

Matamata-Piako District Licensing Committee



IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

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of an application by **Star Food Cafe** for the renewal of an **on-licence** pursuant to section 127 of Act in respect of premises situated at 30 Arawa Street, Matamata and known as Star Food Cafe.



Licence Number: **13/ON/002/2019**
Original Licence Number: 013/ON/024/2015
File Number: 162.2014.969.3

BEFORE THE MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Councillor Teena Cornes

DECISION ON THE PAPERS

This is an application by Star Food Cafe for renewal of their on-licence in respect of a premises situated at 30 Arawa Street, Matamata known as the Star Food Cafe. The general nature of the business is that of a Cafe.

The application was filed on 7 January 2019 and was advertised in accordance with the Act, in the Matamata Chronicle on 14 November 2019. No public objections were received.

Section 37 (2)(b) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Regulations 2013 relates to the manner of publication of public notice of applications for renewals of licences for premises or conveyance in very low-risk or low-risk fees category if published in a newspaper, one publication is sufficient.

The days and hours of operation set out in the application are:

Monday to Sunday from 10.00 am until 10.00 pm

These days and hours are the differ slightly from the existing licensed hours of 10.30 am until 11.30 am, however they comply with the requirements of Council's Provisional Local Alcohol Policy as it applies to this type of premises.

The application was referred to the Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector for comment. No matters in opposition have been raised in respect of the application. Accordingly the application is determined on the papers.

The applicant, in accordance with s.212 of the Act, has named a manager with a current certificate to manage the sale of alcohol from the premises.

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In deciding whether to renew an on-licence the committee must have regard to the matters set out in s.105 and s.131 of the Act. These are:



Section 105

- (a) *the object of this Act:*
- (b) *the suitability of the applicant:*
- (c) *any relevant local alcohol policy:*
- (d) *the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:*
- (e) *the design and layout of any proposed premises:*
- (f) *whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods:*
- (g) *whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:*
- (j) *whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:*
- (k) *any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, an inspector, or a Medical Officer of Health made under section 103*

Section 131

- (b) *whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be increased, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence:*
- (c) *any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, an inspector, or a Medical Officer of Health made by virtue of section 129:*
- (d) *the manner in which the applicant has sold (or, as the case may be, sold and supplied), displayed, advertised, or promoted alcohol.*

The object of the Act is that the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly, and the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

The Inspector has noted that he considers the applicant, Star Food Cafe, to be suitable to hold an on-licence. He has also noted that in his opinion the amenity and good order of the locality would be unlikely to be increased by more than a minor extent by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence.

I am satisfied as to those matters to which I must have regard and grant the renewal of the on-licence for a further three years.

When renewing a licence, s.132 allows the committee to impose conditions as set out in s.116 or to vary or cancel any conditions applying to the licence before its renewal. I have varied the conditions to more closely align with the objectives of the new Act and the on-licence is now subject to these conditions.

The renewal certificate can be issued immediately.

Conditions

- a) No alcohol is to be sold on the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day, or before 1 pm on Anzac Day to any person who is not—
 - i) present on the premises to dine.
- b) Alcohol may be sold only on the following days and during the following hours:

Monday to Sunday from 10.00 am until 10.00 pm

- c) The licensee shall take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of the Act relating to the management of the premises are observed:
 - i) All staff will be trained in their responsibilities under the Act.
 - ii) Evidence of age documents will be requested from any person appearing to be under the age of 25.
 - iii) A sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises which identifies the name of the manager on duty or the person responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.
 - iv) Display appropriate signs adjacent to every point of sale detailing the statutory restrictions on the supply of alcohol to minors and the complete prohibition of sales to intoxicated persons.
- d) The licensee shall have a reasonable range of food available for consumption on the premises at all times when alcohol may be sold under the licence. The food shall be of the range and types of food submitted with the application or alternately the range of food should include items such as paninis, pizza, lasagne, toasted or fresh sandwiches, wedges, pies, filled rolls and/or salads. Menus must be visible and food shall be actively promoted.
- e) The licensee shall have a reasonable range of low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments available for consumption on the premises at all times when alcohol may be sold under this licence.
- f) The licensee shall ensure that drinking water will be made readily available to all patrons at each table, free of charge.

Dated at Te Aroha this 20th day of February 2019



Teena Cornes
Chairperson
Matamata-Piako District Licensing Committee

