



ALCOHOL LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING

AUGUST 1, 2023

ALPHARETTA CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

CITY CLERK: LSHAPIRO@ALPHARETTA.GA.US
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: KVANHORN@ALPHARETTA.GA.US

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: 832 4513 4284

II. CALL TO ORDER

- City Clerk Lauren Shapiro called the meeting to order at 2:03p.m.

III. ROLL CALL

- Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
- Kiersten VanHorn, Assistant City Clerk
- Jacob O'Donnell, Code Enforcement Supervisor
- David Filipowicz, Owner of SJ Market Holdings, LLC
- Daniel Londono, Owner of Ikigai Nikkei, LLC
- Ekow Wilmot, Corporate officer of Ponko Alpharetta, LLC

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PH-23-AB-14 SJ Market Holdings, LLC

d/b/a Jack's Feed Store

241 South Main Street

Alpharetta, GA 30009

Eating Establishment

Consumption on Premises

Distilled Spirits, Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales

Owner: SJ Market Holdings, LLC

Registered Agent: David Filipowicz

- Mr. David Filipowicz, owner of SJ Market Holdings LLC and residing at 260 Canton Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009, was on the call.
- Mr. Filipowicz also owns Smokejack located in downtown Alpharetta. This new restaurant will be a location for Uber/Doordash pickups, large catering, and to-go orders. This is not a sit-down establishment, but counter service only.

- Mr. Filipowicz confirmed he is familiar with the City of Alpharetta's alcohol ordinance.
- Mr. Filipowicz stated there will be approximately 15-20 employees at this location. He will be using an existing manual currently used to train employees at Smokejack to train employees on the alcohol rules of serving at Jack's Feed Store.
- Mr. Filipowicz stated he hopes to open sometime in late August 2023.
- Officer O'Donnell confirmed that City staff has reviewed the application and that it meets all the City's requirements for an alcohol license. Ms. Shapiro recommended the application be approved and advised the applicant that a representative will need to appear in person at the Alpharetta City Council meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm in case Mayor or Council have any questions.

**B. PH-23-AB-15 Ikigai Nikkei, LLC
d/b/a Little Tokyo Sushi & Grill
5815 Windward Parkway #209
Alpharetta, GA 30005**

**Eating Establishment
Consumption on Premises
Adding Distilled Spirits to an existing Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales License**

**Owner: Ikigai Nikkei, LLC
Registered Agent: Plietty Pastor**

- Mr. Daniel Lodono, owner of Ikigai Nikkei, LLC residing at 1466 N. Crossing Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30329, was on the call.
- Mr. Lodono stated this application is to add distilled spirits to an existing beer, wine & Sunday Sales license. They have been open for almost a year.
- Mr. Lodono stated they use Servsafe for their alcohol training for employees.
- Ms. Shapiro reminded Mr. Lodono they will need to obtain their state of Georgia license once they are approved for their City of Alpharetta license.
- Officer O'Donnell confirmed that City staff has reviewed the application and that it meets all the City's requirements for an alcohol license. Ms. Shapiro recommended the application be approved and advised the applicant that a representative will need to appear in person at the Alpharetta City Council meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm in case Mayor or Council have any questions.

**C. PH-23-AB-16 Ponko Alpharetta, LLC
221 South Main Street, Suite J
Alpharetta, GA 30005**

**Change in Business Ownership
Eating Establishment
Consumption on Premises
Distilled Spirits, Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales**

**Owner: Ponko Alpharetta, LLC
Registered Agent: Richard Herrmann**

- Mr. Ewon Wilmot, corporate officer for Ponko, residing at 1228 Arbor Gates Drive, Atlanta, GA 30324, was on the call.
- Mr. Wilmot stated this restaurant was a franchisee and corporate is now taking over. The restaurant has been in business for almost 2 years.
- Mr. Wilmot stated he is familiar with the City of Alpharetta's alcohol ordinance.
- Mr. Wilmot confirmed employees are trained and each will have a pouring permit from the City.
- Officer O'Donnell confirmed that City staff has reviewed the application and that it meets all the City's requirements for an alcohol license. Ms. Shapiro recommended the application be approved and advised the applicant that a representative will need to appear in person at the Alpharetta City Council meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm in case Mayor or Council have any questions.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- City Clerk Lauren Shapiro adjourned the hearing at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kiersten VanHorn

Kiersten VanHorn, Assistant City Clerk