

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

NOTICE AND PARTICULARS

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In the matter of:

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Permit No. LIR.0020904
Case No. 2024-451, 2025-223, 2025-319
Backer: SHAVED 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 **21st day of October 2025 at 9:30 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. Various dates from September 27, 2024 through February 22, 2025

Charge 1. Fire Safety (5 counts). On various dates between September 27, 2024 through February 21, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-6-A23a(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:

The Fairfield Fire Department has found that your premises, which has an occupant load of forty-nine persons as ordered by the Fire Marshal, was overcrowded on or about the following dates: September 27, 2024; September 28, 2024; October 24, 2024; November 15, 2024; and February 22, 2025.

Incident 2. February 21, 2025

Charge 2. Sale to minor (5 counts). On or about February 21, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-86(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes ... in that you did by yourself, your servant or agent, sell or deliver alcoholic liquor to any minor.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On February 21, 2025, you, your servant, or agent, did sell or deliver alcoholic liquor to five underage patrons whose date of birth are December 16, 2004, October 2, 2004, November 1, 2004, August 4, 2005, and June 8, 2005. They were between 19 through 20 years of age. Thus, they were minors on the date in question.

Charge 3. Minor Loitering (5 Counts). On or about February 21, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that any permittee who, either personally or through such permittee's servant or agent, allows any minor...to whom the sale ...of alcoholic liquor has been prohibited by law to loiter on the permit premises where alcoholic liquor is kept for sale, or who allows any minor, ..., to be in any room where alcoholic liquor is served at any bar, shall be subject to the penalties described in section 30-113.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On February 21, 2025, you allowed the five minors identified above to loiter in your premises after you, your agent, or your servant sold them alcoholic liquor.

Charge 4. Definition of a Restaurant. You violated Sec. 30-22(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that a restaurant permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises of a restaurant. A restaurant patron shall be allowed to remove one unsealed bottle of wine for off-premises consumption provided the patron has purchased such bottle of wine at such restaurant and has purchased a full course meal at such restaurant and consumed a portion of the bottle of wine with such meal on such restaurant premises. For the purposes of this section, "full course meal" means a diversified selection of food which ordinarily cannot be consumed without the use of tableware and which cannot be conveniently consumed while standing or walking. A restaurant permit, with prior approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, shall allow alcoholic liquor to be served at tables in outside areas which are screened or not screened from public view where permitted by fire, zoning and health regulations. If not required by fire, zoning or health regulations, a fence or wall enclosing such outside areas shall not be required by the Department of Consumer Protection. No fence or wall used to enclose such outside areas shall be less than thirty inches high. Such permit shall also authorize the sale at retail from the premises of sealed containers supplied and filled by the permittee with draught beer for consumption off the premises. Such sales shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

During the inspection at your establishment, a patron admitted to the liquor control agent that he was able to bring in beer he purchased elsewhere into the premises.

Charge 5. Failure to cooperate (2 counts). You 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:

A total of four meetings were held between yourself and Fairfield Fire Marshal Office between October 1, 2024 and November 18, 2024. At those meetings, you were advised that the maximum occupancy inside your establishment is 49 people and were instructed at least twice to use a counter at the door. Additionally, liquor control agents met with you in October of 2024 and gave you instructions on how to comply with the Liquor Control Act, which you agreed to do. Nevertheless, you continued to operate your premise in a manner resulting in violations of the Liquor Control Act and the local fire rules.

Charge 6. Permittee responsible for actions of employee. 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.

Charge 7. Permittee accountable. 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.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

You are responsible for all the conduct that has resulted in the first seven charges as outlined above.

Incident 3. May 8, 2025

Charge 8. Sale to minor (2 counts). On or about May 8, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-86(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes ... in that you did by yourself, your servant or agent, sell or deliver alcoholic liquor to any minor.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On May 8, 2025, you, your servant, or agent, did sell or deliver alcoholic liquor to two underage patrons whose dates of birth are September 28, 2005, and January 27, 2006. They were 19 years of age. Thus, they were minors on the date in question.

Charge 9. Minor Loitering (10 Counts). On or about May 8, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that any permittee who, either personally or through such permittee's servant or agent, allows any minor...to whom the sale ...of alcoholic liquor has been prohibited by law to loiter on the permit premises where alcoholic

liquor is kept for sale, or who allows any minor, ..., to be in any room where alcoholic liquor is served at any bar, shall be subject to the penalties described in section 30-113.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On May 8, 2025, during an inspection at your establishment , liquor control agents identified 10 minors – the two minors to whom you sold alcohol and eight additional minors – loitering inside your premises. The dates of birth of the eight additional minors are as follows: April 25, 2006 (19 years old); January 26, 2006 (19 years old); March 30, 2006 (19 years old); May 19, 2006 (19 years old); April 14, 2006 (19 years old); October 24, 2006 (18 years old); July 11, 2006 (19 years old); July 8, 2005 (19 years old).

