

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WEST ORANGE ABC 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, an application has been filed by Tapas Tavern, LLC/Secretos Bar & Restaurant, 277 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052, for renewal of its Plenary Retail Consumption License # 0722-33-016-006, for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2026, based upon the Application submitted to the Township Clerk and in compliance with New Jersey State Laws regulating the sale, consumption, and distribution of alcoholic beverages, a Resolution 798-26 was adopted renewing the license; and

WHEREAS, with respect to its license renewal for the 2026-2027 License term, the Licensee was notified by certified mail, registered return receipt of the ABC Board's intention upon renewal for that License term to implement Special Conditions to address the concerns affecting the quality of life, including but not limited to a Simple Assault that occurred on the premises on or about December 8, 2025, and the Licensee having had the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Special Condition to be imposed is as follows:

1. The Licensee, every day it is open, shall close its doors to new customers at 12:00 a.m., shall cease the sale of alcoholic beverages at 12:30 a.m. and all customers shall be off the premises by 1:00 a.m.; and
2. The Licensee shall maintain a video surveillance system to cover the interior of the Licensed Premises, including the bar area, the front and rear entrances and exits, the front sidewalk area on Main Street as well as the rear exit area extending into West Orange Municipal Lot 2, which surveillance system shall be maintained in good order and operating during all hours when the Licensed Premises is open for business, and recordings shall be kept and made available to the West Orange Police Department upon request for at least (30) days following the date of recording.

WHEREAS, by letter dated and sent via certified mail to the Licensee on or about **August 26, 2026**, the Licensee was notified of the Township ABC Board's intention to impose the aforesaid Special Conditions on the **2026-2027** License Term and offering a formal hearing in the event there was objection to same by the Licensee; and

WHEREAS, the underlying reasons for the Special Conditions have not changed and the Licensee has offered no objection to their continuation, nor made any request for their relaxation, and therefore by its inaction has consented to continuation of the Special Condition upon renewal;

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 the addition of Special Conditions upon the renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption License heretofore issued to the Licensee Tapas Tavern, LLC/Secretos Bar & Restaurant, 277 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052, License # 0722-33-016-006, for the **2026-2027** licensing term, subject to the following Special Condition pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 33:1-32*:

1. The Licensee, every day it is open, shall close its doors to new customers at 12:00 a.m., shall cease the sale of alcoholic beverages at 12:30 a.m. and all customers shall be off the premises by 1:00 a.m.; and
2. The Licensee shall maintain a video surveillance system to cover the interior of the Licensed Premises, including the bar area, the front and rear entrances and exits, the front sidewalk area on Main Street as well as the rear exit area extending into West Orange Municipal Lot 2, which surveillance system shall be maintained in good order and operating during all hours when the Licensed Premises is open for business, and recordings shall be kept and made available to the West Orange Police Department upon request for at least (30) days following the date of recording.

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, and that the Director is, and hereby is, respectfully requested to grant his approval to the foregoing Special Conditions as required by statute, and to communicate that approval to the Township of West Orange, which approval shall then also be maintained in the Township's permanent ABC records;

The above Resolution was passed by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange sitting and serving as the West Orange Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control at their regular meeting held on **September 1, 2026**.

KAREN J. CARNEVALE, RMC
ABC Board Secretary

SUSAN SCARPAS
Council President/ABC Board Member

Adopted: September 1, 2026.

Effective Date: September 1, 2026.

Approved as to form on the basis of the facts provided: