# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

#### **NOTICE AND PARTICULARS**

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Courtney G. Martin, Permittee Jamrock Restaurant & Lounge 3395 Main Street Hartford, CT 06120 Cases: 2024-41 and 2023-64 Permit: LIR.19669 Backer: Pirry, LLC

Pursuant to Chapter 545 generally and specifically Section 30-55 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, you and a member of the backer limited liability company are hereby summoned to appear before the Department of Consumer Protection of the State of Connecticut, on Thursday, the 7th day of November 2024 at 9:00 a.m. by Microsoft Teams, then and there to answer to the complaint and charges of said Division, the particulars of which are as follows:

## Incident 1: January 1, 2023.

# Charge 1: Hours/Days of Closing.

On or about January 1, 2023, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-91 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that "The sale, dispensing, consumption or presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to allow for the consumption of alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under ... restaurant permits issued under section 30-22, ... shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except (A) for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January first the prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m."

## AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On January 1, 2023, the Hartford Police Department observed patrons drinking alcoholic beverages beyond permittable hours.

## Incident 2. November 2, 2023.

## Charge 1. Permit Hung in Plain View.

On or about November 2, 2023, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that "Every permittee, other than a corporation holding a cafe permit issued under subsection (h) of section 30-22a, or an airline permit issued under section 30-28a, shall cause such permittee's permit or a duplicate thereof to be framed and hung in plain view in a conspicuous place in any room where the sales so permitted are to be carried on.

## AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

During a general inspection on November 2, 2023, the permit was not properly hung in plain view or observed anywhere in the premises.

## Incident 3. January 24, 2024.

# Charge 1. Interior Access.

On or about January 24, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that "No permit may be issued for the sale of alcoholic liquor in any building, a portion of which will not be used as the permit premises, unless the application therefor is accompanied by an affidavit signed and affirmed by the applicant, stating that access from the portion of the building that will not be used as the permit premises to the portion of the building that will be used as the permit premises is effectually closed, unless the Department of Consumer Protection endorses upon such application that it has dispensed with such affidavit for reasons considered by it good and satisfactory and also endorses thereon such reasons. If any way of access from the other portion of such building to the portion used as the permit premises is opened, after such permit is issued, without the consent of the Department of Consumer Protection endorsed on such permit, such permit shall thereupon become and be forfeited, with or without notice from the Department of Consumer Protection, and shall be null and void. If such applicant or any permittee or any backer thereof opens, causes to be opened, permits to be opened or allows to remain open, at any time during the term for which such permit is issued, any way of access from any portion of a building not part of the permit premises to any other portion of such building that is the permit premises, without the written consent of the Department of Consumer Protection endorsed on such permit, such persons or backers shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 30-113. The Department of Consumer Protection shall require every applicant for a permit to sell alcoholic liquor to state under oath whether any portion of the building in which it is proposed to carry on such business will not be used as the permit premises; and, if so, the Department of Consumer Protection shall appoint a suitable person to examine the premises and to see that any and all access between the portion so to be used for the sale of alcoholic liquor and the portion not so used is effectually closed, and may designate the manner

of such closing, and, if necessary, order seals to be placed so that such way of access cannot be opened without breaking the seals, and the breaking or removal of such seals or other methods of preventing access, so ordered and provided, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section

#### AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On or about January 24, 2024, the Department notified you that at some point after November 2019, you caused a way of access to be opened from the portion of the building that is not part of the permit premises – specifically, by knocking down an interior wall – to the portion of the building that is the permit premises without written consent of the Department.

# Charge 2. Liquor Storage/Approval of Facilities (2 counts).

On or about January 24, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-38 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that "Each permit granted under the provisions of sections 30-16, 30-17, 30-20, 30-21, 30-21b, 30-22, 30-22a, 30-28a, 30-33a and 30-36, shall also, under the regulations of the Department of Consumer Protection, allow the storage, on the premises and at one other secure location registered with and approved by the department, of sufficient quantities of alcoholic liquor respectively allowed to be sold under such permits as may be necessary for the business...."

