

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CONTROL BOARD**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Orange serves as the Township of West Orange Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2016, the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, sitting as the ABC Board for the Township of West Orange, approved the person-to-person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0722-33-035-011, from DJF Realty, Inc., 466 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ, to Club 466 Caterers, LLC, 466 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052, and the License for the new Licensee having been renewed for the July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 License Term by West Orange ABC Board Resolution 563-16, on June 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, an application has been filed by Club 466 Caterers, LLC, 466 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052, for the renewal of its Plenary Retail Consumption License, bearing License #0722-33-035-011, for the period **July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025**; and

WHEREAS, said Application complies with New Jersey State Laws regulating the sale, consumption, and distribution of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, there is a long history with respect to the Licensed Premises located at 466 Prospect Avenue and its previous Licensee, DJF Realty, Inc., as set forth below, DJF Realty, Inc., continuing as the Landlord of the Licensed Premises following transfer of its Plenary Retail Consumption License to Club 466 Caterers, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Public Hearings were held by the Township Council in its capacity as the Municipal Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control on January 4, 2005 and January 18, 2005, in which the following Exhibits were marked and admitted into evidence:

- DJF-1 Planning Board Resolution PB-02-11 (October 21, 2002 Meeting, Resolution adopted November 13, 2002;
- DJF-2 First Floor Plan of Premises dated August 4, 2004;
- DJF-3 Fire Department Occupancy for Prior Licensed Premises;
- DJF-4 Second Floor Plan of Premises dated December 20, 2003;
- DJF-5 Foundation Plan dated August 4, 2004;
- DJF-6 Sky Dance Brochure and Etcetera Restaurant/Flirt Nightclub Business Plan Executive Summary;
- DJF-7 Letter dated January 12, 2005, from attorney for applicant listing Special Conditions acceptable to Licensee;
- DJF-8 Marketing flyer/advertisement for proposed June, 2003 opening of Etcetera Restaurant and Flirt Nightclub;
- DJF-9 Revised list of Special Conditions acceptable to Licensee;
- DJF-10 Petitions to Insure the Quality of Life at Eagle Ridge Condominiums signed by 93 residents of Eagle Ridge Condominium community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to representatives of the applicant, one owner of a residence adjacent to the applicant's property, Richard S Schkolnick, Esq., an attorney on behalf of the Eagle Ridge Condominium Association, and more than a dozen residents of the adjacent Eagle Ridge Condominium community testified at the Public Hearings regarding their experiences with excessive noise, trespass, litter, and nuisance behavior by patrons of the prior license holder and concern about the likelihood of those problems increasing due to the larger size, capacity and intensification of use of the premises, including expansion of the parking areas to be used by the new licensed premises all adjacent to the Eagle Ridge community, almost a hundred residents of which signed petitions expressing these same concerns, and

WHEREAS, the Board expressed the belief that the noise problems faced by the residents of Eagle Ridge, many of whom retire for the night relatively early since they must leave early in the morning to commute to New York City, would be at least somewhat alleviated by cutting off the sale of alcohol at an earlier than usual hour to promote a more gradual departure of patrons during the hour or so before closing time, and

WHEREAS, the Board expressed concern about the "sky dance" cages or boxes, the advertisements for which show scantily clad women dancing inside them, and the applicant unable or unwilling to fully describe how they would be used other than for "motivational dancing", and their visibility from almost any and all parts of the premises, including the dining areas, and as elected officials and representatives of the conscience of the West Orange community, and wishing to maintain the community's character and moral standards, determined that the use of such entertainment equipment does not fit the character and standards of the community and should not be permitted on the premises, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ABC regulatory scheme is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, and the fostering of moderate and responsible use and consumption of alcoholic beverages, and the proposed special conditions limiting hours of sale of alcohol and the use of entertainment devices which encourage excessive and irresponsible consumption of alcoholic beverages being logically related to the regulatory scheme and being reasonable efforts to promote the purposes of that scheme, and

WHEREAS the Board, by Resolution adopted following the January 18, 2005 hearing, approved the renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption License issued to the Licensee bearing License #0722-33-035-008 for the 2004-2005 licensing term and further approved the Place-to-Place Transfer of said license (Expansion of Premises) for premises located at 466 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey to place under license the area delineated in the Application Form and sketch of the licensed premises attached thereto or as otherwise approved by the West Orange Planning Board, the renewal and Place-to-Place Transfer subject to the following sixteen Special Conditions pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 33:1-32* (1 through 14 of which were agreed to by the Licensee, 15 and 16 of which, dealing with the sky dance boxes or cages and the hours of operation, respectively, were not agreed to by the Licensee):