Charge 10. Conduct of permit premises. (3 counts). On or about May 8, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-6-A24(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that no ..., unlawful conduct ..., shall be permitted or suffered upon any permit premises, nor shall such premises be conducted in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On May 8, 2025, the Fairfield Police Department issued infractions to the minors to whom you sold alcohol, as well as the minor whose date of birth is April 25, 2006, for possession of alcoholic liquor in a public place in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 30-89.

Charge 11. Permittee responsible for actions of employee. On or about May 8, 2025, 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.

Charge 12. Permittee accountable. 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.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

You are responsible for all the conduct that occurred on May 8, 2025, and that has resulted in the charges above.

Incident 4. July 11, 2025

Charge 13. Minor Loitering (7 Counts). On or about July 11, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that any permittee who, either personally or through such permittee's servant or agent, allows any minor...to whom the sale ...of alcoholic liquor has been prohibited by law to loiter on the permit premises where

alcoholic liquor is kept for sale, or who allows any minor, ..., to be in any room where alcoholic liquor is served at any bar, shall be subject to the penalties described in section 30-113.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On July 11, 2025, during an inspection at your establishment, liquor control agents identified a total of seven minors loitering inside your premises. The dates of birth of the minors are as follows: January 11, 2009 (16 years old); January 8, 2008 (17 years old); December 3, 2006 (18 years old); January 2, 2007 (18 years old); February 26, 2007 (18 years old); December 28, 2006 (18 years old); September 28, 2006 (18 years old). Liquor control agents noted that all minors located within the premises on the night of the inspection were not waiting for or consuming food.

Charge 14. Conduct of permit premises. (1 counts). On or about July 11, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-6-A24(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that no ..., unlawful conduct ..., shall be permitted or suffered upon any permit premises, nor shall such premises be conducted in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On July 11, 2025, the Fairfield Police Department issued an infraction to the 16-year-old minor for possession of alcoholic liquor in a public place in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 30-89.

Charge 15. Definition of a Restaurant. On or about July 11, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-22(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that a restaurant permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises of a restaurant. A restaurant patron shall be allowed to remove one unsealed bottle of wine for off-premises consumption provided the patron has purchased such bottle of wine at such restaurant and has purchased a full course meal at such restaurant and consumed a portion of the bottle of wine with such meal on such restaurant premises. For the purposes of this section, “full course meal” means a diversified selection of food which ordinarily cannot be consumed without the use of tableware and which cannot be conveniently consumed while standing or walking. A restaurant permit, with prior approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, shall allow alcoholic liquor to be served at tables in outside areas which are screened or not screened from public view where permitted by fire, zoning and health regulations. If not required by fire, zoning or health regulations, a fence or wall enclosing such outside areas shall not be required by the Department of Consumer Protection. No fence or wall used to enclose such outside areas shall be less than thirty inches high. Such permit shall also authorize the sale at retail from the premises of sealed containers supplied and filled by the permittee with draught beer for consumption off the premises. Such sales shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91.

Charge 16. Area; seating capacity. On or about July 11, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-6-B28(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that no restaurant permit shall be issued if the premises applied for is not equipped with a dining room having an area of four hundred square feet or more and having a seating capacity of twenty persons or more.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

During the July 11, 2025 inspection, no chairs or tables were available for patrons to be seated.

Charge 17. Applications for permits- Live entertainment. On or about July 11, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-39(b)(1) 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, showing the name and address of the applicant and of the applicant's backer, if any, the location of the club or place of business which is to be operated under such a permit Such application shall include a detailed description of the type of live entertainment that is to be provided....

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

During the July 11, 2025 inspection, a disc jockey "DJ" was present playing music from a DJ set up although the business has not been endorsed to provide such entertainment, as no application for such an endorsement has been submitted to the Department.

Charge 16. Permit to be recorded. On or about July 11, 2025, 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 17. Permit to be hung in plain view. On or about July 11, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-54 of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that every permittee, other than a corporation holding a cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (k) of section 30-22a, shall cause his 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 the July 11, 2025 inspection, liquor control agents noted that the liquor permit that posted was expired and was not recorded with the town clerk.

Charge 18. Invoices. On or about July 11, 2025, you violated Sec. 30-6-A27(d) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that all invoices and records referred to in the foregoing subsections of this regulation shall be maintained on the permit premises, or at such other location as the department may in writing authorize, for at least two

years from the date of the transactions recorded thereby, and shall be available for inspection and copying by agents of the department at any time during business hours.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

During the July 11, 2025 inspection, no one was able to provide the liquor control agents with records of invoices for the liquor in stock.

Charge 19. Permittee responsible for actions of employee. On or about July 11, 2025, 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.

Charge 20. Permittee accountable. On or about July 11, 2025, 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.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

You are responsible for all the conduct that occurred on July 11, 2025, and has resulted in the above charges.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

You are responsible for all the conduct that has resulted in the charges outlined in this notice.

This matter is being set down for a formal hearing following a compliance meeting to be held on September 30, 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 9th day of October 2025.

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