



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Special Meeting by Remote Participation

**Friday
November 17, 2023
9:30am
DRAFT MINUTES**

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The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Christopher Allen at 9:32am.

Attendance:

Chair Joseph Lynch – absent
Commissioner Christopher Allen – present
Commissioner Jacques Thomas, Jr. – present

Others present: Bernabe Rodriguez – Assistant City Clerk; Timothy Mitsakis – Police Lieutenant;

**Existing Package Store Wine and Malt License
Change of Operating Hours**

1. Vatika Corp., DBA 350 Food Mart, 350 Broadway, requesting a Change of Operating Hours.
Current Hours: Mon-Sun 11AM-11PM
Proposed Hours: Mon-Sat 8AM-11PM, Sun 10AM-11PM
(ALM23-000078)

Pankaj Ghai appeared before the Commission on behalf of Vatika Corp. Commissioner Allen asked for some context regarding the application. Pankaj stated there are customers who arrive early in the morning between 8AM-11AM hoping to shop at the location. Commissioner Thomas asked if there were any changes in service regarding wine and malt products. Pankaj stated there were no changes in service. Assistant City Clerk Rodriguez clarified this is a change of service hours for wine and malt purchases. Commissioner Allen also clarified that the applicant is not looking to change any change in service process but only the hours of operation. Pankaj also confirmed nothing will be changing in their current process beyond the hours they will be selling products.



The Commission approved the application for a Change of Operating Hours with a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Allen, Thomas), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Lynch).

Commissioner Allen motioned to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned with a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Allen, Thomas), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Lynch).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38am.