

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

In the matter of:

Marc Alderucci, Permittee
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Permit No. LIR.0020697
Case No. 2024-411
Backer: Pourhouse CT LLC
Date: May 28, 2025

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

At 1:05 p.m. on March 13, 2025, the Liquor Control Commission held a formal administrative hearing in the matter of Marc Alderucci, Permittee, Permit No. LIR.20697, Pourhouse, 847 Stafford Road, Storrs, CT 06268. The Backer is Pourhouse CT, LLC. Permittee and Backer shall be referred to as Respondents. This case was heard by Dominic Balletto, Liquor Commissioner, John P. McKinney, Liquor Commissioner, and Julie Datres, Presiding Officer.

Department of Consumer Protection (“Department” or “DCP”) attorney Scott Madeo presented three witnesses, Liquor Control Supervising Agent Kevin Mercado, Liquor Control Special Agent Jaci Lewis, and Liquor Control Agent Francesca Carisio and introduced 2 exhibits that were admitted into evidence. Respondents appeared represented by counsel, Attorney John Kennelly, and presented four witnesses, Sandra Kean, bartender, David Gendreau, security, Evan Belabe, server, and Permittee Marc Alderucci. Respondents introduced 2 exhibits that were admitted into evidence.

On February 14, 2025, the Department sent Respondents a Notice and Particulars alleging that Respondents violated Sections 30-86(b), 30-90, and 30-86a of the Connecticut General Statutes during an incident on November 15, 2024.

The Commission finds the following facts based on testimony provided at hearing and documentary evidence in the record:

1. The Department sent Notice to Respondents on February 14, 2025 of the March 13, 2025 hearing. DCP Ex. 1.
2. The Department received two anonymous complaints alleging Respondents were serving alcohol to underaged patrons and overserving. DCP Ex. 2.
3. The Department coordinated with the State Police to conduct an investigation of the Pourhouse on November 15, 2024. DCP Ex. 2. The investigation was planned to

begin as undercover and then escalate to high visibility if violations of law were suspected. *Id.*

4. Only one Liquor Control Agent participated in the undercover portion of the investigation. DCP Ex. 2, Tr. 1 - 20:02 – 30:33. She was accompanied by a State Trooper for safety. *Id.*
5. Two minors (“Minors 1 and 2”) entered the subject premises on November 15, 2025 and were interviewed by the Department’s agent. DCP 2, Tr. 1 - 1:03:15 – 1:03:43.
6. Minors 1 and 2 were carded at the door prior to entering the subject premises by Respondent’s security personnel. Tr. 2 - 39:37 – 39:52.
7. Minors 1 and 2 presented fake identification to Respondents’ security personnel to gain entry. Tr. 2. 39:37 – 39:52, Tr. 1 - 2:30:32 – 2:30:44.
8. The Department’s Supervising Liquor Agent did not see evidence of age statement forms not being completed at the time of sale. Tr. 1 - 37:17 – 37:39.
9. Minor 1 was 19 on November 15, 2024. DCP Ex. 2; Tr. 1 - 1:06:41 – 1:07:08.
10. Minor 2 was 18 on November 15, 2024. DCP Ex. 2; Tr. 1- 1:11:41 – 1:12:37.
11. Minors 1 and 2 were asked to complete age statement forms by Respondents’ server while they were seated at a table. Tr. 2 - 50:14 - 54:11, Resp. Exs. 1 and 2.
12. Minors 1 and 2 completed the age statement forms as requested by Respondents’ server. *Id.*
13. Minor 1 stated he was born on December 12, 2001 on his age statement form. Resp. Ex. 1.
14. Minor 2 stated he was born on March 14, 2003 on his age statement form. Resp. Ex. 2.
15. Minors 1 and 2 each ordered 1 alcoholic beverage and food from Respondents’ server at the table. Tr. 2 - 54:35 – 55:46.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

1. The Department served Respondents with proper notice of the March 13, 2025 hearing.
2. Respondents allowed Minors 1 and 2 to enter their premises and served them alcohol in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 30-86(b) and 30-90.

3. Minors 1 and 2 were untruthful when completing the age statement forms and misrepresented their birth dates.

Accordingly, based on the record evidence and pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 30-86a(b), no penalty shall issue against the Respondents.

Dated this 28th day of May 2025.

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LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

BY:

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