# Charge 3. Lockable Storage.

On or about January 24, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-6-A17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which provides that "Each permittee, except the holder of an out-of-state shipper, package store, caterer, transporter, or temporary permit, shall provide and maintain on the premises described in and covered by his permit an adequate and a safe and secure place of storage for alcoholic liquor, under lock and key and accessible only to the permittee and his responsible agents, such place of storage being the only location where alcoholic beverages are to be delivered by a wholesaler."...

### AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On or about January 24, 2024, Liquor Control agents advised you that alcoholic liquor products found during an inspection on November 2, 2023 were not stored in an area approved by Liquor Control. Specifically, they were found in the portion of the building that was not part of the permit premises. Additionally, the products that were found were not purchased from a licensed Connecticut wholesaler and, therefore, were not allowed to be sold.

# Charge 4. Invoices off Site.

On or about January 24, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-6-A27(d) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which provides that "No retail permittee shall purchase or accept any shipment of alcoholic liquors for delivery from any wholesaler or manufacturer permittee, unless there shall accompany such purchase or shipment an invoice setting forth the number of cases or fraction thereof of each brand, the size of the containers, the price thereof and the name of the seller."

## Charge 5. Daily Sales Records.

On or about January 24, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-6-B25(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which provides that "Each restaurant, café, package store, and druggist permittee shall keep on the permit premises a daily record of the sales of alcoholic beverages and food, if applicable, totaled monthly. Any permittee may request permission to have his books, except the daily records, kept at an accountant's office or permittee's or backer's home or office, provided satisfactory arrangements shall be made to produce such records on the permit premises within a reasonable time. The department shall hold permittees strictly accountable for the accuracy of such records."

#### AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On or about January 24, 2024, Liquor Control agents advised you that the invoices and daily sales records were not stored on the permit premises but in the portion of the building that was not the permit premises.

## Incident 3. June 11, 2024.

## Charge 1. New Applications.

On or about June 11, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-39 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that "Any person desiring a liquor permit or a renewal of such a permit shall make an affirmed application therefor to the Department of Consumer Protection, upon forms to be furnished by the department..."

#### AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On or about June 11, 2024, you failed to provide an Extension of Use application to Liquor Control for the portion of the building that is not part of the permit premises but which you use to conduct business.

## Charge 2. Fire Safety (11 counts).

On or about June 11, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-6-A23(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which provides that "No permit premises

shall be operated in violation of the fire safety code or other rules and regulations of the state or local fire marshal."

## AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On or about June 11, 2024, you failed to provide evidence of a passing fire marshal inspection; in fact, eleven violations of the fire safety code had been identified as of this date.

## Charge 3. Failure to Cooperate.

On or about June 11, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-6-A10 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which provides that "No permittee or backer or his agent shall refuse to cooperate with or give information to the department, the police authorities or any other enforcement agency upon any matter arising out of the conduct of the permit premises."

#### AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

Despite multiple extensions to file an Extension of Use application with the department, you have failed to meet any deadlines granted. You have also failed to communicate with the department regarding any progress on the additional construction of a patio on the premises, and continue to fail to provide evidence of a passing fire marshal inspection or a certificate of occupancy for the portion of the building that is not the permit premises.

## **Charge 4. Permittee Strictly Accountable.**

On or about June 11, 2024, you, your agent or employee violated Sec. 30-6-A24(f) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which provides that "A permittee shall be held strictly accountable for the conduct of his permit premises."

#### AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

You are responsible for all violations occurring on the premises on January 1, 2024, November 2, 2023, January 24, 2024, and June 11, 2024.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO APPEAR WHEN YOUR HEARING IS CALLED BY THE COMMISSION. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE DESIGNATED TIME MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW CAUSE, IF THERE BE ANY, WHY YOUR LIQUOR PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED PENALTY IMPOSED ON YOU.

If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Washington of the Department of Consumer Protection's Legal Division by telephone (860) 241-8475, fax (860) 706-1332, or email tanya.washington@ct.gov.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this \_ 30th\_\_\_\_ day of September 2024.

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