1. All parking provided for the licensed premises shall be done by way of valet parking after 5:00 p.m. seven days per week and all valet parking employees shall be required to wear earphones with microphones in order to limit unnecessary shouting in the parking areas;
2. The Licensee shall hire one or more off-duty police officers at prevailing rates to direct traffic entering and exiting the premises in order to ease vehicular congestion on and around the premises. The officer or officers are to be on the site by 9:00 p.m. every Friday and Saturday

night until closing, or earlier than 9:00 p.m., or additional nights, or both, as may be needed. The Licensee shall work in conjunction with the West Orange Police Department in determining the needs of the site;

3 The Licensee shall refuse motorcycles on the site in order to limit noise on the premises;

4. There shall be no music outside the building, including but not limited to, the outside patio area;

5. The Licensee will not permit teen nights on the premises at any time;

6. The Licensee shall not advertise to the general public that the premises are opened as follows:

A. "Eighteen to party, twenty-one to drink" or other language to the same effect;

7. No alcoholic beverages or food shall be sold, served or consumed by patrons in the basement or on the third floor and said areas shall not be open to patrons;

8. Licensee shall not admit persons to the licensed premises who have not parked their vehicle with Licensee's valet service except in the case of persons arriving by taxicab, public transportation, car service or those persons who reside or are employed in homes and buildings on the East Side of Prospect Avenue, i.e., Eagle Ridge Condos, etc;

9. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited on the premises until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the premises as well as any other license, permit, or Governmental approval required by law.

10. There shall be no outside bar service, including, but not limited to, the patio area.

11. The total number of patrons permitted on the premises which shall include the interior and patio areas shall be limited to 499 persons. This provision shall not restrict the authority of the Planning Board, Fire Department, or any other governmental authority from imposing further or different restrictions pursuant to their lawful authority;

12. The Licensee shall not remove bottles or other kinds of noise-producing refuse from the building after 10:00 p.m.

13. The Licensee shall provide private security personnel to monitor parking areas leased by the licensed premises for additional parking.

14. The Licensee shall install a second set of doors in the main entrance area to limit the amount of sound escaping from the premises.

15. The Licensee shall not be permitted to have "sky dance" cages or boxes, or similar devices, mechanisms, or equipment, on the premises.

16. The hours for sale of alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises are restricted as follows:

Sunday - 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Thursday - 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Saturday
Saturday - 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the licensee appealed those special conditions, which appeal was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law where it was assigned docket no. ABCPL 03686-2005N, and was pending a plenary hearing, and

WHEREAS, those special conditions were submitted to the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control for approval as required by *N.J.S.A. 33:1-32*, and his approval was granted by letter dated June 13, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the West Orange Planning Board, following numerous public hearings on the Licensee's application for amended site plan approval with variances, having decided on March 11, 2009, and memorializing said decision by adopting a Resolution of Approval on April 1, 2009, setting forth findings of fact and conclusions of law, and approving the application of DJF Realty, Inc., for amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval with variances, all subject to certain conditions set forth in the Resolution, and the Applicant and Owner of the property at 466 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ, having entered into a private Agreement with the Property Owners Association of Eagle Ridge, previously an objector to the application before the Planning Board, resolving their differences subject to certain conditions, and the Licensee having withdrawn its appeal and consenting to its dismissal for each and every one of the appeals filed to that point, and the Township agreeing to withdraw Special Conditions 15 and 16, which had been attached to the license renewals since the 2005 term, the remaining Special Conditions, imposed pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 33:1-32*, numbered 1 through 14, to remain in effect unless and until withdrawn by the West Orange ABC Board, in whole or in part, in conjunction with the next and subsequent annual license renewal periods, and following a hearing as may be required by law, and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on October 13, 2009, upon request by counsel for the Licensee, and due to changed circumstances, the West Orange ABC Board agreed to eliminate what had in prior approvals been Special Condition no. 8, regarding the refusal of admission of persons not using valet parking; and

