



# ALCOHOL LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 25, 2022

ALPHARETTA CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

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2:00 PM

## I. VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM LINK

The City of Alpharetta's Alcohol License Public Hearings are a virtual meeting via Zoom. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled hearing. To join the meeting, please click on this link: <https://zoom.us>

Zoom Meeting ID: 882 9772 6084

## II. CALL TO ORDER

- City Clerk Lauren Shapiro called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

## III. ROLL CALL

- Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
- Kiersten VanHorn, Assistant City Clerk
- Frank Jackson, Code Enforcement Officer
- Ryan Sabia, Code Enforcement Officer
- Joseph Rampino, Co-owner & applicant for Buffalo Key West Connection, LLC
- Hassan Bijani, Owner Arnold Mill Ventures, LLC
- Ben Yi Zhang, Owner & applicant for Ramen Spot

## IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. PH-22-AB-23 Buffalo Key West Connection, LLC  
d/b/a Creation Social House  
11500 Webb Bridge Way #A7  
Alpharetta, GA 30005

Restaurant  
Consumption on Premises  
Liquor, Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales

Owner: Buffalo Key West Connection, LLC  
Registered Agent: Joseph Rampino

- Mr. Joseph Rampino, applicant and co-owner for Buffalo Key West Connection, LLC residing at 171 Upshaw Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30009, was on the call.

- Mr. Rampino previously owned Mercantile Social. This is a new restaurant in an existing building. He stated they hope to open in one month. Ms. Shapiro reminded the applicant that the business must be open within 6 months of the alcohol license being issued.
- Mr. Rampino stated he is familiar with the City's alcohol ordinance.
- Mr. Rampino stated there will be approximately 10 or less employees. Employees are told they are required to obtain a pouring permit and are also trained using ServSafe. There is also in-house training conducted by management and staff. Ms. Shapiro reminded Mr. Rampino that owners and management working at the restaurant will need to obtain pouring permits as well.
- Ms. Shapiro reminded Mr. Rampino he will need to obtain his Georgia State alcohol license after obtaining the local license.
- Ms. Shapiro recommended the application be approved. She advised the applicant that a representative will need to appear in person at the City Council meeting on Monday September 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

**B. PH-22-AB-24 Arnold Mill Ventures, LLC**  
**12335 Arnold Mill Road**  
**Alpharetta, GA 30097**

**Convenience Store**  
**Retail Package Sales**  
**Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales**

**Owner: Arnold Mill Ventures, LLC**  
**Registered Agent: Shaheen Bijani**

- Mr. Hassan Bijani owner and residing at 1833 Bally Bunion Drive, Johns Creek, GA 30097 was on the call.
- Mr. Hassan explained that Arnold Mill Ventures is an existing BP Gas station. He acquired the store from the previous owner and took ownership on July 1, 2022.
- Mr. Hassan stated there are 3 employees.
- Mr. Hassan stated he is familiar with Alpharetta's alcohol ordinance. He owns another business in Fulton County.
- Mr. Hassan stated that alcohol compliance trainings are done from time to time through Atlanta Retailers Association for their employees. He also conducts his own training with employees.
- Ms. Shapiro recommended the application be approved. She advised the applicant that a representative will need to appear in person at the City Council meeting on Monday September 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

**C. PH-22-AB-25 Ramen Spot GA, LLC**  
**d/b/a Ramen Spot**  
**7300 North Point Parkway, Suite 102**  
**Alpharetta, GA 30022**

**Restaurant**  
**Consumption on Premises**  
**Liquor, Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales**

Owner: Ramen Spot GA, LLC  
Registered Agent: Ben Yi Zhang

- Mr. Ben Yi Zhang, owner and residing at 990 Old Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, GA 30076, was on the call.
- Mr. Zhang stated he has another Ramen Spot in Virginia. This is the first location opening in Georgia. It is a Japanese ramen restaurant based on his father's recipes.
- Mr. Zhang stated they plan to serve beer, saki and mixed drinks. He also wants to serve saki mixed specials, incorporating Japanese and western culture. The restaurant is 1/3 to-go orders.
- Mr. Zhang stated they hope to open in November or December of this year. Ms. Shapiro reminded Mr. Zhang to let her know if the restaurant is not going to be open within the 6 months after obtaining their local alcohol license.
- Mr. Zhang stated he is familiar with the city's alcohol ordinance.
- Mr. Zhang stated he will have under 10 employees on site. All will be required to have a pouring permit, including Mr. Zhang.
- Mr. Zhang stated they have an in-house training week for employees for alcohol serving.
- Ms. Shapiro reminded Mr. Zhang he will need to obtain a Georgia state alcohol license after acquiring the local alcohol license.
- Ms. Shapiro recommended the application be approved. She advised the applicant that a representative will need to appear in person at the City Council meeting on Monday September 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

- City Clerk Lauren Shapiro adjourned the hearing at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kiersten VanHorn*

Kiersten VanHorn, Assistant City Clerk