: Glen Klinkhart, Interim Director

RE: 2988 Little Italy Restaurante

Requested Action: Request for time extension

Statutory Authority: AS 04.11.030(b): "If an application for the transfer of ownership of a license from a deceased licensee is not made within 90 days of the death of the licensee or within an additional 90 days if an application for transfer of ownership made by the executor is denied, or no petition is made to the board for an extension of time under (c) of this section within the time, the license is forfeited."

AS 04.11.030(c): "The board may extend the time limits in (b) of this section on petition of the executor or administrator."

Background: License 2988 for Little Italy Restaurante, a beverage dispensary license, is held by F Scott & Ernest, LLC which is owned by Spiros Gialopsos 50% and Vasilos Gialopsos 50%. Spiros Gialopsos passed away January 2019 and Patricia Gialopsos, spouse, is requesting a time extension until May 31, 2020 to submit the transfer application.

Attachments: Licensee request

December 29, 2019

Mr. Glenn Klinkhart
Director
Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office
550 W 7th Avenue, STE 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501
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Director Klinkhart,

I write to you about our family business, and the renewal of the beverage dispensary license associated with it. Our restaurant, Little Italy Restaurante, has operated in South Anchorage since November of 1984. In 2011, we acquired a beverage dispensary license to enhance the opportunity for our customers to order craft cocktails and spirits. There are two owners for the beverage dispensary license. One was Spiros Gialopsos, my husband, chef, co-founder, and co-owner of Little Italy Restaurante. The other owner became our son and oldest child, Vasilios "Akis" Gialopsos.

In January of this year, Spiros suffered a massive stroke while in Greece, and passed away on January 15th. Both Akis and myself were in Greece for much of January to, in addition to properly burying my husband, begin the tedious and, frankly, nerve wracking process of settling the estate in both countries. To date, I have made two trips to Greece this year to settle as much of the many legal, economic, and family issues associated with Spiros' untimely death. In the middle of this, I was also less my partner in operating a business we started 35 years ago. My attention was split between the many issues surrounding getting a proper death certificate issued by the Greek government, and the daily obligations of managing a business with nearly twenty employees that is open six days every week.

During our routine renewal process for our beverage dispensary license, we discovered that we were required to notify the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office about Spiros' death within 90 days. This requirement makes sense, but it frankly was not something we were aware of until this year. After visiting the AMCO office, and getting clarification about the next steps, I ask you to consider extending our current license.

We have operated in good faith since 1984, serving beer and wine until 2011, then adding the beverage dispensary and its cocktail offerings. To date, and to my knowledge, we have never had a major violation. We pay our fees punctually, and work very hard to operate an establishment that brings pride to ourselves, our staff, and the many folks who patronize our business.

I understand we need to reconcile to whom will my late husband's ownership in the beverage dispensary license revert. With respect to a timeframe, I am very confident that by the end of May, we will have finished most of the urgent estate requirements in Greece and in the United States. By then, I am also confident we will have reached a decision on the ownership proportion of the beverage dispensary license, and begin the process of seeking the necessary approvals from the State of Alaska, the Municipality of Anchorage, and their regulating agencies and boards.

Enclosed with this letter is our complete beverage dispensary license renewal application for 2020-2021, along with the associated payment. I and my family am ready and available to answer any questions for your office.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patricia Jane (P.J.) Gialopsos
Owner, Little Italy Restaurante

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