

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** 20 April 2011

**SUBJECT:** Local Government Commentary on ABC permit request

**PRESENTER:** Charles Russell Burrell

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Permit Request of Jason W. Thorn

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Jason Thorn and J & J Thorn Corp., seek an alcoholic beverage permit for “brownbagging”, at 3754 Brevard Road, Suite 108, Horse Shoe, North Carolina.

“The Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission shall give notice of a permit application to the Governing body of a city or county prior to issuing a retail ABC permit.” The application is attached. It was received 4 April 2011.

County staff will be present and prepared if requested to give further information on this matter.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Review and commentary on application if desired.

**NORTH CAROLINA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION**

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPINION  
for ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMITS**

APPLICANT SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY

Applicant's Name Jason W. Thorn  
Corporate or LLC Name (if applicable) J+J Thorn Corp.  
Trade Name of Business Villa Roma Italian Restaurant + Pizzeria  
Former Trade Name (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address 3754 Brevard Rd. Ste 108 828-890-5839  
City/State Horse Shoe, NC 28742  
Date of Birth 7/13/72  
NC Driver's License # 35406390  
Last 4 of Social Security # 6283

**TYPE OF ABC PERMIT(S) BEING APPLIED FOR:**

Brown bagging \_\_\_\_\_ On Premise  
Indicate Type (if any)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Off Premise  
Indicate Type (if any)

**REMAINDER OF FORM FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Date Form 001 Mailed or Delivered \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated Official's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
City/County \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:** The Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission shall give notice of a permit application to the Governing body of a city or county prior to issuing a retail ABC permit. Designated Officials are expected to process this form within 15 days of receipt. The applicant will be required to provide proof of mandatory compliance with all applicable building and fire codes. The Inspection/Zoning Compliance form (Form 002) is for this purpose and will be completed by the appropriate local agencies.

**FACTORS IN ISSUING A PERMIT:** Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 18B-901(c), before issuing a permit, the ABC Commission shall be satisfied the applicant is a suitable person and that the location is a suitable place.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING:

Do you approve of the applicant and location for the ABC permit?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprovals: Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 18B-901 (b), to be considered by the ABC Commission, the objections shall state the facts upon which it is based. If you have indicated disapproval by answering "NO", please explain your reason(s) based on the factors outlined in N.C.G.S. 18B-901(c) on the attached page. Use extra sheets if additional space is required and attach all records and/or documents used to arrive at your decision. The mere indication of "NO" without an explanation is an insufficient basis for rejection and cannot be considered by the Commission.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Designated Official                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Designated Official

State of North Carolina  
\_\_\_\_\_ County

\_\_\_\_\_ Being duly sworn says that the contents of the foregoing Local Government Opinion are true to his/her own knowledge, except as to matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matter(s) he/she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this:

\_\_\_\_\_ Day                      Month                      Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

# 18B-901(c)

## Factors in Issuing Permit

Before issuing a permit, the Commission shall be satisfied that the applicant is a suitable person to hold an ABC permit and that the location is a suitable place to hold the permit for which the applicant has applied. To be a suitable place, the local governing body shall return a Zoning and Compliance Form to the Commission on a form provided by the Commission to show the establishment is in compliance with all applicable building and fire codes and, if applicable, has been notified that it is located in an Urban Redevelopment Area as defined by Article 22 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes and as required by G.S. 18B-904(e)(2). Other factors the Commission shall consider in determining whether the applicant and the business location are suitable are all of the following:

- (1) The reputation, character, and criminal record of the applicant.
- (2) The number of places already holding ABC permits within the neighborhood.
- (3) Parking facilities and traffic conditions in the neighborhood.
- (4) Kinds of businesses already in the neighborhood.
- (5) Whether the establishment is located within 50 feet of a church, public school, or any nonpublic school as defined by Part 1 or Part 2 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.
- (6) Zoning laws.
- (7) The recommendations of the local governing body.
- (8) Any other evidence that would tend to show whether the applicant would comply with the ABC laws.
- (9) Whether the operation of the applicant's business at that location would be detrimental to the neighborhood, including evidence admissible under G.S. 150B-29(a) of any of the following:
  - a. Past revocations, suspensions, and violations of ABC laws by prior permittees related to or associated with the applicant, or a business with which the applicant is associated, within the immediate preceding 12-month period at this location.
  - b. Evidence of illegal drug activity on or about the licensed premises.
  - c. Evidence of fighting, disorderly conduct, and other dangerous activities on or about the licensed premises.