STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

NOTICE AND PARTICULARS

By Email: naugatuckwine@gmail.com

In the matter of:

Jasbir Singh, Permittee Naugatuck Wines 42 Prospect Street Naugatuck, CT 06770 Permit No. LIP.0015856 Case No. 2024-296

Backer: Naugatuck Liquor LLC

PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. § 30-43 AS AMENDED:

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 the **1st day of July 2025** at **9:00 a.m.**, remotely through Microsoft Teams, then and there to answer to the complaint and charges of said Division, the particulars of which are as follows:

Incident 1.October 8, 2024

Charge 1. Definition of Package Store (5 counts). On or about October 8, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-20(b)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that no store operating under a package store permit shall sell any commodity other than alcoholic liquor except, notwithstanding any other provision of law, such store may sell (A) cigarettes and cigars, (B) publications, (C) bar utensils, including, but not limited to, corkscrews, beverage strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume, or related to the consumption of, alcoholic liquor, (D) gift packages of alcoholic liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, which gift packages may include nonalcoholic items, other than food or tobacco products, if the dollar value of the nonalcoholic items in such gift package does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items in such gift package, (E) complementary fresh fruits used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (F) cheese, crackers or both, (G) olives, (H) nonalcoholic beverages, (I) concentrates used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (J) beer and wine-making kits and products related to such kits, (K) ice in any form, (L) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor industry, (M) gift baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, (N) multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, provided in all such cases the minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, (O) lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection, if licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by the department, (P) devices and related accessories designed primarily for accessing and extracting a beverage containing alcohol from prepackaged containers, including, but not limited to, pods, pouches or similar containers, but excluding devices, including, but not limited to, household blenders, that are not designed primarily for such purposes, (Q) alcohol-infused confections containing not more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by weight and which the commissioner has approved for sale under section 21a-101, and (R) gift baskets containing only containers of alcoholic liquor and commodities authorized for sale under subparagraphs (A) to (Q), inclusive, of this subdivision, (S) infused beverages, as defined in section 21a-425, provided (i) the package store permittee (I) paid to the department the annual fee for an infused beverage endorsement pursuant to this subdivision, and (II) purchased such infused beverages from the holder of a wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under section 30-17, and (ii) such sales are made in accordance with the provisions of section 21a-425b, and (T) legacy infused beverages, as defined in section 21a-425d, provided all such sales shall be made (i) during the period beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2024, and (ii) in accordance with (I) a waiver issued pursuant to section 21a-425d, and (II) the requirements set forth in section 21a-425d.

Charge 2. Unlawful Conduct. On or about October 8, 2024, you violated section 30-6-A24(a) of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies which provides that no ..., unlawful conduct ... of any kind except where provided by the general statutes, ..., shall be permitted ... upon any permit premises.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On October 8, 2024, during an inspection at your establishment, liquor control agents observed unauthorized commodities for sale including lighters, Keto cookies, and Chomps Beef Sticks. You were also offering infused beverages for sale, although you have not paid an annual fee to the department for an infused beverage endorsement. Finally, the infused beverages you were offering for sale contained 50 milligrams of THC per can in violation of section 21a-425 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which restricts the maximum amount of THC per can to 3 milligrams.

Charge 3. Permit to be recorded. On or about October 8, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-53 of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that each permit granted or renewed by the Department of Consumer Protection shall be of no effect until a duplicate thereof has been filed by the permittee with the town clerk of the town within which the club or place of business described in such permit is situated.

Charge 4. Displaying prices. On or about October 8, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-6-A40(i) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that each retail licensee shall display on the shelf immediately beneath the merchandise offered for sale, in a conspicuous manner and legible to the public, the price of each container of alcoholic beverage, except malt beverages. The retail prices of all malt beverages shall be posted in a

conspicuous place on the permit premises, legible to the public, setting forth the unit and case price.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On October 8, 2024, during an inspection at your establishment, liquor control agents observed that the framed permit was expired as it was issued in 2022. They also observed multiple alcoholic beverages without prices displayed.

Charge 5. Permittee accountable. On or about October 8, 2024, you 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.

Charge 6. Permittee Responsible for Actions of Employee. On or about October 8, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-6-A9 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that in disciplinary proceedings, it shall be no defense that an employee or agent of a permittee or backer acted contrary to order, or that a permittee or backer did not participate in the violating action or actions. A permittee and backer shall be held strictly liable for any violation of the statutes, regulations, policies and stipulations of the department when such violation concerns their permit premises or their applications regarding their proposed permit premises.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

As a permittee, you are responsible for the conduct alleged in this notice.

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.

This matter is being set down for a formal hearing following a compliance meeting held on March 31, 2025, and by decision by the full Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna C. Martinez of the Department of Consumer Protection's Legal Division by email Anna.Martinez@ct.gov.

Dated this 8th day of May 2025.

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