WHEREAS, at the same meeting, the West Orange ABC Board, after hearing requests and argument by the Licensee's counsel as well as counsel to the ABC Board, made modifications to what had been Special Condition no. 2, in prior approvals, to add the Special Condition required by the then most recent Special Ruling, and to incorporate all pertinent parts of the Planning Board's Approval Resolution and the Agreement with the Property Owners Association of Eagle Ridge into its Special Conditions as follows:

1. All parking provided for the licensed premises shall be done by way of valet parking after 5:00 p.m. seven days per week and all valet parking employees shall be required to wear earphones with microphones in order to limit unnecessary shouting in the parking areas.
2. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, and any night when the nightclub portion of the facility is open for business, meaning when there is dancing,

4sixty6 shall have not less than two (2) off-duty West Orange police officers present to control traffic and any disturbances at the proposed restaurant and nightclub. The Licensee shall hire such off-duty police officers at prevailing rates to direct traffic entering and exiting the premises in order to ease vehicular congestion on and around the premises. On those nights when the officers are required, they are to be on the site by 9:00 p.m., and to remain until closing. The Licensee shall work in conjunction with the West Orange Police Department in determining the specific needs of the site and, when required by that Department, the officers shall be on site earlier than 9:00 p.m., or on additional nights, or both. In the event that West Orange Police Officers are not available for these purposes, 4sixty6 may hire police officers from other municipalities or Essex County Police or Sheriff's Officers.

3. The Licensee shall refuse motorcycles on the site in order to limit noise on the premises.
4. There shall be no music outside the building, including but not limited to, the outside patio area.
5. The Licensee will not permit teen nights on the premises at any time.
6. The Licensee shall not advertise to the general public that the premises are opened as follows: "Eighteen to party, twenty-one to drink", or other language to the same effect.
7. No alcoholic beverages or food shall be sold, served or consumed by patrons in the basement or on the third floor and said areas shall not be open to patrons.
8. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited on the premises until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the premises as well as any other license, permit, or governmental approval required by law.
9. There shall be no outside bar service, including, but not limited to, the patio area.
10. The total number of patrons permitted on the premises which shall include the interior and patio areas shall be limited to 499 persons. This provision shall not restrict the authority of the Planning Board, Fire Department, or any other governmental authority from imposing further or different restrictions pursuant to their lawful authority.
11. The Licensee shall not remove bottles or other kinds of noise-producing refuse from the building after 10:00 p.m.
12. The Licensee shall provide private security personnel to monitor parking areas leased by the licensed premises for additional parking.
13. The Licensee shall install a second set of doors in the main entrance area to limit the amount of sound escaping from the premises.

14. Pursuant to the ABC Director's Special Ruling dated September 29, 2009, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39*, since at the time it was the sixth license term for which relief was sought pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39*, no further renewals of this license shall be granted unless the license is being actively used at an approved site on or before June 30, 2010. The license is being actively used at an approved site and has been so used for some time before June 30, 2010.
15. Consistent with the Agreement entered into between Licensee DJF Realty, Inc., the Applicant before the West Orange Planning Board for development of the site at 466 Prospect Avenue, and the owner of that property, Marjac, LLC, and the Property Owners Association of Eagle Ridge, the paragraphs in that Agreement numbered 4 (Closing Hours) and 7 (Police Presence), are incorporated into the West Orange ABC Board's approval of renewal of the liquor license such that it shall be a Special Condition of Renewal for this and for each and every renewal term to follow, that the restaurant and/or nightclub at 466 Prospect Avenue shall have a last call no later than 1:30 a.m., with a grace period of not more than ten (10) minutes prior to enforcement, which time requirement will not be effective on New Year's Eve or on the night when Daylight Savings Time takes effect in the spring of each year, when the closing hour will be one (1) hour later, which closing time may be extended in the event a State law or a municipal ordinance is adopted extending closing hours for Alcoholic Beverage establishments. Paragraph 7 (Police Presence) of that Agreement has already been incorporated in paragraph 2, above and herein.
16. The Licensee shall comply with all conditions and requirements of the West Orange Planning Board approval as set forth in its Resolution of Approval dated April 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Township discovered a U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals decision holding it to be arbitrary and unreasonable for a municipal land use board to require as a condition of approval of a variance that off-duty police officers be hired to direct traffic and monitor compliance with occupancy limits, it not having been shown that the Licensee's own employees were incapable of performing such tasks (See 256 F.3d 107 (3rd Cir. 2001)), and as a matter of policy determined to cease the requirement of using Township Police Officers working side jobs for traffic control and security at or about Alcoholic Beverage Control Licensed premises, and

WHEREAS, the License renewal for the 2011 - 2012 License term incorporated such change in policy, which has been continued thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the new Licensee, Club 466 Caterers, LLC, is an experienced catering operator which has been since the transfer of License, and will be operating the premises, leased from the previous Licensee, not as a bar/restaurant/nightclub, but as a catering venue for weddings and other special occasions, which the new Licensee had and has agreed to operate within the Special Conditions previously in place as they will not adversely affect the New Licensee's catering use and that agreement has continued from License year to License year ever since beginning its operation; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee was notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the ABC Board's intention to continue the same Special Conditions for the **2024-2025** License Term and having offered no objection to same, indicating its continuing consent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE serving as the Township Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control does hereby approve the renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption License heretofore issued to the Licensee, Club 466 Caterers, LLC, bearing License #0722-33-035-011, for the **2024-2025** Licensing term, said renewal being subject to the following Special Conditions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-32, all of which Special Conditions having been found by the Board to be necessary and proper to accomplish the objects of Title 33 and secure compliance with its provisions, and submitted for approval by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in accordance with law:

1. All parking provided for the licensed premises shall be done by way of valet parking after 5:00 p.m. seven days per week and all valet parking employees shall be required to wear earphones with microphones in order to limit unnecessary shouting in the parking areas.
2. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, and any night when the nightclub portion of the facility is open for business, meaning when there is dancing, 4sixty6 shall have not less than two (2) security personnel, at least one of whom shall be qualified to direct traffic on the streets and roads of New Jersey, present to control traffic and any disturbances at the proposed restaurant and nightclub. The Licensee shall hire such security personnel at prevailing rates, one to direct traffic entering and exiting the premises in order to ease vehicular congestion on and around the premises, and the other to control any disturbances. On those nights when the security personnel are required, they are to be on the site by 9:00 p.m., and to remain until closing. The Licensee shall work in conjunction with the West Orange Police Department in determining the specific needs of the site and, when required by that Department, the security personnel shall be on site earlier than 9:00 p.m., or on additional nights, or both.
3. The Licensee shall refuse motorcycles on the site in order to limit noise on the premises.
4. There shall be no music outside the building, including but not limited to, the outside patio area.
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14. Pursuant to the ABC Director's Special Ruling dated September 29, 2009, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39*, since at that time it was the sixth license term for which relief was sought pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39*, no further renewals of this license were to be granted unless the license is being actively used at an approved site on or before June 30, 2010. The license is and has for some time now been actively used at an approved site.
15. Consistent with the Agreement entered into between Licensee DJF Realty, Inc., the Applicant before the West Orange Planning Board for development of the site at 466 Prospect Avenue, and the owner of that property, Marjac, LLC, and the Property Owners Association of Eagle Ridge, the paragraphs in that Agreement numbered 4 (Closing Hours) and 7 (Police Presence), to the extent not inconsistent herewith, are incorporated into the West Orange ABC Board's approval of renewal of the liquor license such that it shall be a Special Condition of Renewal for this and for each and every renewal term to follow, that the restaurant and/or nightclub at 466 Prospect Avenue shall have a last call no later than 1:30 a.m., with a grace period of not more than ten (10) minutes prior to enforcement, which time requirement will not be effective on New Year's Eve or on the night when Daylight Savings Time takes effect in the spring of each year, when the closing hour will be one (1) hour later, which closing time may be extended in the event a State law or a municipal ordinance is adopted extending closing hours for Alcoholic Beverage establishments. Paragraph 7 (Police Presence) of that Agreement has already been incorporated in paragraph 2, above and herein, except to make clear that private security personnel rather than Police Officers are acceptable alternatives to perform the required tasks.
16. The Licensee shall comply with all conditions and requirements of the West Orange Planning Board approval as set forth in its Resolution of Approval dated April 1, 2009, to the extent not inconsistent herewith.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey and shall be maintained in the Township's permanent Alcoholic Beverage Control records.

The above Resolution was passed by Township Council of the Township of West Orange serving as the West Orange Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control at their regular meeting held on **June 10, 2024.**

**Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk
and Secretary to the ABC Board**

**Bill Rutherford, Council President
and ABC Board Chairman**

Adopted: June 10, 2024

Effective: June 10, 2024